

RESOLUTION 24-__

Rescinding a Motion for King William County's Withdrawal from the Pamunkey Regional Library System and Establishing a Deadline for Good Faith Negotiations Before Development of an Independent Library System

WHEREAS, the King William County Board of Supervisors further directed the County Administrator to communicate with the Board of Supervisors of Hanover and Goochland Counties that King William County intends to withdraw its membership and requests the parties to waive the peer opt out clause currently stated in the membership agreement allowing King William County to withdraw from the Pamunkey Regional Library System effective July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the King William County Board of Supervisors has worked diligently to create a dialogue with the appropriate agencies to provide professional consultation and support to gather information to operate an independent library system in King William and the Town of West Point; and

WHEREAS, the King William County Board of Supervisors has been unable to communicate in earnest and has experienced adversarial actions by the Pamunkey Regional Library staff in opposition to the County's goals while also aiding a misinformation campaign to create unneeded division; and

WHEREAS, the King William County Board of Supervisors engaged with the Library of Virginia to guide the County of King William in the establishment of an Independent Library system only to be presented that the Library of Virginia Development and Networking Division has worked in a covert manner with the Pamunkey Regional Library without County involvement as requested by staff, leaving a cloud of distrust; and

WHEREAS, the King William County Board of Supervisors remains committed to delivering sound fiscal policies in its administration of county finances while providing high quality services for the all the citizens of King William County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the King William County Board of Supervisors, this 23rd day of September 2024, rescinds a motion previously taken on July 8th, 2024, to withdraw from the Pamunkey Regional Library System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the members of the King William Board of Supervisors, will seek to negotiate commensurate terms with the Hanover County and Goochland County with a deadline of December 31st, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if good faith negotiations fail with Hanover and Goochland Counties, do hereby give the requisite two-year notice for withdrawal from the Pamunkey Regional Library System for an effective withdrawal date of January 1st, 2027, and will begin development of an independent library system on January 1st, 2025.

DONE this 23rd day of September 2024.