

**At a Special Meeting of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors
Held in the General District Courtroom on
Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 5:45 pm**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Keith C. Blowe
Susan B. Seward
John A. Stringfield
Rufus E. Tyler, Sr.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

C. Eric Fly, Sr.
Alfred G. Futrell

STAFF PRESENT:

Vandy V. Jones, III, Interim County Administrator
Mark Flynn, County Attorney
Shilton R. Butts, Assistant to the County Administrator/Deputy Clerk to the Board

Item 1. Call to Order/Determine Quorum

The December 15, 2016 Special Meeting of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Blowe.

Item 2. The Invocation

The Invocation was offered by Chairman Blowe.

Item 3. The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Item 4. Agenda Amendments

County Attorney Mark Flynn requested to add under Item 7. Closed Session, as Item b, Personnel Matter, pursuant to Code Section 2.2-3711(A)1; and as Item c, Discussion of awarding of contract, pursuant to Code Section 2.2-3711(A)29.

Item 5. Approval of Agenda

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR TYLER, seconded by SUPERVISOR SEWARD and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the agenda of the December 15, 2016 Special Meeting inclusive of adding under Item 7. Closed Session, as Item b, Personnel Matter, pursuant to Code Section 2.2-3711(A)1; and as Item c, Discussion of awarding of contract, pursuant to Code Section 2.2-3711(A)29.

Voting aye: Supervisors Blowe, Seward, Stringfield, Tyler

Voting nay: none

Absent: Supervisors Fly, Futrell

Item 6. Board Retreat Overview Presented by Dr. Michael Chandler

Dr. Michael Chandler provided a follow-up of the actions taken by the Board of Supervisors at the November 17, 2016 Special Meeting.

Dr. Chandler provided a summary of Sussex County vision statement, mission statement, core values, tag line and possibly a second tag line, a series of four (4) strategic initiatives/action agenda 2017-2020. Updates/adjustments were made by the Board of Supervisor at November 17, 2016. The Board members actively participated in the discussion of overview of the draft summation and suggested modifications as needed. Dr. Chandler will provide the Board with updates made.

Dr. Chandler reviewed a “Prioritizing the Sussex County 2017-2020 Strategic Initiatives Action Agenda” exercise that the Board members were tasked with ranking their priorities.

Board members requested to move Action Items 1 and 4 of the 2018 Sussex County Action Agenda to the 2017 Sussex County Action Agenda.

There was discussion of adding Item 9, explore options and course of action to address poverty in Sussex County under 2017 Sussex County Action Agenda of the Prioritized Actions.

There was also concerns of adopting the Strategic Plan without public comment.

The Board members were provided with the latest draft of the summation and Prioritized Actions.

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR SEWARD, seconded by SUPERVISOR TYLER and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this working draft of the Sussex County Vision Statement, Mission Statement, Core Values Tagline, Strategic Initiatives/Action Agenda 2017-2020; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the draft of the Sussex County Vision Statement, Mission Statement, Core Values, Tagline, Strategic Initiatives/Action Agenda 2017-2020 will be advertised on Sussex County’s website to seek public comments for review by March 1, 2017 while reserving the right to amend as needed at a later date.

Voting aye: Supervisors Blowe, Seward, Stringfield, Tyler

Voting nay: none

Absent: Supervisors Fly, Futrell

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR TYLER, seconded by SUPERVISOR STRINGFIELD and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Prioritized Action Items inclusive of amendment to move Items 1 and 4 from 2018 Sussex County Action Agenda to 2017 Sussex County Action Agenda.

Voting aye: Supervisors Blowe, Seward, Stringfield, Tyler

Voting nay: none

Absent: Supervisors Fly, Futrell

12.01 Convene into Closed Session

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR SEWARD, seconded by SUPERVISOR TYLER and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby enters Closed Session for (1) specific legal matter requiring advice of counsel, pursuant to applicable Code Section 2.2-3711(A)7 regarding Atlantic Waste; (2) awarding of public contract where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the lease of county property, pursuant to applicable Code Section 2.2-3711(A)29; and (3) discussion of specific personnel, pursuant to applicable Code Section 2.2-3711(A)1 specifically regarding the interim county administrator

Voting aye: Supervisors Blowe, Seward, Stringfield, Tyler

Voting nay: none

Absent: Supervisor Fly, Futrell

12.02 Reconvene to Open Session

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR SEWARD, seconded by SUPERVISOR TYLER and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby returns to Open Session.

Voting aye: Supervisors Blowe, Seward, Stringfield, Tyler

Voting nay: none

Absent: Supervisor Fly, Futrell

12.03 Certification

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR TYLER, seconded by SUPERVISOR SEWARD and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby approves adoption of resolution for certification, to-wit:

WHEREAS, that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, requires a certification by the Board that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from Open Meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the Closed Meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the Closed Meeting were heard discussed or considered.

Voting aye: Supervisors Blowe, Seward, Stringfield, Tyler

Voting nay: none

Absent: Supervisors Fly, Futrell

12.04 Action Resulting from Closed Session

There was no action taken.

13. Recess/Adjournment

13.01 Adjournment

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR SEWARD, seconded by SUPERVISOR STRINGFIELD and carried: RESOLVED that the December 15, 2016 Special Meeting of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors is hereby adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Voting aye: Supervisors Blowe, Seward, Stringfield, Tyler

Voting nay: none

Absent: Supervisor Fly, Futrell