

County Administrator's Update

ISLE CARES



February 23, 2018

Dear Citizens,

Budget meetings are in full swing with our County Departments and I have scheduled meetings with our volunteer Fire and Rescue Departments beginning this week. I will submit a proposed budget to the Board on April 5th. The Board will begin holding work sessions on the proposed budget in mid-April with the adoption of the budget scheduled for May 10th.

The County received an unexpected opportunity at the end of December when the Department of Juvenile Justice contacted us about their interest in locating a Youth Development Center in Isle of Wight County. The proposed 60-bed facility will create 240 jobs and will serve adjudicated youth, primarily from communities in Hampton Roads.

Currently, there are two large facilities in the Richmond area that provide these services. The proposed facility reflects a new model that will locate the facilities closer to the families of the youth.

The County has proposed locating the Youth Development Center in Phase III of the Shirley T. Holland Intermodal Park on 20 acres that will be donated to the State. We are currently waiting on the outcome of the State budget to see if this will become a reality. If we are selected, a public information session will be held in Windsor to allow citizens an opportunity to hear more about the facility and ask questions.

Sheriff Mark Marshall recently announced that his last day with the County will be February 28th and I would like to thank him for all of his assistance during the 18 months that I have been privileged to work with him. We wish him well in his new venture!

Randy R. Keaton, County Administrator
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