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August 26, 2026

New Kent County Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 150
New Kent, Virginia 23124

Re: Request to Present Proposed Code of Ethics and Include Proposal in Public Meeting Packet

Dear Chairman Stiers and Members of the New Kent County Board of Supervisors:

I respectfully request a placeholder on the agenda at the September 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting to speak on behalf of the non-profit organization Transparency 4 New Kent in order to present a proposed Code of Ethics for the Board's consideration.

With the exception of New Kent County/Charles City County Office of Children's Services Code of Ethics, the county government does not have a published Code of Ethics that establishes standards of conduct for public officials that serve New Kent County.

Every member of the Board bears the responsibility of maintaining public trust.

The Code benefits both the Board and citizens by authenticating values associated with holding public office in elected or appointed positions, thereby promoting public trust, accountability, and transparency. (It also provides a useful reference for current and future members of County boards, commissions, authorities, and other public bodies.)

With this request, please consider the following:

1. Inclusion of the attached proposed Code of Ethics and this correspondence in the public meeting packet for the Board's September 2026 meeting. This allows the Board to consider the document in an informed manner while promoting transparency regarding the proposal being brought forward for consideration.

2. If required, the Board's referral of the proposed Code of Ethics to the appropriate County staff, committee, or legal counsel for review before formal consideration or adoption.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your continued service to the citizens of New Kent County. I appreciate the opportunity to present the proposal and answer any questions the Board may have.

Respectfully,

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Attachment: Proposed Code of Ethics for New Kent County