

July 9, 2020

AT A WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NOTTOWAY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE COURTHOUSE THEREOF, ON THURSDAY, THE 09<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY AND IN THE 245<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF THE COMMONWEALTH:

PRESENT: HELEN M. SIMMONS, CHAIRMAN  
SHERMAN C. VAUGHN, VICE CHAIRMAN  
LYNN K. SHEKLETON  
STEVE W. BOWEN  
JOHN A. ROARK  
RONALD E. ROARK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
JOHN N. PROSISE, ASSISTANT COUNTY

ABSENT: PRESTON G. WILLIAMS, COUNTY ATTORNEY

Madam Chair Simmons called the work session to order at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Steve Bowen provided the invocation.

Madam Chair Simmons states the purpose of the work session is to review and discuss upcoming content to come before the Board of Supervisors.

Presentation - Melody Foster, Executive Director – Commonwealth Regional Council: Mrs. Foster re-introduces the Council's staff members, its coverage area, and its purpose; to include free grant writing with membership dues. Mrs. Foster provides information on recently awarded grant funding as well as available potential funding for other projects. She additionally provides information related to membership benefits. Mrs. Foster informs that membership dues for the Council is \$19,000 a year; she explains that there is potential for a portion of those dues to be returned under certain circumstances.

Supervisor Roark asks Mrs. Foster if the three Towns would be able to utilize the Council's services if the County joins; she assures they can. He also asks if the Council would be able to assist the Town of Crewe with much needed water line upgrades. She states there are many possibilities they can research in attempts to help Crewe.

Supervisor Shekleton asks Mrs. Foster if there are any additional fees beyond the annual membership dues. Mrs. Foster explains that unless they are asked to provide a service outside of their normal member services, such as a Comprehensive Plan or Re-districting, there would be no other fees.

Supervisor Bowen asks how locality project priorities are decided. She indicates that most all projects can be worked on simultaneously; project deadlines or situational severity can potentially push a project's priority over others. She lastly advises that the Council also sends out monthly project updates to keep all members informed.

Supervisor Roark asks Mrs. Foster for an estimate on completing the County's Comprehensive Plan; she offers \$50,000 as an answer. Supervisor Bowen suggests that he doesn't want the moratorium on solar facilities to continue for another two years; the potential time it can take to complete a comprehensive plan re-write.

Administrator Roark informs there will be a free to the public COVID-19 testing event held at Nottoway High School on Saturday, July 25, 2020 from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. He has this information scheduled to be advertised for the next two weeks in the local newspapers.

Administrator Roark informs that he has received a letter from Mrs. Connie Scott resigning her position on the Nottoway County Public Library Board of Trustees.