

**WEST POINT TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2013**

I. Call to Order

The Honorable James H. Hudson III, called the Special Called meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on December 5, 2013, at Town Hall, 329 6th Street, West Point, Virginia.

Members Present: James H. Hudson, III; Deborah Ball, Vice-Mayor; Christopher Vincent; Tina Gulley; Paul Kelly; Jack Lawson; O. B. (Bub) Shreaves; and Wayne Healy.

Also Present: John B. Edwards, Jr., Town Manager; Andrea Erard, Town Attorney; Charlotte Scanlan, Administrative Assistant; T. C. Moore, Treasurer; Sergeant Lisa Woodson; Master Police Officer Eric Mitchell and other interested persons.

II. Consideration of Draft Legislation and Agreement with King William County

Mayor Hudson stated that the King William Board of Supervisors had met the previous night, December 4, 2013, and had voted to approve both the Draft Legislation and the Memorandum of Agreement with the Town. Mayor Hudson reviewed the two documents, saying the Legislation establishes a special tax district for King William County for the operation of the County School Division and indicates that, the Special Tax District will remain until the Town of West Point ceases to operate a separate school division. It also indicates that the taxes levied and collected by the County, other than those levied and collected for the support of the County School System, shall be uniform in all districts in the County.

Mayor Hudson went on to say that this legislations allows a split levy for such a period time to be as long as the Town of West Point operates its own School System.

Mayor Hudson also explained that the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town and King William County acknowledges that certain non-school expenditures by the Town reduced to some extent, the cost of governmental services provided by the County. He went on to say that what this agreement does is, to establish the amount of money that the County owes the Town based on the fact that we had the uniform levy this year and paid to the County. The County, by agreement between the County and the Town, owes the Town \$3, 255,994.00 pursuant Section 22.1-114 of the Code of Virginia for FY 2014, and that is the Town's share back of the money that was paid into the General Fund this year. Mayor Hudson also said that a portion of that had already been paid by the County and the rest of it would be paid to the Town on December 15, 2013.

Furthermore, Mayor Hudson also explained that the second thing the memorandum does is to acknowledge some services that the Town provides that are beneficial to the County and its residents. Therefore the County will pay the Town the Sum of \$150,000.00 per year for a period of five years beginning on July 1, 2016. He continued by saying that after the five years, the matter will be reconsidered by the Board of Supervisors and the Town.

Mayor Hudson thanked the Town Council; Town Staff, including Mrs. Andrea Erard, Town Attorney, Mr. John Edwards, Town Manager, T.C. Moore, Treasurer; and Mr. Tom Redd, Board of Supervisor Representative for District 1 for their hard work and support while negotiating the Agreements listed above.

Mayor Hudson presented a Resolution to the Town Council for their consideration. The resolution approved the special legislation authorizing the split levy and the companion agreement between the Town and King William, which have been sent to the General Assembly. He went on to explain that assuming that the General Assembly adopts that legislation, the agreements put the split levy back in place for this upcoming year. Therefore, the County will operate and fund their School Systems; and the Town would operate and fund our own school system. Also, Services that are shared between the County and the Town will be paid for by the residents of Districts 1 through 5, which was one of the things the Town Council was aiming for.

1. Action

Mrs. Ball made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Mr. Christopher Vincent seconded. Upon Roll Call vote, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Healy, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Shreaves, and Mr. Vincent all voted "Aye".

Mr. Bub Shreaves thanked Mayor Hudson for his hard work, guidance, and support that he had provided during the negotiation process over the past months; and he also stated that we all owe him a debt of gratitude.

Mr. Vincent made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Ball seconded. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was passed.

James H. Hudson, III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Charlotte Scanlan
Administrative Assistant