

County Administrator's Update

ISLE CARES



July 27, 2018

Dear Citizens,

As I reported back in February, 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 juvenile detention 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 is one large facility (Bon Air) in the Richmond area that provides 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 Center in Phase III of the Shirley T. Holland Intermodal Park on 20 acres that will be donated to the State. I am pleased to report that the State budget, which was approved in June, authorizes the Center to be built in Isle of Wight County. We are currently working with the Department of Juvenile Justice to plan several public information sessions, which will be held in Windsor to allow citizens an opportunity to hear more about the facility and ask questions.

The Board of Supervisors has authorized the creation of a Task Force to develop a plan and criteria for development of the Blackwater property. We will be seeking representatives of various groups including equestrians, boy scouts, hunters, forestry, and parks & recreation. A report is due to the Board of Supervisors by March 1, 2019.

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