

At a regular meeting of the Caroline County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 in the auditorium of the Community Services Center, located at 17202 Richmond Turnpike, Milford, VA 22514.

**PRESENT**

Floyd W. Thomas - Chairman  
Jeff Sili – Vice-Chairman  
D. M. “Maxie” Rozell, Jr.  
Wayne A. Acors  
Bobby Popowicz

**ALSO PRESENT**

Percy C. Ashcraft – County Administrator  
Alan L. Partin – Assistant County Administrator  
Benjamin W. Emerson – County Attorney  
Michael A. Finchum - Director of Planning & Community Development  
Gary R. Wilson – Director of Economic Development  
Allen T. Ramsay - Director of Public Works  
Joey C. Schiebel – Superintendent of Public Utilities

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION**

Supervisor Sili led the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Tiana Singer, a senior from Caroline High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

*Supervisor Sili moved and Supervisor Popowicz seconded to amend the agenda by adding Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3): Acquisition of Real Property for Public Purpose or the Disposition of Government Owned Property Where Public Discussion Would Jeopardize the County’s Bargaining or Negotiating Position to the Closed Meeting.*

<b><i>Roll Call Vote:</i></b>	<b><i>Thomas</i></b>	<b><i>Yea</i></b>
	<b><i>Sili</i></b>	<b><i>Yea</i></b>
	<b><i>Rozell</i></b>	<b><i>Yea</i></b>
	<b><i>Acors</i></b>	<b><i>Yea</i></b>
	<b><i>Popowicz</i></b>	<b><i>Yea</i></b>

**OPENING BOARD COMMENTS**

Chairman Thomas stated that the NACo credentials checklist was sent to him and he had given it to Mr. Ashcraft to complete and forward on behalf of the Board.

Chairman Thomas stated that he sent a letter to Herb Collins about his donation of historical records. He said Mr. Ashcraft had spoken with Mr. Brittle of the Historical Society and they have agreed to vacate the current space in the library to allow Mr. Collins' collection to be in that space. Chairman Thomas said that the Historical Society will be in the County Administrator's current office after they move. He said that everything is in order and they have done everything possible to accommodate Mr. Collins' requests and make room for his collection and were very appreciative of Mr. Collins' generosity.

**1. RECOGNITION OF EAGLE SCOUTS**

Chairman Thomas stated that it was the Board's pleasure to recognize young people for achieving such great accomplishments. He then asked Cory Glembot to come forward. He explained that Steven Scott Durette and Justin Mauney could not attend the meeting because of school commitments.

Chairman Thomas then read the resolutions aloud.

*Supervisor Acors moved and Supervisor Rozell seconded to adopt the following resolution:*

**R14/08**

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING CORY W. GLEMBOT FOR BEING NAMED AN EAGLE SCOUT**

***WHEREAS, Cory W. Glembot, an 14 year old freshman at Patrick Henry High School, was presented the Eagle Scout Award at a Court of Honor ceremony at Fort A.P. Hill on March 8, 2008; and***

***WHEREAS, Mr. Glembot is a member of Troop 1421 of Ladysmith and is the son of Daniel and Donna Glembot of Beaverdam; and***

***WHEREAS, he earned 32 merit badges on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout and plans to become a Marine Corps fighter pilot and pursue appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy; and***

*WHEREAS, Mr. Glembot's Eagle Scout project involved building a 12 x 12 foot storage barn for the Madison Ruritan Club; and*

*WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize Mr. Glembot for his accomplishments and contributions to the County.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Caroline County Board of Supervisors hereby congratulates and commends Cory W. Glembot for being named an Eagle Scout and extends it best wishes for continued success in the future.*

*Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2008.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Yea</i>
	<i>Sili</i>	<i>Yea</i>
	<i>Rozell</i>	<i>Yea</i>
	<i>Acors</i>	<i>Yea</i>
	<i>Popowicz</i>	<i>Yea</i>

Supervisor Acors stated that this young man is also one of the youngest to receive Eagle Scout and they are very proud of him. He congratulated Cory's parents and said that he was a fine young man thanks to them.

*Supervisor Acors moved and Supervisor Rozell seconded to adopt the following resolution:*

*R13/08*

*A RESOLUTION COMMENDING STEVEN SCOTT DURRETTE FOR BEING  
NAMED AN EAGLE SCOUT*

*WHEREAS, Steven Scott Durette, an 18 year old senior at Caroline High School, was presented the Eagle Scout Award at a Court of Honor ceremony at Fort A.P. Hill on March 8, 2008; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Durette is a member of Troop 1421 of Ladysmith and is the son of Travis and Vickie Durette of Ruther Glen; and*

*WHEREAS, he earned 38 merit badges on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout and plans to pursue a career as a diesel mechanic; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Durette's Eagle Scout project consisted of planning and building the cinderblock visitors' dugout at Caroline Middle School for the varsity Girls Softball Team; and*

*WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize Mr. Durette for his accomplishments and contributions to the County.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Caroline County Board of Supervisors hereby congratulates and commends Steven Scott Durette for being named an Eagle Scout and extends it best wishes for continued success in the future.*

*Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2008.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Yea</i>
	<i>Sili</i>	<i>Yea</i>
	<i>Rozell</i>	<i>Yea</i>
	<i>Acors</i>	<i>Yea</i>
	<i>Popowicz</i>	<i>Yea</i>

*Supervisor Acors moved and Supervisor Rozell seconded to adopt the following resolution:*

*R15/08*

*A RESOLUTION COMMENDING JUSTIN M. MAUNEY FOR BEING NAMED AN  
EAGLE SCOUT*

*WHEREAS, Justin M. Mauney, an 18 year old senior at Caroline High School, was presented the Eagle Scout Award at a Court of Honor ceremony at Fort A.P. Hill on March 8, 2008; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Durette is a member of Troop 1421 of Ladysmith and is the son of Robert Mauney of Ruther Glen and Tanya Stevens of Prince George County; and*

*WHEREAS, he earned 35 merit badges on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout and plans to become an electrician and then an electrical engineer; and*

*WHEREAS, Mr. Mauney's Eagle Scout project consisted of building, sanding and clear coating five picnic tables for the Madison Ruritan Club; and*

*WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize Mr. Mauney for his accomplishments and contributions to the County.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Caroline County Board of Supervisors hereby congratulates and commends Justin M. Mauney for being named an Eagle Scout and extends it best wishes for continued success in the future.*

*Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2008*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Yea</i>
	<i>Sili</i>	<i>Yea</i>
	<i>Rozell</i>	<i>Yea</i>
	<i>Acors</i>	<i>Yea</i>
	<i>Popowicz</i>	<i>Yea</i>

**2. EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER PRESENTATION**

Chairman Thomas stated that it was his pleasure to recognize Cassie Ruby, Secretary in the Economic Development Office, as “*Employee of the Quarter*”. He noted that Ms. Ruby was selected because of her high performance level and professionalism. He added that he has seen Ms. Ruby’s work and she does an outstanding job. He then presented Ms. Ruby with a plaque in honor of this recognition.

**3. PRESENTATION/REPORTS**

◆ **VDOT Monthly Report**

Mr. Charlie Stunkle, Residency Administrator for the Bowling Green Office of VDOT, stated that a public hearing on the Six-Year Plan had been conducted by the Board on March 18, 2008 and the Board had delayed action pending any changes to the financial picture. He said there have been no changes. However, there have been some minor changes and the Board has been forwarded a copy of the Six-Year Plan with the latest revenue information and minor changes.

Chairman Thomas asked Mr. Stunkle to clarify the different funding mechanisms and if any of those mechanisms affected the County at this time.

Mr. Stunkle responded that it doesn’t affect the County at this time, but in the event that any additional funding becomes available, they will probably have to adopt a supplemental budget.

Supervisor Sili asked about 301 North and said that three years ago, the shoulder was graveled and now it is being paved. He said he has had a hundred people call him and ask why they are spending money to pave that two-foot shoulder and not putting the money somewhere else.

Mr. Stunkle responded that actually, it was four feet and it is a federal grant and the plan is that they would like to have all paved shoulders on the primary roads in the Fredericksburg District. He explained that they have some in King George and Fredericksburg and that basically, from their standpoint, it cuts down on the maintenance and it is a safety factor in the event people run off the road. Mr. Stunkle said they probably could have used it somewhere else in the Fredericksburg District on some other primary highway.

Chairman Thomas said that he wanted to point out that Mr. Stunkle said, “somewhere in the Fredericksburg District” and not necessarily in Caroline.”

Supervisor Rozell said that still with regard to the Six-Year Plan, he believed that the Board should either add to this resolution or create a separate resolution about the dwindling of funds for our roads. Supervisor Rozell said that he believes at some point, the Board needs to make a statement and they need to find ways to improve this. He suggested that language be added to the last paragraph saying “*Although noted, revenues fall short of our needs for fast growing counties along the I-95 corridor, counties that contribute large amounts of revenue for the state and federal government should have methods for fair returns in revenues*”. Supervisor Rozell said that over the last few years they have given over a half a billion dollars to the state and federal Government through the County’s collection process. He said at some point, someone needs to listen to them and asked other Board members for their opinion.

Chairman Thomas stated that he agreed with Supervisor Rozell.

Supervisor Acors stated that he believes that they all agree with what Supervisor Rozell is saying; however, he believes the matter will get lost if it is included in this resolution.

Mr. Stunkle responded that he believes it would be more effective if a separate resolution were passed and sent directly to the Commissioner. He said the resolution that the Board is going to pass approving the Six-Year Plan is basically a checkmark or formality to make sure that the locality has approved it.

Supervisor Acors stated at the VACo meeting a few weeks ago, several localities were protesting and not approving the Six-Year Plan at all, which actually results in just giving your money to someone else.

Chairman Thomas asked if Mr. Stunkle was saying that the Commissioner would not necessarily see this resolution.

Mr. Stunkle responded yes, that was correct.

Chairman Thomas said that the only thing they are going to do in the Six-Year Plan are the turn lanes at Lake Land’Or and Frog Level Road because the County is using Revenue Sharing money be included with that project.

Supervisor Rozell responded that they do not have any new road construction money until 2015.

Supervisor Sili stated that he went to the transportation hearing in Richmond and he pointed out to the Commissioner the amount of revenue generated at 207 and 95 and that Caroline was being left out of the funding formula completely. He said at that time, the Commissioner gave him a map and told him that the map was free. Supervisor Sili said

that he didn't know of a more effective way to do this and asked Mr. Stunkle to tell the Board how to get their message through. He said they just needed to know where to go and how to deal with this.

Chairman Thomas stated that they will adopt the resolution as prepared and he then directed staff to draft another resolution to send to the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

*Supervisor Rozell moved and Supervisor Acors seconded to adopt the following resolution:*

**R16/08**

**RESOLUTION**

*At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Caroline, held at the Caroline Community Services Center, on Tuesday, May 13, 2008.*

*Present were: Floyd W. Thomas, Chairman  
Jeffrey M. Sili, Vice-Chairman  
Wayne A. Acors  
Bobby J. Popowicz, Jr.  
D. M. "Maxie" Rozell, Jr.*

*On motion by Supervisor Rozell, seconded by Supervisor Acors and carried:*

*WHEREAS, Sections 33.1-23 and 33.1-23.4 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, provides the opportunity for each county to work with the Virginia Department of Transportation in developing a Secondary Six-Year Road Plan; and*

*WHEREAS, this Board had previously agreed to assist in the preparation of this Plan, in accordance with the Virginia Department of Transportation policies and procedures, and participated in a public hearing on the proposed Plan (2008/09 through 2013/14) as well as the Construction Priority List (2008/09) on March 18, 2008 after duly advertised so that all citizens of the County had the opportunity to participate in said hearing and to make comments and recommendations concerning the proposed Plan and Priority List; and*

*WHEREAS, Charles E. Stunkle, Residency Administrator, Virginia Department of Transportation, appeared before the Board and recommended approval of the Six-Year Plan for Secondary Roads (2008/09 through 2013/14) and the Construction Priority List (2008/09) for Caroline County.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that since said Plan appears to be in the best interests of the Secondary Road System in Caroline County and of the citizens*

*residing on the Secondary System, said Secondary Six-Year Plan (2008/09 through 2013/14) and Construction Priority List (2008/09) are hereby approved as presented at the public hearing.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Sili</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Rozell</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Acors</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Popowicz</i>	<i>Yea</i>

*Supervisor Rozell moved and Supervisor Acors seconded to direct staff to prepare a resolution to send to the Commonwealth Transportation Board and all State and Federal Delegations regarding the Board's revenue concerns.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Sili</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Rozell</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Acors</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Popowicz</i>	<i>Yea</i>

Mr. Stunkle stated that the Route 639 turn lane project remains on schedule for July advertisement. He said that the left turn lane at Route 30 has advanced and the advertisement date is now September and not November. He then said that the Carmel Church project is on schedule for November advertisement.

Supervisor Popowicz thanked Mr. Stunkle for his help with the CSX issue on Stonewall Jackson Road. However, he wanted to let VDOT know that what they did is starting to decay again.

Mr. Stunkle responded that he actually noticed that when he rode through there and he has sent another e-mail today about that crossing.

Supervisor Rozell said that he appreciated all Mr. Stunkle's efforts in serving the citizens. He asked Mr. Stunkle if there was a possibility of proceeding with a public hearing on prohibiting thru truck traffic on Dry Bridge Road and what would the Board have to do.

Mr. Stunkle responded that the Board of Supervisors would need to advertise and hold a public hearing and he could provide them with the appropriate language. He said that he did not mention it because he does not have a copy of the final report; however, the speed study and vehicle classification study indicated a posted speed of 45 miles per hour. Mr. Stunkle said the classification study showed that there is 22% truck traffic on the Route 207 end going to Coleman's Mill. He said that on the Route 301 end, there is 15 or 16% truck traffic and the middle section is 5% to 7%. Mr. Stunkle said that he would provide the Board with that information and it would not prohibit the Board from starting that long process.

Supervisor Rozell asked Mr. Stunkle to work with Mr. Ashcraft on this issue and then the Board will determine if they will support a resolution for this.

Supervisor Rozell said that he has received calls from people near Pilot about the increasing traffic and that the traffic will increase as summer comes. He asked that the State Police and Sheriff make traffic move and get out of the road. Supervisor Rozell said that he would really like to see if it can be fixed by Pilot or let the Sheriff or State Police take actions to declare it unsafe and then take whatever actions.

Mr. Stunkle responded that he would talk to the First Sergeant about this matter.

Supervisor Rozell responded that people in that area are very frustrated and he understands. He said they need to do whatever they can to get that flow of traffic moving.

Chairman Thomas responded that he had just come through that area earlier in the afternoon and it was very bad and had actually backed up onto 95. He said the State Police have said they will do what they can if people call in.

Supervisor Rozell said that the State Police and the Sheriff can make an emergency declaration if necessary.

#### **4. REPORTS FROM SUPERVISORS**

Chairman Thomas stated that this was really just the Board members acting as liaisons for the different departments.

##### **◆ Utilities/Public Works**

Supervisor Popowicz said that they are currently working on some things that are not ready for discussion at this time. However, he wanted to point out that they were also working with Spotsylvania County on a few things as well.

##### **◆ Public Safety**

Supervisor Rozell said that he has talked with Ed Fuzy, Director of Fire & Rescue, on the recent Spring School and it was very successful. He said they also had training for the North Anna Power Station and the evaluation is coming up in July.

Supervisor Rozell said the 911 For Kids Training was held at Bowling Green Primary and they had 120 children that were impacted.

Supervisor Rozell stated that they have already started planning for the July 2010 Boy Scout Jamboree. He said they are also assisting and planning for the 2008 Relay for Life

in organizing and providing emergency management for that event. Supervisor Rozell said that they will also be having a Firefighter I course in the County and they currently have 20 participants. He said the Firefighter I and II training class is currently in progress with 18 students.

Supervisor Rozell said that staff is still working on the Fire Maintenance Code and once it is completed, he will report back.

Chairman Thomas said in the minutes that they are going to approve later in the meeting, it says that the Fire Code was supposed to be discussed at this meeting; however, he thinks it will actually be at the last meeting in May.

Supervisor Rozell responded that right now, it lies with staff and they need to provide the Board with direction and how it is going to be implemented.

Chairman Thomas said that there was no reason to rush and that he would look to Supervisor Rozell for guidance.

◆ **Finance**

Supervisor Acors stated that Courtney Rogers could not be here tonight; however, Mr. Rogers will be at the next Board meeting along with the Treasurer.

◆ **Economic Development**

Supervisor Sili said that he could not talk about a lot of things going on with Economic Development; however, he has spent some time with Gary Wilson and they have sent packets and met with prospects. He said the whole process is very enlightening. Supervisor Sili said that at the recent Fredericksburg Regional Alliance meeting, the Alliance seems to have changed direction and to be moving toward more industrial growth region wide. Supervisor Sili said that regionally, Caroline is being heavily looked at for a number of different types of projects. He explained that prospects are not physically coming to the localities, but are looking on the web and have been able to do reverse commutes to Caroline without traffic problems. Supervisor Sili said that they see this as a very positive step because a lot of localities do not have that in their favor. He said that staff has been using that a lot more in their ability to market the County and use it to our benefit. Supervisor Sili said that he gives a lot of credit to Gary Wilson for that. He said that they have spent a lot of time talking and looking at the different strategies. Supervisor Sili said they also have the ability to draw in more people to Caroline County, thanks to Kathy Beard in Tourism. He said that some of the strategies being used to bring people into the County are the golf courses and the Sports Complex, etc. He then said that staff was moving forward and are developing new material to help them use those stats to their benefit.

◆ **Education**

Chairman Thomas stated that he just wanted to give the Board some rough numbers. He said he met with the Chairman of the School Board last week and they have reduced their budget request by \$2.5 million dollars and are looking at \$2.4 million in new funds. Chairman Thomas said that they have received \$2 million from the State. He then said that the School Board did announce that the 5<sup>th</sup> graders were in the new school and that people were happy and loved the school.

Supervisor Rozell said that he just wanted to point out that Board members are liaisons with these departments and just as it says in the summary, they have areas of responsibilities. He said that they need more guidelines and ultimately they all have areas of responsibility. Supervisor Rozell said that he did not want to be taken wrong; however, he did feel that the summary of responsibilities was a little strong.

Chairman Thomas responded that in the past, this was something that he wanted to do as Chairman. He explained that in the past, for example, Supervisor Acors may want to pay particular attention to finance and he too, wanted to pay attention to finance and then maybe another supervisor wanted to pay attention, so three of them were looking at finance and not looking at other areas specifically. Chairman Thomas said this way, they are looking at more areas and, of course, it was nothing formal. He said that if they want to formalize it later, they can, but for now it is serving the purpose.

5. **APPOINTMENTS**

◆ **Recreation Advisory Committee (Mattaponi District)**

*Supervisor Rozell moved and Supervisor Acors seconded to appoint David Ware, Jr., as the Mattaponi District representative to the Recreation Advisory Committee for a term beginning immediately and expiring June 30, 2009.*

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Yea</i>
	<i>Sili</i>	<i>Yea</i>
	<i>Rozell</i>	<i>Yea</i>
	<i>Acors</i>	<i>Yea</i>
	<i>Popowicz</i>	<i>Yea</i>

◆ **Caroline Indoor Plumbing and Rehabilitation (IPR) Board**

This appointment was deferred.

◆ **Social Services Board (Bowling Green and Madison Districts)**

These appointments were deferred.

◆ **Bay Consortium Workforce Investment Board**

Supervisor Rozell stated that at the last meeting of the George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC), there was concern about reports coming back to Planning District 16 and letting the District 16 people know what was going on within the organization. He said GWRC spoke to that and said they were going to try to do a better job.

*Supervisor Acors moved and Supervisor Sili seconded to re-appoint Pam Viera as the County's representative to the Bay Consortium Workforce Investment Board for a term beginning July 1, 2008 and expiring June 30, 2012.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Sili</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Rozell</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Acors</i>	<i>Yea</i>
<i>Popowicz</i>	<i>Yea</i>

Chairman Thomas stated that he has asked Board members to be aware and think about appointments for the Museum Exploratory Committee for the next meeting.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Supervisor Acors moved and Supervisor Popowicz seconded to approve the following Consent Agenda items:*

**A) Approval of Minutes**

*Action Taken: Approval of the minutes from the April 8, 2008 and April 15, 2008 Board of Supervisors meetings.*

**B) Approval of Warrants**

*Action Taken: Approval of the following warrants:*

<i>General Funds</i>	<i>\$327,180.00</i>
<i>Social Services</i>	<i>31.58</i>
<i>Consumer Utility Tax 911</i>	<i>6,274.70</i>
<i>Law Library</i>	<i>119.62</i>
<i>Tourism</i>	<i>25.00</i>
<i>Capital Improvements Fund</i>	<i>123,515.25</i>
<i>School Projects</i>	<i>1,250.00</i>
<i>Utility Construction Fund</i>	<i>30,612.97</i>
<i>Debt Retirement</i>	<i>18,899.17</i>
<i>Milford Sanitary</i>	<i>1,123.83</i>
<i>Carmel Church Utilities</i>	<i>108,478.50</i>
<i>Dawn Sewer</i>	<i><u>963.86</u></i>

TOTAL

\$618,474.48

**C) Approval of Visitor Center Change Orders #25 and #26**

**Action Taken:** Approval of Change Order #25 in the amount of \$834.71 and Change Order #26 in the amount of \$2,171.90 for the Visitor Center. Change Order #25 is to provide grills for two vents in the public area of the visitor center and Change Order #26 is to add structural reinforcement to the tower section of the building. Both change orders are the responsibility of the architect.

**D) Approval of Visitor Center Payment Request #14**

**Action Taken:** Approval of Payment Request #14 from Daniel & Company in the amount of \$153,972.55 for work completed on the Visitors Center.

**E) Request for Utility Bill Reduction Due to Extenuating Circumstances**

**Action Taken:** Approval of a reduction in a water and sewer bill for February 2008 from \$528.68 to \$264.34 and March 2008 from \$290.48 to \$145.24 (50% reductions) for Vivian Mulholland.

**F) Administrative Permit - ADMIN-01-2008 - (Ladysmith Village)**

**Action Taken:** Approval of a festival permit for Ladysmith Village subject to the conditions recommended by the Planning Department.

**G) Adoption of a Resolution Declaring the Week of May 18-24, 2008 as Emergency medical Services Week in Caroline County**

**Action Taken:** Adoption of the following resolution:

**R12/08**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 18-24, 2008  
AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK IN THE  
COUNTY OF CAROLINE**

**WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service in Caroline County; and**

**WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services agencies are ready to provide life saving care persons 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and**

*WHEREAS, these workers, through their dedicated service, have safeguarded the health and safety of our citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, EMS responders work devotedly on behalf of the residents of Caroline County; and*

*WHEREAS, emergency medical responders consist of fire fighters, first responders, physicians, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance and emergency room personnel; and*

*WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and*

*WHEREAS, approximately two-thirds of all emergency medical services providers in the United States are volunteer; and*

*WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and contributions made by persons who make up the emergency medical services system.*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Caroline County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize May 18-24, 2008 as Emergency Medical Services Week to officially acknowledge contributions made by the emergency medical services personnel serving the citizens of Caroline County.*

*Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2008.*

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Thomas</b>	<b>Yea</b>
	<b>Sili</b>	<b>Yea</b>
	<b>Rozell</b>	<b>Yea</b>
	<b>Acors</b>	<b>Yea</b>
	<b>Popowicz</b>	<b>Yea</b>

**7. INFORMATIONAL/CALENDAR ITEMS**

**◆ Use of Ladysmith Elementary School for Summer Camp Program**

Chairman Thomas stated that Parks and Recreation would like to use the Ladysmith Elementary School for the Summer Camp/Playground Program and the School Board has agreed.

Mr. Ashcraft said that it would also include any event sponsored through the County, such as ballet, Karate, etc. He said the County is responsible for half of the utilities and that is estimated to be between \$5,000 and \$10,000 for the entire summer. Mr. Ashcraft said that they would be primarily using the gym, cafeteria, and a few classrooms, but not the whole building.

Supervisor Sili stated that he believed that the classrooms were controlled by zones and he did not think it would be fair to pay for cooling the entire building when it isn't necessary.

Mr. Ashcraft responded that he would look into that.

Supervisor Acors said that he did not know if they have much of a choice because the Summer Playground Program is always well attended and there is always a waiting list. He said that it appears that last year, the Karate Program could not be held because they closed the school and this will assist with that issue. Supervisor Acors said that he believes they need to open this to the citizens and they may be able to go back and negotiate with the school system.

Chairman Thomas responded that they should set their expectation on the fact that they might have to pay the entire cost.

Supervisor Acors responded yes, but again, that program more than pays for itself.

Chairman Thomas asked if they needed a motion or was this just for information or the budget.

Mr. Ashcraft responded that it was for information purposes for the Public Works Department because the electric bill would be paid from that budget.

Chairman Thomas directed Mr. Howard to schedule around this in order to get the most use of the building.

Supervisor Acors said in reference to the School System, he and Supervisor Rozell were talking earlier and both believed that the Board needs to request that the School Board provide a Comprehensive Plan on what they are planning to do with that building pretty quickly.

Chairman Thomas responded that the building was originally going to be used for an alternative education facility; however, funds were not included in the School Board's budget for that. He said the School Board was supposed to meet yesterday and he asked staff to follow up on this issue.

Mr. Ashcraft suggested the possibility of the School Board giving the building to the County.

Chairman Thomas said that the Board needed to find out the results of the School Board meeting. He said that he believed that one reason the Community Services Center cost so much to renovate was because it had set dormant for so long. He said he did not want to see that happen with the Ladysmith Elementary School building.

*\*The Board took a break at approximately 7:00 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.*

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Emily James, of the Bowling Green District and a senior at Caroline High School, India Jackson, of the Bowling Green District and a senior at Caroline High School, and Kiersten, of the Madison District and also a Senior at Caroline High School, stated that they wanted to address the Board. Miss James said that they were members of the Varsity Softball Team and they would like the Board of Supervisors to consider providing lights for the softball players. She said that even though they are seniors and will be graduating this year, they would like the Board to provide lights for those players that come after them.

McKenzie Burrell, of the Reedy Church District and Caroline French, Port Royal District, members of the Field Hockey Team. Miss Burrell said that the field behind Bowling Green Elementary School does not adequately meet their needs and there is another softball field that would make it better. She said she would like the Board to consider moving the field behind the Varsity Softball Field.

Mr. Tim Watson, of the Port Royal District, stated that he would like to point out two things. He said one is the proposed lease for office space for the Virginia Cooperative Extension Office. Mr. Watson said that if it were moved to the Meadow, it would be a block away from the Hanover County border and that people from Port Royal would spend 35 minutes getting there, someone from Woodford would spend 27 minutes getting there, someone from Sparta would spend 27 minutes getting there, etc. He said moving the Virginia Cooperative Extension Office, in fact, would make it closer to the County Seat of Hanover in Ashland. Mr. Watson said that it would affect kids going to the 4-H Club and it would also affect the Smart Choice Program. He said the details have not yet been worked out with the State Fair, however, the cost to make the building ADA compliant would be \$30,000 to \$40,000. Mr. Watson said that right now, this building is ADA compliant and asked why there is a need to move closer to the Hanover County line.

Mr. Watson said that the second thing he wanted to speak about was Congressman Wittman's earmark requests. He said one of the earmarks was for a commuter rail facility in Carmel Church. Mr. Watson said that with \$800,000 requested this year, they have previously received \$500,000 from the late Joann Davis last year as well as \$100,000 grant from VRTD. He said when he asked Gary Wilson about this, he said that

he had been in contact with VRE. Mr. Watson said in a follow up e-mail, he asked: if a contact was the same as a guarantee, about the routes and why they were considering a rail station with service by Amtrak, because Amtrak ridership in Fredericksburg was down 7% last year, but was up in Virginia as a whole. He said Mr. Wilson told him that at this point, they were still studying it and he could not answer.

Mr. Watson asked if Mr. Wilson is still studying what services will be provided, why is it that they are requesting \$1.4 million for this facility. He said he guessed it was better than County employees using Wikipedia or Roam Secure for public safety issues. Mr. Watson asked why a commuter rail facility was a priority as opposed to public safety or road transportation.

There were no further public comments and Chairman Thomas declared the public comment period closed.

Chairman Thomas said in response to the young ladies asking about lights for the softball field and with regard to the field hockey request, that the Board of Supervisors will consider it, however, those types of requests need to be presented to the School Board first and then once the School Board approves them, then the Board will consider them. He said, however, since they have made the effort as citizens of the County to come before the Board and make them aware, they will give those requests all due consideration when they come before the Board again.

Chairman Thomas said that with regard to Mr. Watson's comments, he will ask staff to put together a "where we are" with the commuter rail station project and try to have that on the next Board meeting agenda. He said with regard to the moving of the Extension Office, the State Fair gave the Board reasons to move; however, maybe some of those programs do not have to move, but the Board will look into this.

## **7. INFORMATIONAL/CALENDAR ITEMS**

Mr. Ashcraft stated that the next few weeks were going to be busy. He then directed everyone's attention to the following calendar items:

- ◆ May 15<sup>th</sup> – Annual IDA Reception
- ◆ May 19<sup>th</sup> - Supervisor Acors' community meeting at Ladysmith Volunteer Fire Department
- ◆ May 20<sup>th</sup> - Garden Club Officers Installation Ceremony
- ◆ May 20<sup>th</sup> – Budget Worksession
- ◆ May 21<sup>st</sup> - Teacher of the Year Ceremony
- ◆ May 22<sup>nd</sup> - EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Week Picnic at Farmer Park
- ◆ May 26<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day Celebration on the Courthouse Lawn
- ◆ May 30<sup>th</sup> - Relay For Life at Caroline High School

Chairman Thomas stated that Supervisor Acors has spoken before at the Relay for Life event, as a survivor, and he will be there with him this year.

**CLOSING BOARD COMMENTS**

There were no closing Board comments.

**CLOSED MEETING**

*Supervisor Popowicz moved and Supervisor Acors seconded to enter into Close Session under Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7): Consultation with Legal Counsel and Briefings by Staff; Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1): Personnel; and Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3): Acquisition of Real Property for Public Purpose or the Disposition of Government Owned Property Where Public Discussion Would Jeopardize the County's Bargaining or Negotiating Position.*

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Thomas</b>	<b>Yea</b>
	<b>Sili</b>	<b>Yea</b>
	<b>Rozell</b>	<b>Yea</b>
	<b>Acors</b>	<b>Yea</b>
	<b>Popowicz</b>	<b>Yea</b>

The Board returned to regular session and adopted the following certification:

*Supervisor Acors moved and Supervisor Sili seconded that the Caroline County Board of Supervisors certify that to the best of each Board member's knowledge:*

- (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open session requirements by Virginia law were discussed in closed session to which this certification applies; and*
- (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.*

<b>Certification by Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Thomas</b>	<b>Yea</b>
	<b>Sili</b>	<b>Yea</b>
	<b>Rozell</b>	<b>Yea</b>
	<b>Acors</b>	<b>Yea</b>
	<b>Popowicz</b>	<b>Yea</b>

**ACTIONS RESULTING FROM CLOSED MEETING**

There were no actions from the closed meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Supervisor Sili moved and Supervisor Acors seconded to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. for a budget worksession.*

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Thomas</b>	<b>Yea</b>
	<b>Sili</b>	<b>Yea</b>
	<b>Rozell</b>	<b>Yea</b>
	<b>Acors</b>	<b>Yea</b>
	<b>Popowicz</b>	<b>Yea</b>

  
CLERK TO THE BOARD

  
CHAIRMAN