

Recess

By consensus, the Chair declared the Board in recess for five (5) minutes.

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting back to order.

FY2011 Annual Fiscal Plan (Operating & Capital Budget)

County Administrator Steven B. Miner and Finance Director Michael T. Mason discussed with the Board the following proposed items related to the FY2011 budget:

1. Estimated beginning undesignated fund balance as of July 1, 2010
2. General fund base budget deficit before adjustment
3. Revenue adjustments
4. Expenditure adjustments

Following a brief discussion the Board took the following actions:

REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS

a. Increase vehicle license fee from \$27 to \$33 (last increased FY04)

Mr. McCaleb made a motion to increase the vehicle license fee from \$27 to \$33. Mr. Mallette seconded the motion. Ayes; Mr. Chesser, Mr. Mallette, Mrs. Thornton, Mr. McCaleb. Nays: Mr. Wolff, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Mears, Mrs. Gordy, Mr. Hart.

b. Increase Land Use application fee from \$25 to \$150

Mrs. Thornton made a motion to increase the land use application fee from \$25 to \$150. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS (non personnel related)

Tipping Fee Rebates

Mr. Mallette made a motion to eliminate the tipping fee rebates to towns by 135,993. Mr. Chesser seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Wolff, Mr. Chesser, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Mears, Mr. Mallette, Mrs. Gordy, Mr. Hart, Mr. McCaleb. Nays: Mrs. Thornton.

Airport Capital Grant Match

Mr. Mallette made a motion to reduce the Airport capital grant match contribution by 50% (\$10,308). Mr. Chesser seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Eastern Shore Community College

Mr. Hart made a motion to leave in the \$41,028 contribution to the Eastern Shore Community College. Mrs. Thornton seconded the motion.

Mr. Wolff made stated he would amend the motion to cut the amount by half (\$20,514). Mrs. Mears seconded the amendment. Mr. Hart did not accept the amendment.

The vote on the amendment: Ayes: Mr. Wolff, Mrs. Mears, Mr. Mallette, Mr. McCaleb. Nays: Mrs. Thornton, Mr. Chesser, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Gordy, Mr. Hart.

The vote on the main motion: Ayes: Mrs. Thornton, Mr. Chesser, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Gordy, Mr. Hart. Nays: Mr. Wolff, Mrs. Mears, Mr. Mallette, Mr. McCaleb.

General Fund Contribution to Fire & Rescue Companies

Mr. Hart made a motion to leave in the general fund contribution to fire and rescue companies. Mrs. Thornton seconded the motion.

A discussion ensued.

The vote on the motion: Ayes: Mrs. Thornton, Mrs. Gordy, Mr. Hart. Nays: Mr. Wolff, Mr. Chesser, Mr. Gray, Mrs. Mears, Mr. Mallette, Mr. McCaleb.

Mr. Chesser made a motion to cut the general fund contribution to fire and rescue companies by 25% (\$65,000). Mrs. Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Social Services Board

Mr. McCaleb made a motion to reduce the local contribution to the Social Services Board by 5% (\$34,137). Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Health Families Grant

Mr. Wolff made a motion to eliminate the local share contribution to the Health Families Grant (\$17,000-state funds eliminated). Mr. Mallette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Convenience Center

Mrs. Thornton made a motion to defer construction of the next Convenience Center/pay down debt (\$22,510/\$69,000). Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Airport Hours of Operation

Mr. Mallette made a motion to reduce the Airport hours of operation by one-hour per day (\$5,000). Mrs. Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vacant Position-Commissioner of the Revenue Office

Mr. Mallette made a motion to eliminate the vacant position in the Commissioner of the Revenue's office (\$18,000). Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Website Design (Capital Funds)

Mr. Mallette made a motion to eliminate Website design funding (Capital - \$22,000). Mrs. Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion continued concerning various budgetary issues, i.e., one-cent tax increase on debt service, advertising time, tax rate for solar panel equipment, personnel cuts, etc. with Mr. Miner and Mr. Mason responding to questions.

Mr. Mallette made a motion to have a complete budget prepared and to advertise on March 17, 2010. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion.

Discussions continued.

The motion, as stated, passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Wolff made a motion to adjourn to March 3, 2010, at 5:00PM. Mrs. Mears seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:30PM.

Chair