

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF STAFFORD
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

MINUTES

Special Meeting

April 30, 2009

Call to Order. A special meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors was called to order by George H. Schwartz, Chairman, at 7:01 P. M., Thursday, April 30, 2009 in the Board Chambers, Stafford County Administration Center.

Roll Call. The following members were present: Cord A. Sterling; Robert “Bob” Woodson; M. S. “Joe” Brito; Harry E. Crisp, Vice Chairman; Mark Dudenhefer; Paul V. Milde, III and George H. Schwartz, Chairman.

Also in attendance was: Anthony Romanello, County Administrator; Joe Howard, County Attorney and Marty Beard, Chief Deputy Clerk.

Legislative; Express the Stafford Board of Supervisors’ Opposition to Transferring and Housing Terrorism Suspects from the U. S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay to Marine Corps Base Quantico. The Chairman commented.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Sean Welch, Legislative Fellow, on behalf of Congressman Robert J. Whittman, First District, Virginia, commented.

Mr. Dudenhefer motioned, seconded by Mr. Sterling, to adopt proposed Resolution R09-219 .

Discussion ensued.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (6) Brito, Crisp, Dudenhefer, Milde, Schwartz, Sterling

Nay: (1) Woodson

Resolution R09-219 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE STAFFORD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' OPPOSITION TO TRANSFERRING AND HOUSING TERRORISM SUSPECTS FROM THE U. S. NAVAL BASE IN GUANTANAMO BAY TO MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has signed an order to suspend the proceedings of the Guantanamo military commission for 120 days and directed that the detention facility which houses 240 terrorism suspects will be moved out of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, within a year; and

WHEREAS, Attorney General Eric Holder is reviewing a number of questions regarding the security and fiscal impact of a decision of where to locate these prisoners; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of this Board to ensure the safety, security, and fiscal position of this County for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, this Board firmly believes that the Marine Corps Base Quantico is not the appropriate location as it is an open base and would make the placement of such high profile and dangerous individuals at this facility a serious threat to the safety of its community; and

WHEREAS, the brig, located in Stafford County, itself is not designed to house prisoners incarcerated under these extraordinary circumstances and for this Quantico should be excluded from consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 30th day of April 2009 that the Board be and it hereby does strongly express its opposition to transferring and housing terrorism suspects from the U. S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay to the Marine Corps Base Quantico.

Adjournment. At 7:28 P.M., the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Anthony J. Romanello, ICMA-CM
County Administrator

George H. Schwartz
Chairman