

**WESTMORELAND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DRAFT MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Westmoreland County Board of Supervisors was held Monday, September 8, 2025, in the public meeting room of the George D. English, Sr. Memorial Building, located at 111 Polk Street, Montross, Virginia.

Present: Board of Supervisors

Darryl E. Fisher, Chairman
Timothy J. Trivett, Vice Chairman
Jeffrey McCormack
Matthew Ingram
Woody Hynson

Staff

Richard Stuart, County Attorney
James P. Taylor, County Administrator
Donna L. Cogswell, Assistant County Administrator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Fisher called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Chairman Fisher asked the Supervisors if there were any changes to the agenda. Let the record show that there were no amendments, and the Board continued with the agenda as presented.

3. COMMENT PERIOD

A. Chairman and Board Member Comments

Chairman Fisher welcomed all present at the meeting and asked when we get to public comment or public hearing portion of the meeting, If someone would like to be heard to please raise your hand or stand and the Chairman would recognize you and ask that to come forward.

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B. County Administrators' Comments

Mr. Taylor stated that Library on the Go is now operational, serving Westmoreland County, with a van loaded with laptops, Wi-Fi, printers, and books. He noted that it was made possible by generous grants, including \$50,000 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The new county website is coming along nicely, and they expect to launch it next month. Some exterior painting on the Old Courthouse will be completed over the next few weeks, and they are making continued improvements to the buildings in preparation for the Fall Festival on October 4, 2025, and the 250th anniversary of the country. Mr. Taylor thanked Chris Conley and Jerry Wray from the Public Works Department for responding to a sewer leak yesterday. Stating that the county is fortunate to have great people working for us, including first responders who are willing to drop what they are doing to respond to emergencies. A regional summit is scheduled for October 2, 2025, at the Northern Neck Technical Center, with more details to follow. Mr. Taylor noted that this Thursday marks the anniversary of September 11, a day that will never be forgotten. He asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. to commemorate the day. He introduced the new Economic Development Director, Dale Hendon, and mentioned that it is exciting for the county to focus on business attraction, retention and tourism. Mr. Taylor then invited Mr. Hendon to introduce himself to the Board.

Dale Hendon, the Economic Development Director, came to the podium, introduced himself, and gave a brief presentation about his accomplishments and some information about himself. He thanked the Board for the opportunity and stated that it was an honor to serve the county and its residents. He noted that he would approach his role with full dedication, and commitment to the community. He then introduced his family, emphasizing they are his highest priority and their commitment to each other is what drives them. He shared that as he and his wife started thinking about growing their family, they reflected on their values and wrote a simple mission statement: to dedicate their family's time, energy, and resources to experiences that bring them closer and help build opportunities for families and the community—hence their choice of Westmoreland County. He also mentioned hearing that the county has good hunting and fishing and plans to explore these

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activities. He explained his operational approach, which is based on three pillars: listening first, advocating, and using data to measure meaningful outcomes. He believes that understanding the community begins with listening to residents, business owners, and the Board to learn what is happening now and what could be improved. His second pillar, advocacy, is action-oriented; once the direction is clear, he strives to move purposefully to make things happen. The third pillar emphasizes the importance of data and measuring outcomes. He then provided a brief overview of Economic Development, stating that progress is already underway. He plans to meet with two Go Virginia Counsel members within the month to review an application for regional site development funding, which, if awarded, would provide the county with an inventory of potential commercial sites, which is an important step in expanding the county's building inventory. Mr. Hendon is looking forward to attending the Smart Cities Connect Conference in Washington D.C., where he aims to identify technology companies that could be a good fit for the county and is confident there will be promising prospects. He mentioned that during the work session on September 22, 2025, they would begin strategic planning, prioritization, and defining the Board's direction. They will inform the Board of key foundational items and discuss establishing the existing EDA through straightforward activation and work plans. He also noted that they would explore advancing state-enabled programs, including ordinance changes that involve low or no cost and minimal risk, to expand business opportunities. He plans to review overall ecosystem development, emphasizing that there is a complex but mutually reinforcing web of connections, systems, and vital components. An economic ecosystem, based on entrepreneurial development concepts, will help identify gaps within business services—such as a local business convener that could be a countywide chamber of commerce. He also indicated they would review economic development outcomes, like making Westmoreland County a visible, low-friction business community where small firms can access capital and expertise or establishing it as a premier outdoor recreation destination. After developing these concepts, the next step will be to formulate policies, ordinances, and metrics aligned with the outcomes, prioritizing industries. They will also outline a path forward with timelines, variables, and concepts, offering the Board an opportunity for more public feedback. Mr. Hendon emphasized that a team mindset is

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critical to the success of the economic development program and to building a strong community. He assured that he would dedicate himself fully to making things happen but will need support from the Board and the community. He believes that with determination, effort, minimal risk, willingness to collaborate, and an entrepreneurial spirit, they can achieve great things.

Chairman Fisher welcomed Mr. Hendon to the county, and he looked forward to moving forward in a very positive direction, and that it was great that he had his family with him, and that they shared the same vision. He noted that they have people on the Board that could show him great spots to hunt and fish. He then asked if any board member had any comments.

Mr. Ingram welcomed Mr. Hendon to the county and stated that he will be glad to see a sign that shows that the county is open for business and will put him to a lot of hard work.

Mr. Hynson stated that he was glad that Mr. Hendon is here.

C. Resolution for Retirement – Anthony Darby

Chairman Fisher stated that we have the honor of recognizing one of our very own, Lieutenant Anthony Darby, at a special time.

Lieutenant Darby stated that when the K-9 stitch is home and his son is not there, Sergeant Anthony J. Darby is able to pet him, and when his son comes back home, he starts barking. Chairman Fisher stated that they are deeply appreciative of the service he has rendered in the county, bringing a wealth of experience that has made it better. However, when it is time to retire, the experience is bittersweet but well deserved.

Mr. Trivett stated that he thinks a lot of Lieutenant Darby and always has a smile on his face and a great demeanor. Mr. Trivett noted that it has been an honor knowing him and being his friend over the years and hopes he enjoys his retirement even though he will be working part-time.

Mr. Ingram thanked Lieutenant Darby for his service and for all of his years of dedication to the county. He noted that many residents see officers at their worst times and thanked him for always being a professional and for the entire department being professional and are fortunate to have an awesome sheriff's department in this county that we live in.

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Mr. Stuart stated that the county is blessed to have Lieutenant Darby, who was a huge asset to the county and the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Stuart loved seeing him come to the legislative deck and stated that he was the most professional deputies that were there and Mr. Stuart would always bragging to the other legislatures of what the county has. Mr. Stuart has gotten to work with Lieutenant Darby on multiple occasions and he has always been very professional and outstanding at his job.

Mr. Hynson felt that Westmoreland County must be the luckiest county in the world due to every time someone retires he thinks of how lucky this county is to have them and Lieutenant Darby is one of those people. Mr. Hynson was glad that he never was pulled over by Lieutenant Darby and he has always heard such great things about him. Mr. Hynson noted that Westmoreland County has a great sheriff's department and thanked him for all he has done over the years.

Mr. McCormick stated that Lieutenant Darby was the first deputy he saw riding a Harley Davidson and that he will miss him at the fall festival driving around. He thanked Lieutenant Darby for his service and for all he has done for the county.

Mr. Taylor congratulated Lieutenant Darby for his retirement and that they did not get a chance to work together. However, he knows that the county is better because of him. He thanked him for his service and best wishes in his retirement.

Ms. Cogswell congratulated him on his retirement, noting it is well deserved and hope we will be seeing him in many capacities in the future.

Chairman Fisher felt that certain things needed to be said and that Lieutenant Darby has continued a legacy and the holding of high standards of law enforcement in the county. In the 1960s, the Westmoreland County Sheriff's Department was segregated and during those hard times, the first African American, Sergeant Garfield Johnson was appointed which opened the door for the integration of the county and the sheriff's department. Many years later the county has changed and watched the level of integrity continue to climb. Chairman Fisher was sure that the legacy of individuals like Sergeant Garfield Johnson. Chairman Fisher noted that this county is a great place and that it is important to be reminded of the roots and the foundation. Chairman Fisher thanked Lieutenant Darby on behalf of Sergeant Garfield Johnson's memory and that he stands tall among officers in this county.

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Chairman Fisher then read the resolution into the record and asked for a motion to adopt the resolution in honor of Lieutenant Anthony Darby's retirement.

With no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. Trivett, seconded by Mr. Hynson, with Mr. Trivett, Mr. Ingram, Mr. McCormack, Mr. Hynson, and the Chairman voted "aye". The Board adopted the Resolution in honor of Lieutenant Anthony Darby's retirement.

Mr. Ingram stated that in December 2024, he went on a ride-along with Deputy Nick Fisher and Officer Hodgkin's, and this past Saturday, he had to go on another ride-along with Sergeant Mulvena. Mr. Ingram thanked the sheriff's department for giving him that opportunity, thanked Sheriff Balderson for setting it up, and really saw what the county deputies deal with on a day-to-day basis. He noted that it was great to see the professionalism of the officers and the respect the officers have in the public. He noted that the sheriff holds his deputies to a higher standard and thanked them for everything they do.

D. Resolution for Retirement – K9 "Stitch"

Chairman Fisher stated that K9 Stitch has served very well and is still working. There has been a partnership, and Lieutenant Darby and K9 Stitch have worked together very effectively over the years. He noted that even when K9s reach a point where they must retire from active service; it does not mean they retire from life. Chairman Fisher said he understands that K9 Stitch will have an excellent home with his handler. He then read the resolution into the record and asked for a motion to adopt it in honor of K9 Stitch's retirement.

With no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. Trivett, seconded by Mr. Hynson, with Mr. Trivett, Mr. Ingram, Mr. McCormack, Mr. Hynson, and the Chairman voted "aye". The Board adopted the Resolution in honor of K9- Stich's retirement.

Chairman Fisher stated that he was been amazed by the relationship that the K9s and the handlers have and the effective work that they do and are invaluable. He thanked Lieutenant Darby as well and were pleased to present the resolution.

Sherriff Balderson came to the podium and echoed all of the other comments from everyone and Lieutenant Darby, Sergeant Darby, and K9 Stitch have been such a vital part of the department. He noted that Lieutenant Darby will be missed but he will be doing some

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part-time work. The only thing that Sheriff Balderson could say about K9 Stitch is two things, He has scared him in many occasions when he would get out of the vehicle at the sheriff's office, Sergeant Darby would already be there, and once his foot hit the ground he would start barking like crazy. Sheriff Balderson noted that they named Stitch correctly because whenever he would get in contact with someone they definitely needed stitches. He stated that he will miss them, he could not have done many things without them, and the county and the sheriff's office could not have asked for any better servants to the county.

Chairman Fisher stated in many occasions K9s are the ones to go on scene first to allow the officers to go safely and we sometimes take that for granted. K9s put their life on the line so that the officer could be safe. Chairman Fisher thanked K9 Stitch for looking after all of the officers and taking care of everyone.

E. Resolution of Recognition – Margaret Campbell

James McConkie, Chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals, was there to present Ms.

Campbell with the resolution. Chairman Fisher stated he had the pleasure of attending one of Mr. McConkie's hearings, and noted that one longtime member of the Board of Zoning & Appeals (BZA), who has served well, will be stepping down. He noted things may not have worked out in his regular meetings, but the Board was honored. He then turned it over to Mr. McConkie to present the proclamation.

Mr. McConkie thanked the Board and introduced himself to everyone present. He stated that they have one of their own who is stepping down and retiring. Margret "Peggy" Campbell, she is a long-time member. He has seen a numerous amount of people serve on that board. They wanted to recognize her for her years of service, knowledge of the zoning ordinances, how she interacted with the public, and the friendship she has shared with other board members.

Vice Chairman on the Board of Zoning Appeals, Dexter Monroe, escorted Ms. Campbell to the podium. Then Mr. McConkie read the resolution into the record.

Mr. McConkie thanked Ms. Campbell for her service, friendship, and being a great colleague on the BZA.

Ms. Campbell stated that she would miss everyone on the BZA.

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Chairman Fisher thanked everyone present for their patience and expressed appreciation to Ms. Campbell due to the many people serving on these boards and them being appointed by this Board, we are indebted to you for the service rendered. He noted that it might seem like a thankless job, but it is very important. Chairman Fisher also thanked Ms. Campbell for her service and wished her well in her retirement.

Mr. Trivett thanked Ms. Campbell for her service and agreeing to serve again when he first came onto the board. He noted that she has done a great job and that this Board will miss her.

F. Proclamation – Acknowledging The Stewart Sisters v. The Steamer Sue

Bessida Cauthorne White, President of the Middle Peninsula African American Genealogical and Historical Society came to the podium. She gave background of the society, stated that their title is unknown due to them doing the history of the middle peninsula and the Northern Neck, and did not realize until they were well branded. She then recognized colleagues in the audience and noted that her colleague Dennis Henderson is the reason they are here tonight. She noted that he came to them and told them the story behind the proclamation. In 1884, four women from Kinsale, Virginia, who had migrated to Baltimore, were coming back home to visit family by steamship. They bought first class tickets on the steamship and were not allowed to occupy the first class cabins due to their race. They sued in Federal District Court for the District of Maryland and mostly won. They asked the trial court to rule that separate but equal was unconstitutional under the 14 amendment, if separate but equal is acceptable then the quarters are not acceptable for the races and they asked to be awarded \$500 each for damages. The judge in the trial stated that no one could possibly think that the quarters were equal and awarded them \$100 in damages per person, which was a lot in 1885, when the case was finally tried. The steamship company appealed the judgment, the Federal Appellate Court affirmed the judgment, and it went forward. Ms. White stated that they found 144 newspaper articles found around the country about the case. As important as it was for the sisters to win, the important to the national narrative is that their pastor, Reverend Harvey Johnson of Union Baptist Church in Baltimore, assisted the sisters. After Reverend Johnson achieved this success, he went on to form one of the

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first civil rights organizations, the United Brotherhood of Liberty. He had men take the bar exam in Maryland to practice law, and that gave rise to the Niagara Movement, which in turn gave rise to the NAACP. She noted that there will be a marker installed dedicated to the four sisters on October 4, 2025 in Kinsale located where the Stewart sisters live. The same family still owns it to this day and the marker will go just off the right of way near the Stewart land. Ms. White stated that they have 15 organizations that are giving endorsements ranging from all museums in Westmoreland to two churches that were associated with the Stewart Family. Ms. White stated that they are asking the Board to adopt the resolution to declare October 4, 2025 to be The Stewart Sisters Appreciation Day in Westmoreland County.

Mr. McCormack thanked Ms. White for her presentation and was amazed when he saw the story on social media and due to him being a history teacher. He noted that it is very important to remember history, noted that this happened a decade before Plessy vs Ferguson and 70 years or more before Rosa Parks and happened in this county. Mr. McCormack was delighted to make the motion to honor the Stewart Sisters.

Mr. Hynson was glad that they brought it up due to America being lacking in honoring the history no matter who or what or where it comes from, everyone needs to do a better job and would be better for it.

Mr. Ingram thanked Ms. White for the organization and everything that she does. He noted that history is about all people and we need to learn and honor all of history, which is what will bring this country together.

Mr. Trivett thanked Ms. White for bringing it to the Board's attention. He noted that the presentation was wonderful and very detailed, and it was something that he had never heard of. It was great to hear.

Chairman Fisher stated that from Nomini Bridge coming into Northumberland, there is a series of markers noting the historical sites. Chairman Fisher felt that it spoke volumes that history traveling that highway symbolized the diversity of the history of this county. He thanked her for her hard work and stated that it is no small feat to get a highway marker approved and in place, and takes a lot of work. Chairman Fisher was pleased to put the resolution into place and then read it into the record.

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After the proclamation was read, Chairman Fisher asked what the pleasure of the Board was.

With no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Ingram, with Mr. Trivett, Mr. Ingram, Mr. McCormack, Mr. Hynson, and the Chairman voted “aye”. The Board adopted the proclamation acknowledging the dedication of the Stewart Sisters V. The Steamer Sue Historical Highway Marker on October 4, 2025.

G. Presentation of the Pro Patria Award

Blake Byrd, Chief of Emergency Services, came to the podium to give more information and to present the award. A year ago, radio communication and infrastructure came back under the cover of Emergency Services and they were in search to find someone to help them. He stated that they were fortunate to have found someone, Shawn Manthey, and knew that he had a military background, and had a signal MOS. He told Chief Byrd about his background, 26 years active duty. He never spoke about military service just the task at hand, and straight laced. He was always there when needed. One day he called Chief Byrd and told him that he was unable to come to work and then a month went by and Chief Byrd discovered that he was unable to come to work due to him being promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. Chief Byrd stated that Mr. Manthey was taking notes on practices, how the county operates, Chief Byrd, the department, etc. Mr. Manthey told Chief Byrd one day that they are taking a trip to the National Marine Corps Museum due to them winning an award. The Employer Support of the Gardener Reserve had awarded the County and Emergency Services the Pro Patria Award, which is the highest award that the state committee can award, they award one to the a large and small business in the public sector. Chief Byrd stated that Mr. Manthey wrote an amazing write up and wanted to surprise him but he is on vacation with his family. Chief Byrd then showed the award and stated that the professionalism that went into this by the committee by the county's acts of honoring leave, supporting the veterans, and the small things that they do. He was amazed by how much he appreciated the small things this county does to protect the things that are not free, such as freedom. Chief Byrd then read the award into the record.

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Chairman Fisher stated that it almost leaves them speechless but reminds him that you never know who is watching and paying attention. His dad always told him that you only have one opportunity to make an impression and always keep it in the forefront of your mind. He noted that the award speaks volumes of how the department operates and how it is managed. Chairman Fisher thanked Chief Byrd and the entire department for their hard work.

Mr. Trivett thanked Chief Byrd for everything he and his department does and stated that he has come to the forefront with Mr. Manthey and others who came when they had the crisis with the radio and it was handled professionally.

Mr. Ingram stated that Westmoreland County is a great place to live and reside due to the hardworking individuals that work for the county. Mr. Ingram thanked Chief Byrd for everything he and his department does.

Mr. McCormack stated that people in his district were screaming praises for Emergency Services, and told them to keep up the good work.

Mr. Hynson stated the he was glad they are around so they can hall him around and thanked for everything they have done and will continue to do.

Chairman Fisher stated that he hoped that the meeting continues to be this good due to this being the highest point in opening a board meeting, with the great things that have taken place so far and with looking at the agenda , he is anticipating that they will stay on a high note.

4. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Request for Approval of Minutes, Board of Supervisors Meetings –August 11, 2025

Chairman Fisher stated that everyone should have had an opportunity to review the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on August 11, 2025. The Chairman asked if any changes needed to be made to the minutes; if not, he asked for a motion to approve.

With no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Ingram, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes from the August 11, 2025, meeting, as presented.

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5. REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVALS

A. Request for Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll Register August 2025

Chairman Fisher stated that you all received the Accounts Payable and Payroll Register and asked if there were any questions, observations, or concerns. If not, Chairman Fisher asked for a motion to approve the Payroll Register and Accounts Payable as presented for August 2025.

With no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. Trivett, seconded by Mr. McCormack, and carried unanimously, with Mr. McCormack, Mr. Ingram, Mr. Trivett, Mr. Hynson and the Chairman voting “aye”. The Board approved the Accounts Payable and Payroll Register for August 2025.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Town of Colonial Beach Update, Natasha Tucker, Town Manager

Kyler Bower, Assistant Town Manager, was present to discuss the events of the town.

- Sip N Stroll will be this Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 9 00 p.m.
- Annual Music Festival will be September 13 and 14th from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- There will be a combined Town Council meeting on Wednesday of next week. Mr. Bower then went over a few key points that they will be discussing at the meeting. They will be discussing the town's legislative priorities, funding options for the CIP projects in their water and sewer funds, and a new playground design that will be in Azalea Park.
- Town-wide garage and yard sale on September 27th, 2025
- 2025 Yard Debris Pick Up on September 29 – October 3 on the normal trash day.
- 11th Annual Colonial Beach Bike Fest on October 9- 12th.

B. Town of Montross Update, Fran Taylor, Town Manager

Mr. Ingram stated that Ms. Barbara Jean Jones would come up to the podium and speak about the upcoming Montross Fall Festival.

Ms. Jones stated that Fall Festival is almost here, and this time next month, it will all be over for them. Ms. Jones was happy to see Chief Byrd, as this year they will be honoring original

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volunteer rescue squads, emergency personnel, and the dispatchers. She stated that she spoke to Chief Byrd and she is hoping to get as many people as they can on the float. She noted that Allen Hickman, Co Chairman, he would have a tractor-trailer waiting. She stated that Chairman Fisher has many family members who were involved in the original rescue squad when it just started, and Mayor Joey King has a lot of friends and family in the original rescue squad in Montross. She noted that she does not know much about whose families that were a part of the original families in Colonial Beach but was sure that there are families of those individuals. Ms. Jones stated that she is old enough to know how hard they worked when the first volunteer rescue squad came, and those were when money did not flow easily. She noted that they want as many people as they can carry and they are the grand marshal of the parade. Fall Festival will kick off on Thursday, October 2, 2025 with skating at Stands Skate land, sponsored by C & F Bank, Friday morning they will have TRIAD and will have a hotdog lunch at C & F Bank. She noted to put in an order or come early because they always sell out fast. Friday night at 6:00 p.m., Providence United Methodist Church, will sponsor its second annual movie night at the firehouse and a free hotdog dinner. She stated that she was not sure what movie it would be yet, but it would be family-friendly, and the children can bring a sleeping bag. Saturday at 9:00 am is the opening ceremony, which will be led by Mayor Joey King. Boy Scouts will raise the flag, and someone will sing the National Anthem. She then read the list of events that they will have on Saturday. She is hoping for good weather, a good time, and an opportunity to reflect on the people who helped establish the original volunteer rescue squads in the county.

C. Westmoreland County Public Schools Update, Cathy Rice, Superintendent

Cathy Rice, Superintendent, was present and provided an update on Westmoreland County Public Schools. She then recognized members of the School Board and began her presentation, reading it slide by slide. She stated that the School Board, faculty, staff, and teachers welcomed students back for another school year on August 11, 2025. Their board celebrated with Champions with Impact, which is the theme of the Virginia School Board Association. They had a few different events on their calendar this year, such as an open house day on August 4, 2025, so parents with children in multiple schools could visit different

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grade levels without conflicts, instead of scheduling open houses on multiple days. She then showed pictures of the high school open house and noted that about 75% of students attended one or more of the open houses. August 11, 2025, was the first day of school, and faculty and staff reported on July 28, 2025. Another change was aligning the calendar to have the same start date as the Northern Neck Technical Center and the Chesapeake Governors School, knowing it would benefit students and partner programs. She then discussed student enrollment, stating that the school division currently serves over 1,500 students across four schools and offers a wide range of instructional programs to meet the diverse needs of students. She mentioned they keep a close watch on enrollment, and although projections during budget season showed a potential decrease in average daily membership compared to the previous year, they actually experienced an increase for this school year. Enrollment increased in three schools—Cople Elementary, Montross Middle, and Washington District—and slightly declined at the high school. Overall, K-12 enrollment is up by 43 students, while PreK enrollment decreased by 22, and they are still seeking PreK students. Ms. Rice noted that their budget was based on a projected daily membership of 1,480, and they are currently well above that number. Her next slide covered staffing; Westmoreland County Public Schools has 382 positions, with 377 filled and 5 vacant. They hired 12 new teachers for the school year, of whom 75% have prior teaching experience. She showed a list of open positions and the schools they are for, noting some are licensed and can be difficult to fill. Currently, their former athletic director is filling in until new hires are made. They are also always looking for bus drivers for regular routes, athletic events, and field trips. She mentioned that anyone interested could be trained to obtain a CDL to drive a bus and that they are also hiring for substitutes. Her next slide focused on the Strategic Plan 2025-2030, stating it was developed with the help of the Berkley Group and a stakeholder group that included parents, community members, teachers, administrators, and board members. She highlighted that many people worked on the steering committee. The mission of the Strategic Plan, she explained, is, "Together, we nurture the unlimited potential of ALL students through inclusive, authentic learning experiences." They also created a profile of a Westmoreland County graduate, aiming for all graduates to be strong collaborators, communicators, critical thinkers, creators, and good citizens. Her next slide presented the

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vision: “To provide an exemplary learning environment that empowers all students to find their voices and make meaningful contributions to the world.” She reviewed the core values, emphasizing that they spent considerable time establishing them and discussed what is important in how they conduct their business and interact with others. They identified five broad goals to focus on in the Strategic Plan and listed them. She mentioned that the plan includes strategies to achieve these goals, with indicators to measure progress. Ms. Rice expressed excitement about the Strategic Plan, which the School Board adopted recently, and said they are beginning its implementation. Her next slide covered school nutrition, stating all students from kindergarten through 12th grade receive free breakfast and lunch. She noted that once afterschool programs start, children would also be eligible for a free snack. She showed a sample school lunch menu for the week. Her next slide addressed school transportation, stating they operate 36 buses and 13 cars daily. Last year, they piloted the “Here Comes The Bus” app at Cople Elementary, allowing parents to track the bus and set alerts for when it is within a certain radius, notifying them of bus arrivals and arrivals back home. The app is now in every school to improve communication. Mr. Barry Sudduth, the former transportation supervisor, continues to assist and collaborate with Mr. Terry Rich, the current transportation supervisor, to prepare routes for the first day of school. Her next slide highlighted noteworthy accomplishments, including accreditation for all four schools in 2024-2025, a dropout rate of 1.8% for the Class of 2024, and the opening of every school with an SRO, thanks to grant support from the Sheriff’s Office. She praised the partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Neck, which has expanded from summer programs at Washington and Lee High School to ongoing after-school activities with more students involved. She thanked the Board for their financial support of the club. She then discussed challenges, noting that the Virginia Department of Education implemented more rigorous Standards of Learning assessments for 2024-2025, which will influence accountability ratings once results are received, expected by the end of September. They also have a new accountability system, replacing previous accreditation methods, with new school performance and support frameworks to guide ratings. Student attendance is another challenge; last year, 19% of students were chronically absent, missing 10% or more of school days. They are working on initiatives and attendance campaigns to improve this metric. Her

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next slide outlined opportunities, thanking the Board for the opportunity to speak and listing ways, they could assist, such as promoting PreK vacancies, job openings, student attendance, encouraging community adult volunteers, and supporting students at public events. She shared upcoming home game details at Westmoreland High School for September, inviting the Board to attend. A free admission pass will be available for all Board members, Mr. Taylor, and Ms. Cogswell. She also showed a picture of the new ticket booth plaza at the football field entrance. Finally, she mentioned distributing two handouts—one with the fall schedule and one outlining the Strategic Plan—and encouraged checking the website for schedule updates.

After Ms. Rice's presentation, she asked if the board had any questions.

Chairman Fisher thanked Ms. Rice for the presentation and inquired if his wife could also have a pass. He then stated that he has a busy schedule and tries to do as many things with his wife as he can.

Mr. Ingram stated that he teaches at the Northern Neck Technical Center and he is technically 1/6 of a Westmoreland County employee for the school system. He was happy to hear that the schools are teaching the 5 C's that were mentioned earlier, which is very important for the next generation of student for building those needs to succeed whether they choose to go to college or into the workforce. He noted that he was at a VACO meeting recently in Richmond and many schools aren't eligible for free lunch. The government for kids to go to school mandates it but it is not mandated that they are fed and noted that in some cases the only nutritional food a child gets is at school. Mr. Ingram expressed his excitement of having SRO's in every school this year, which they fought hard for and see the good results of that. He thanked Ms. Rice for everything that she does and for the love the school systems shows in this community.

Mr. McCormack echoed Mr. Ingram's comments. He mentioned that Here Comes the Bus is an amazing thing because, when he was in school, he lived on Mount Holly Road, and his driveway was a mile long, making it hard for him to know when the bus was coming. He thanked Barry Sudduth for his hard work on the app.

Chairman Fisher thanked her for the presentation and continued to do great things, and stated to keep the line of communication open and anything they can do to let them know.

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D. Rural Health Connect Program, Tiffiny Bounds, Captain - Mobile Integrated Health

Captain Tiffiny Bounds was present and stated that she always enjoys attending the board meetings because it gives her a lot of pride to work for this county. She thanked the Board for their positive feedback and support they have shown to emergency services, and she is proud to wear the uniform and serve the community that her family has called home for over 400 years. She then gave background information on Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH). She stated that she has been doing MIH for 3 years, and with that, she has developed community partners. Living in a rural community, there is a health disparity due to the lack of resources compared to urban areas. She has made it her mission to bring things to the county that could be helpful to the residents. Captain Bounds has been serving as a community advisory board member to advocate for Westmoreland to bring resources in. Kristen Moore and Zacc Elliott, researchers at Virginia Health Sciences at Old Dominion University, came to the podium. They have been in the area for 2 years, gathering data and attending events like the resource fair and a community meeting to share the project. She then gave a presentation on the project, noting that it is Ruralhealthconnect.org. She stated that the project is a partnership between Old Dominion University and C. Kenneth and Dianne Wright Center for Clinical & Translational Research at VCU. She noted that it is composed of a team of researchers, healthcare workers and community leaders working behind the scenes to make the project happen. Ruralhealthconnect.org is a website developed by the research team with input from their community advisory board known as Connecting Rural Voices for Health(CRVH) and they guide them to make sure to reflect the needs of the communities', and the information on the website is locally sourced. She then showed pictures of the research team and other members at a community event. She noted that often times them and the CRVH members will be working alongside them due to them know people the best. People who are also a part of the CRVH is Captain Tiffiny Bounds and Shirley Fallon, Northern Neck Behavioral Health. Their goal is to make it easier for people in rural Virginia to get reliable health information, connect with experts and participate in virtual events through their website. She noted that their advisory board is composed of people in the Northern Neck and South Central Virginia, who meet online to share ideas, discuss health challenges now. Ms. Moore stated that rural residents face unique challenges

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that affect health outcomes, yet they are less likely to be involved in research that may affect their health. The reason behind that is rural healthcare providers may prioritize primary care and urgent needs, distance to specialized research hospitals, cost concerns, etc. They achieve their goal they will continue to build and grow partnerships within rural communities, continue to meet bi weekly with CRVH members and collaborate with CRVH members to guide the design and implementation of a digital health education and engagement website. She noted that there would be a survey when you join and then again, within a certain amount of time to see what they have created actually works. Ms. Moore stated that they are hoping to create a park and surf, which is a community space where residents can access high-speed internet free. Residents can visit the website, take telehealth appointments, or even use it for leisure. They are also launching online speaker sessions that will share health information, answer frequently asked questions, provide opportunities for open discussion, and offer practical tools and resources to support healthier living. She noted the first online speaker would be on September 18, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. From 7:00 p.m., about colon health and rectal cancer. She then reviewed shared goals aimed at improving health outcomes, enhancing treatment strategies, customer service, and information dissemination, and promoting equitable healthcare in underserved areas. Their call to action for the Board is to connect with more people by sharing information and encouraging sign-ups. Additionally, they recommend adding three more community hubs, such as churches, schools, rec centers, or local businesses, and joining ruralhealthconnect.org.

Zac Elliott stated that the CRVH members are compiled from people in South Central Virginia and others in this area. He noted this is where they needed to start in order to get the grant funding.

Captain Bounds stated that they would like the Board to be aware of the project and encourage people to check out the website and make health literacy important in educating themselves. She noted that they would like to provide the county with the Park and Surf, and have identified the old Westmoreland Volunteer Rescue Squad building on Mount Holly Road. Captain Bounds went through the deeds and passed out a picture of the plot to the Board members. She went to land use administration, and there is a parking lot that is next to the squad building. She noted that people seem to be using it as a commuter lot and felt

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that it was a great spot to have people have free and private access to the internet. People can park their car to take telehealth visits, connect to the website, etc. She noted that it will be restricted and they are currently working on a disclaimer for a liability waiver. Captain Bounds asked for the Board's permission to put the sign up identifying that area as a park and surf as part of the project.

Chairman Fisher stated that before they can commit to anything, they need to explore the liability involved and what is required if they grant access to the site. They must review what needs to be done to ensure safety and that the accessibility aligns with their plans. He noted that it is a good site, and now that it has been presented, they will need Mr. Stuart to evaluate it from a liability perspective. They will discuss it and determine if it is feasible. Chairman Fisher thanked them for the presentation and remarked that they cannot do enough to promote health in rural communities, given that many areas are underserved and unaware of available resources.

7. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consideration of Modification of County Dog Tag and Fees Ordinance §3.2-6524, Bonnie Self, Interim Treasurer
Bonnie Self, Interim County Treasurer, was present to discuss modification of county dog tags and fee ordinances. She explained that she was recapping what was discussed at the July and August board meetings. In July, Ms. Self requested that the Board switch from one-year tags to a lifetime dog tag. Previously, taxpayers had to visit annually to renew their tags, costing \$5.00 for unsexed, \$10.00 for sexed, \$40.00 for a kennel of 20 dogs, \$50.00 for a kennel of 50 dogs, and \$1.00 for a duplicate tag. If approved, taxpayers would only need to visit once to purchase a lifetime tag for their dog. This change would only apply to individual one-year dog tags; kennel, duplicate and dangerous dog tag fees and requirements would stay the same. She emphasized that enforcement of the ordinances and laws is the responsibility of the Sheriff's Office, as set by the county and the state. She then presented the new language regarding the modification of the county dog tags and fee ordinance §3.2-6524, which will remove the requirement for an annual individual tag and replace it with a lifetime tag costing \$20.00.

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Mr. Stuart stated that Ms. Self presented the modification at the July meeting, held a public hearing in the August meeting, took public comments, and closed it. He also mentioned that the language presented is the proper language, which only modifies one fee. Mr. Stuart felt that everything appears to be in order if the Board wishes to proceed.

Chairman Fisher asked what the pleasure of the Board was.

With no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Trivett, with Mr. Trivett, Mr. Ingram, Mr. McCormack, Mr. Hynson, and the Chairman voted “aye”. The Board approved the modification of the county dog tag and fees ordinance §3.2-6524 as presented.

**B. Middle Peninsula Northern Neck Behavioral Health Biennial Contract Renewal.
Amanda Campagnola, Acting Executive Director**

Amanda Campagnola, Acting Executive Director, was present to provide some background on the contract renewal. She stated that she has not been in her current position long but has been with the agency for 25 years. She noted that when preparing for the meeting, she wanted to highlight certain key points for people to be aware of and to inform them about the services available in this county. Overall, they provide 42 services, covering the Middle Peninsula and the Northern Neck. They have recently started offering same-day access services, allowing people to walk in two days a week and have same-day assessments on Monday and Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. They conducted 65 assessments for service in July 2025. They also offer counseling services in elementary, middle, and high schools, including individual and group sessions for mental health and substance use. They have 18 peer workers within the county, all with lived experience. She noted that these peers are heavily involved with Captain Bounds and have developed a great partnership with them. Their sixth annual Recovery Fest is on September 13, 2025, at the Warsaw Recovery Center. The Commonwealth has recognized September as National Recovery Month. She then reviewed the graph of assessments conducted in July: 43 people were seen in crisis, 118 received psychiatric services, 33 infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities were served, 125 individuals received case management, 139 received counseling, and 19 people participated in peer support services. Ms. Campagnola noted

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that usually, someone presents during budget season with the total number of people served, but she thought it was useful to see data from just one month.

Mallory Iovino came to the podium and talked about Recovery Court. She stated that she was involved in its implementation, which is the Northern Neck and Essex Adult Recovery Court. They meet weekly in this county, and the goal of the recovery court is to be an evidence-based program that helps people with substance abuse issues find alternatives to traditional jail time through treatment. It focuses on community-based recovery, peer support, accountability, and long-term sustainable recovery. The main parts include an evidence-based curriculum, recognizing that many people with substance abuse issues often have traumatic pasts. The program lowers recidivism and incarceration costs, supports lasting recovery, encourages community integration, and strengthens partnerships between the court, behavioral health, and community organizations. She added that their agency's roles are to provide treatment and case management for peer support services. They work with court staff and probation to make sure people have what they need to stay sober in the community.

Ms. Campagnola stated that another purpose of her visit was to discuss the renewal of their biennial contract. She pointed out that this contract is the legal and funding agreement between the Department of Behavioral Health and the CSBs, ensuring accountability for both state and federal funds, as well as their local match. It provides funding oversight, financial management, and service mandates. Ms. Campagnola requested the Board's consideration in renewing the Middle Peninsula Northern Neck Behavioral Health Biennial Contract.

Chairman Fisher stated that the resolution has been submitted for approval of the performance contract and then asked for Mr. Stuart's input.

Mr. Stuart stated that he had reviewed it and noted that they provided a link; however, he would have preferred a paper copy. Nevertheless, he felt that everything was in order. He asked Ms. Campagnola if it was approved by the Attorney General's Office and if it was their standard across the board.

Ms. Campagnola answered yes and a link is provided because the document is 400 pages. The Chairman then asked what the pleasure of the Board was.

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With no further discussion, upon motion by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. McCormack, with Mr. Trivett, Mr. Ingram, Mr. McCormack, Mr. Hynson, and the Chairman voted “aye”. The Board approved the resolution for the Middle Peninsula Northern Neck Behavioral Health Biennial Contract Renewal as presented.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Fisher stated that they are now at the public comment portion of the meeting and asked anyone who would like to speak to come to the podium and state their name for the record and their concern addressing the Board. Below is who spoke during public comment.

Paul Traube - Mr. Traube appeared before the Board to discuss the dwelling that was collapsing into the river near his house on McGuire’s Wharf Road. He mentioned that some board members had visited the property and noted that it looks like a third-world property, and that many other properties in the county are in similar condition. He stated that the Board purchased the property in May 2025 but has taken no action on it. The back wall is now further into the river, covered with asbestos and lead. He also mentioned that there was a car and a boat on the property, which he has removed. He asked to be contacted for an update on the cleanup efforts. He inquired if the project has been put out for bids or if the county has a grant writer to apply for funds to clean it up. Additionally, he expressed concern about the Board’s purchase of communications equipment costing \$400,000. He wanted to understand how that amount was determined and whether it went through a bidding process. He emphasized that it is his right to be informed and that, according to state law, any purchase over \$200,000 must be bid publicly. He felt that the Board violated the law by approving the purchase without following proper bidding procedures and said someone should be held accountable.

Richard Wilkins - He gave a quote that stated, “Don’t dismiss the good idea, simply because you don’t like the source.” He noted that as it reads on the deed, the board owns 40 plus properties in the county. He noted that tax map 5C-1D off Longfield Road, description Right of Ways within the Long Field Massive property, 11.2 acres. He asked why the county owns the property. He then asked why the Board would buy a property on McGuire’s Wharf Road with a dilapidated house falling in the water. When there was an offer to buy a property in the Bainseville area which was an old dump site, he asked why the board didn’t sell it when the purchaser knew about the history

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of the property, clean up would be their responsibility. He noted that now the dilapidated house is the county's problem and the taxpayers will be footing the bill. Mr. Wilkins wondered what the process was for when the recycling is taken from the convenience sites. He was told that there was a facility in Spotsylvania County where the recycling goes. He called the facility to get a tour but never heard anything back. He welcomed the Board members to set it up and would appreciate seeing the outcome and understanding the recycling process. He then told a story about seven and Ollie having a job putting in telephone poles and the foreman asking how much they put in. Ollie answered 2, and the foreman said the other put in 8-10, and then Ollie asked the foreman if he saw how much they left sticking out. He noted that when you have a job to do, it needs to be clear what that job entails.

Ben Prescott - Mr. Prescott stated that it was a great honor that the Pro Patria award was given to the county. He noted that Mr. McCormack sent Mr. Prescott an email that raised additional concerns. At the July meeting, Mr. Prescott understood that the funding for the tractor and mower would come from the wastewater treatment plant account, not the general fund or contingency. He pointed out that the wastewater treatment plant fund was not discussed during the public budget meeting. He asked for clarification on where the funds would be taken from. Then, he sought clarification on Mr. McCormack's comment from the email, which mentioned that the county has 120 acres to maintain. He inquired whether that referred to all county property or just the sewer fields. He stated that if the tractor purchase is paid from sewer treatment funds, it should only be used for those purposes and not for the entire county. He then stated that the county does not seem to have a schedule for maintaining equipment or replacement, similar to what is in place for the sheriff's office for their fleet. He asked if a schedule exists for the remaining equipment. Mr. Prescott felt that the purchase could have been included in the next budget cycle, rather than requiring an additional unplanned appropriation. He noted that he still has not seen any documentation or explanation of the actual procurement process nor confirmation of compliance with the procurement act of Virginia, and has asked several times before. Mr. Prescott then brought up his concerns regarding the recent purchase of the new radios. He stated there has been lack of transparency regarding the procurement law, noting that he was sure that Chief Byrd has explored a state contract which will preclude needing to go through the bidding process. He noted that it would surprise him if not but it should have been commentated with him and he

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would not have to worry if the procurement process was being followed. He then quoted Mr. McCormack email again stating that regional radio systems have been considered is his belief by maintaining local authority control over our communications system best serves the needs of our residents and emergency services. Mr. Prescott requested further clarification from the Board of when and what form are regional systems considered. He asked who spoke of that and what documentation there was to support it and what counties were consulted. Mr. Prescott stated at the July meeting, Supervisor Ingram expressed to the public that the county must have regionalization in order to control and limit cost to citizens. Mr. Prescott felt that Mr. McCormack's statement regarding the purchase of the Motorola systems contradicts Mr. Ingram's statement. Mr. Prescott hoped hearing Mr. Taylor talk about a regional summit in October 2, 2025 these issues may be explored and discussed. Mr. Prescott stated through his own research he found that regional EMS systems provides significant financial operation benefits compared to stand alone systems. Regionalization reduces costs by infrastructure pooling, centralized dispatch and support. Allows for joint purchasing power rather than just coming from this region or county. Shared overhead services, cost sharing for specialized equipment, improvement of response efficiency. He asked if such a systems can meet the county's need and saving the taxpayers money he asked, why the Board would proceed with the \$400,000 purchase of radios without a full evaluation of Regionalization as an alternative. He asked for clarification if the Board has considered it and what actions can be taken for this option before committing substantial taxpayers' dollars. He then echoed Mr. Traube's and Mr. Wilkins' comments regarding the dilapidated house falling into the river. He stated that the county took the time to purchase the property and doesn't understand why the house hasn't been taken down yet and the old Cople School is run down as well. Mr. Prescott did not understand why the county is buying right-of-ways and what purpose they serve to the county.

Linda Gordon Shade, Mary Johnson, Shirley Blackman- They are representatives of the residents on Cabinford Road and Marion Way. They came before the Board to thank them for all of the work they have done on Cabinford Road and Marion way. Ms. Shade stated that the driveway has been started and almost done and all of the potholes are gone. She noted that the school buses can pick up and drop off children, first responders can get through. Ms. Shade stated that she was thankful for the Board for starting the process. Mary Johnson thanked them, stating that the board had

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given them what they asked for and received many compliments. Shirley Blackman stated that she has been up since 4:00 a.m., but she did not want to miss her opportunity to say thank you to the Board. Ms. Blackman stated that some things that Chairman Fisher said in the meeting she was taking notes that she can use for herself.

Mr. McCormack thanked them for their patience and for bringing the issue to them. He noted that people question why or what they do but it takes time for things to be done the right way.

Chairman Fisher stated that many of the times residents expect the local government to do things that they are not in the position to do, by regulation or constraints that are in place. He noted when you have caring and humanitarian people in governmental offices as well as the community and when the need arises, it is good to know that there are still people there that will give up their time, talent and resources to help people who are less fortunate. Chairman Fisher hoped that the recipients of the good deed will continue to tell the story that there are still people in the community that will rally around the cause and look past the governmental constraints, personal differences. Chairman Fisher stated that the buses could now come and pick up children who are the future. He noted that the underlying factor is that the people who initiated it will continue to help. He mentioned it due to people thinking that the county is in the road building business which they are not but there are people in the county that will sacrifice their time, talent and resources that it might help someone else. Chairman Fisher stated that he was talking with Mr. Hynson prior to the meeting and that Mr. Hynson told him that it was a neighbor who called for help and in a city that would not happen. Chairman Fisher stated that Mr. McCormack initiated the project and it is always delightful when the project is completed and you hear the word of appreciation.

Rosemary Mahan - She thanked the Board for their efforts in fixing the road and noted that when she was on the Board, they spoke to the same people about these issues and thanked Mr.

McCormack for not taking no for an answer and taking the time to find the people who were willing to show their compassion to help the people fix the problem.

Mr. McCormack mentioned that Mr. Taylor was a significant asset in the effort to complete it.

Ms. Mahan stated that next week, in Constitution Week, it is an annual celebration of the U.S Constitution taking place from September 17- 23 of every year. The week was established in 1956 by the daughters of the American Revolution and signed into law by President Dwight D.

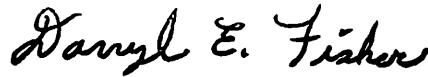
Eisenhower. She noted that that it has three main goals, which are education that encourages the

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study of the event that led to the constitutions creation, awareness that reminds the public of the constitutions importance as the foundation of American life and responsibility to emphasize the duty of citizens to protect the constitution. September 17, 2025, is Constitution and Citizenship Day, which marks the 237th anniversary of the Constitution's signing in 1787, and they recognize citizens who have also become citizens through naturalization or coming of age. Ms. Mahan stated that she has posters at the museum to remind people that it is Constitution Week. Chairman Fisher thanked everyone for their comments and will respond appropriately.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Fisher asked if there was any further business to bring before the Board, and then he asked for a motion to adjourn. With no further business, upon motion by Mr. McCormack, seconded by Mr. Ingram, and carried unanimously, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, October 15, at 6:00 p.m. in the George D. English, Sr. Memorial Building.



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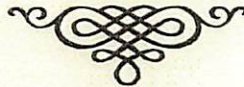
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Resolution Honoring

Anthony T. Darby

On His Retirement



WHEREAS, Lieutenant Anthony T. Darby has been a dedicated and loyal employee of the Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office and has served the citizens of Westmoreland and Northumberland counties, as well as in Tappahannock, for over 29 years; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Anthony T. Darby is respected statewide by his peers for his knowledge and experience in many facets of law enforcement, ranging from Leadership, Defensive Tactics, and Special Weapons and Tactics; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Anthony T. Darby has been awarded many commendations over the years for his efforts in combating drugs, alcohol, and violent offenders from harming the citizens of our counties and abroad; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Anthony T. Darby has been sought out for his abilities as a Narcotics Investigator within the Tri-County Task Force and ALERRT Course Train-The-Trainer. His dedication to the growth of the Sheriff's Office included the startup of the Motors Program (Motorcycles) at the Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Anthony T. Darby retired on January 01, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the members of the Board of Supervisors for Westmoreland County do hereby extend to Lieutenant Anthony T. Darby our sincere and grateful appreciation for his 29 years of service to the citizens of Westmoreland County and surrounding jurisdictions, congratulate him on a well-earned retirement, and extend our best wishes to him for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

Adopted this 8th day of September, 2025

Darryl E. Fisher, Chairman
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Resolution Honoring

K9 - Stitch

On His Retirement



WHEREAS, K-9 Stitch was born in Hungary on March 18, 2018, K-9 Stitch was purchased from Shallow Creek Kennels on August 22, 2019, and was certified as a dual-purpose K-9 from Professional Canine Services on December 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, K-9 Stitch served the County of Westmoreland for six (6) years as a K-9 partner, apprehending criminals and detecting illegal narcotics; and

WHEREAS, K-9 Stitch has over 200 K-9 deployments that resulted in narcotics arrests, vehicle and building searches, search warrants, apprehension of suspects, and locating missing persons. During his career, K-9 Stitch, and his handler, assisted multiple agencies throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, K-9 Stitch performed the most crucial of tasks ensuring the safety of his handler, Sergeant Anthony J. Darby; and

WHEREAS, after six (6) years of extraordinary service, K-9 Stitch is unable to continue in the capacity of a K-9 Deputy, and will retire from active service August 8, 2025. At that time, Sergeant Anthony J. Darby desires to have K-9 Stitch in his care and custody and is willing to accept all responsibilities for K-9 Stitch's future care, such as medical, food, and housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the members of the Board of Supervisors for Westmoreland County do hereby extend to K-9 Stitch our sincere and grateful appreciation for his six (6) years of service to the citizens of Westmoreland County, congratulate him on a well-earned retirement, and extend our best wishes to him for continued happiness and good health in the years to come.

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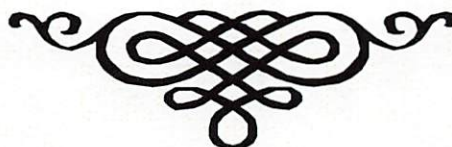


Westmoreland County, Virginia
LAND USE ADMINISTRATION

Board of Zoning Appeals

Mr. James McConkie
Mr. Dexter Monroe
Mr. Lonnie Thurston
Mr. Matthew Beard

RESOLUTION
IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE FOR
MRS. MARGARET "PEGGY" CAMPBELL



WHEREAS, Mrs. "Peggy" Campbell has faithfully served for fifteen years on the Board of Zoning Appeals in Westmoreland County, Virginia since July 2010; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Campbell fulfilled her oath to uphold the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Constitution of the United States with exceptional knowledge, integrity, and reasonableness; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Campbell performed her duties in a direct, professional, and courteous manner, whilst demonstrably committing to serve her fellow citizens of Westmoreland County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Campbell greatly contributed to the vibrant communication and firm understanding between the Board of Zoning Appeals, citizens, applicants, and staff, ensuring clarity among all parties prior to a call for a vote; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Campbell's knowledge and comprehension of the Westmoreland County Zoning Ordinance, as well as the manner in which she extended flexibility to the applicants when supported by the facts of the case presented, ensuring all parties were heard and treated fairly; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Campbell consistently performed those duties and responsibilities in an exemplary manner and has demonstrated expertise and commitment to providing a unified approach to regulatory decisions; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Westmoreland County Board of Zoning Appeals wishes to extend their sincerest gratitude and commends the extraordinary service of Mrs. Margaret "Peggy" Campbell and also wishes that this resolution become a part of the Board of Zoning Appeals minutes this 25th day of August, 2025.

*Chairman James McConkie
On Behalf of The
Westmoreland County, VA
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**A Proclamation Acknowledging the Dedication of
The Stewart Sisters v. The Steamer *Sue*
Historical Highway Marker on October 4, 2025**

WHEREAS, the application of Middle Peninsula African-American Genealogical and Historical Society for a Virginia historical highway marker for The Stewart Sisters v. The Steamer *Sue* was approved by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2025, a historical highway marker will be dedicated to educate and inform the public of the significance of The Stewart Sisters v. The Steamer *Sue* to Westmoreland County, to the state, and to the nation; and

WHEREAS, on this memorable occasion we extend an expression of appreciation to Middle Peninsula African-American Genealogical and Historical Society and to the descendants of the Stewart Sisters for bringing this case to our collective attention.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we acknowledge and honor the courageous acts of the Stewart Sisters: Martha and Winnie Stewart, Mary Johnson, and Lucy Jones, as we commemorate the dedication of The Stewart Sisters v. The Steamer *Sue* historical highway marker; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we do hereby declare that October 4, 2025, is "The Stewart Sisters Appreciation Day" in Westmoreland County, a day to acknowledge the importance of the 1884 actions of the Stewart Sisters to Westmoreland County, to the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to the nation.

Adopted this 8th day of September, 2025

Darryl E. Fisher

Darryl E. Fisher, Chairman
Westmoreland County Board of Supervisors



The Stewart Sisters v. The Steamer Sue
Historical Highway Marker Dedication



The Stewarts—Lucy, Mary, Winnie and Martha—"all colored persons, to be sure, but respectable," in the words of a 19th century judge.

1884 act for dignity merits historic note

The Evening Sun, 15 August 1984

Saturday, October 4, 2025 | 12 Noon

New Jerusalem Baptist Church

3695 Kings Mill Road

Kinsale, VA 22488

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Email mpaaghs.va@gmail.com or call 804-651-8753 for information.

Current Dog License

Current Requirements for Dog Tag and Fees:

Virginia Code section 3.2-6524 requires all owners of dogs four months or older to be licensed.

The Treasurer's Office currently issues dog licenses annually to residents who own or keep dogs at least four (4) months old in the County with valid rabies vaccination. Licenses issued are for one (1) year based on a calendar year January 1 -December 31; and cost:

ONE YEAR TAGS



Un-sexed female or male	\$5.00
Sexed female or male	\$10.00
For a kennel of 20 dogs	\$40.00 per year
For a Kennel of 50 dogs	\$50.00 per year
Duplicate tags	\$1.00



Proposed Lifetime Dog License

Proposed Lifetime Dog Tag Requirements and Fee:

Virginia Code section 3.2-6528 of the Code of Virginia gives the localities the option of providing a lifetime license to dog owners.

License is valid for the life of the dog at least 4 months old as long as it resides in the County with valid rabies vaccination. License becomes void if rabies vaccination is not renewed within thirty days of rabies vaccination expiration.

Lifetime Tag is non-transferrable and is not refundable.

Recommendation Lifetime Tag

Sexed or Unsexed \$20.00 life of dog-one time fee

If approved fees will begin on October 1, 2025 when new tags are available. All other fees will remain the same.

This Change would only affect individual one year dog tags. Kennel, duplicate and dangerous dog tag fees and requirements remain the same.

Requested Action: Motion to Approve Modification of County Dog Tag and Fees Ordinance §3.2-6524

New Language

Sec. 10-63. - Tax imposed.

- a) Effective October 1, 2025, a license tax on the ownership of dogs in this county is hereby imposed in the following amounts:
 - 1. For each individual dog, lifetime license fee \$20.00
 - 2. For a kennel of not more than 20 dogs, annual license fee \$40.00.
 - 3. For a kennel of more than 20 but not more than 50 dogs, annual license fee \$50.00.
- b) No license tax shall be levied on any dog that is trained and serves as a guide dog for a blind person, that is trained and serves as a hearing dog for a deaf or hearing impaired person or that is trained and serves as a service dog for a mobility-impaired person. As used in this section, the term "hearing dog" means a dog trained to alert its owner by touch to sounds of danger and sounds to which the owner should respond, and the term "service dog" means a dog trained to accompany its owner for the purpose of carrying items, retrieving objects, pulling a wheelchair or other such activities of service or support.

(Code 1988, § 4-43; Ord. of 9-11-2000, § 4-43)

State Law reference— Duty of county to impose above tax and provisions similar to subsection (b), Code of Virginia, § 3.1-796.87.



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August 27, 2025

Mr. James Taylor
Westmoreland County Administrator
111 Polk Street
Montross, VA 22520

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I am writing to share important information regarding the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) Community Services Performance Contract for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027. This contract outlines the allocation of state and federal funding, along with the required services and compliance standards for each Community Services Board.

The full contract is available for your review at <https://www.mpnnbh.org/255/Performance-Contracts>. For your convenience, we've included a pie chart summarizing the distribution of state and federal funds along with the financial summary.

We remain deeply grateful for the continued support our agency has received from your county. Your partnership plays a vital role in helping us deliver essential behavioral health and developmental services to our community.

At this time, we respectfully request a signature on the attached resolution. If possible, I would appreciate having this item included in the materials forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for consideration and approval at their next scheduled meeting.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out. I would be happy to meet with you or the Board of Supervisors to provide further details about the performance contract and the services we offer.

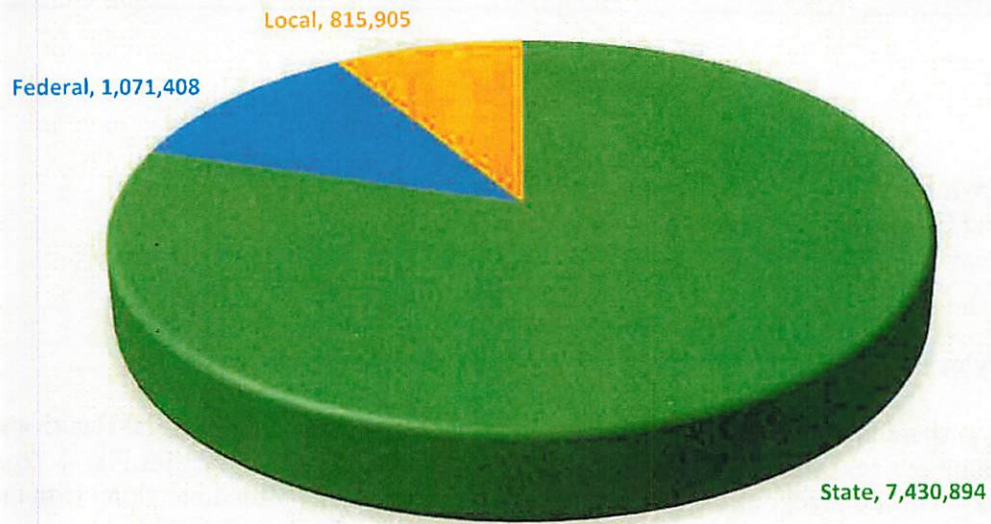
Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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FY26 FUNDING



FY 2026 Performance Contract Financial Summary

Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck Community Services Board

Mental Health Services

	FY 2026 Beginning Balance	FY 2026 Revenues	FY 2026 Transfers In/Out	FY 2026 Expenditures	FY 2026 Refunds	FY 2026 Ending Balance
<i>Fund Type</i>						
State Funds	\$0.00	\$5,740,528.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,740,528.00
Local Matching Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal Funds	\$0.00	\$360,992.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$360,992.00
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds	\$0.00	\$6,101,520.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,101,520.00

Developmental Services

	FY 2026 Beginning Balance	FY 2026 Revenues	FY 2026 Transfers In/Out	FY 2026 Expenditures	FY 2026 Refunds	FY 2026 Ending Balance
<i>Fund Type</i>						
State Funds	\$0.00	\$59,013.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$59,013.00
Local Matching Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds	\$0.00	\$59,013.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$59,013.00

Substance Use Disorder Services

	FY 2026 Beginning Balance	FY 2026 Revenues	FY 2026 Transfers In/Out	FY 2026 Expenditures	FY 2026 Refunds	FY 2026 Ending Balance
<i>Fund Type</i>						
State Funds	\$0.00	\$1,631,353.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,631,353.82
Local Matching Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal Funds	\$0.00	\$710,416.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$710,416.80
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Funds	\$0.00	\$2,341,770.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,341,770.62

Local Match Calculation

Total State Funds	\$7,430,894.82
Compensation Increase Adjustment	-\$585,678.00
Regional Funding Paid to Non-CSB or Paid On Behalf of the Region	
Total Local Funds	\$0.00
Total Adjusted State and Local Funds	\$6,845,216.82
Local Match Percentage	0.00%

RESOLUTION

APPROVAL OF PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, §37.2-508 OF THE *Code of Virginia* [1950] as amended, requires each Community Services Board to submit, to the governing body of each political subdivision that established it, a biennium Performance Contract for community mental health, intellectual disabilities, and substance use services for its approval prior to submission of the contract to the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and

WHEREAS, Middle Peninsula Northern Neck Behavioral Health has put forward its proposed FY 26/27 Biennium Performance Contract for approval by the Boards of Supervisors of its governing counties of Essex, Gloucester, King and Queen, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northumberland, Richmond, and Westmoreland;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Supervisors of Westmoreland County, Virginia, that the FY 26/27 Biennium Performance Contract prepared by Middle Peninsula Northern Neck Behavioral Health presented to the Board is hereby approved and may be forwarded to the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services as further required.

CERTIFICATION

I, _____, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Westmoreland, Virginia, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed at a lawfully organized meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Westmoreland County, Virginia, held at _____.

Name

Date