

VIRGINIA: At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Accomack held in the Board Chambers in Accomac on the 28th day of February, A.D., 2013, at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Donald L. Hart, Jr., Chair
Wanda J. Thornton
Ron S. Wolff
Grayson Chesser
John Charles "Jack" Gray, Vice Chair
Kay W. Lewis
Robert D. Crockett
Laura Belle Gordy
C. Reneta Major

Others Present: Michael T. Mason, Director of Finance
Shelia Goodman, Administrative Assistant
Mark B. Taylor, County Attorney

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair and opened with a prayer by the Mrs. Thornton, after which the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss additional funding requests from department and agencies.

New Business

Chairman Hart announced County Administrator Steve Miner had passed his dissertation and is now Dr. Miner.

Budget Presentation from Accomack County School Board

Dr. Benson gave a brief presentation on the School Board's funding request. He told the Board. He pointed out they had tried to align everything they were asking for was the way they had allocated their resources in support of their new values, vision, mission and goals as well as their 2013-14 adopted budget goals including: aligning their compensation model with their cohort group, realigning support for professional development strategies already identified to support the implementation of a challenging curriculum and the delivery of instruction that provides authentic connections to engage students, and improving workforce and college readiness through increased focus on their implementation of challenging curriculum and delivery of instruction that provides authentic connections to engage students.

Dr. Benson told the Board the School Board had made efforts to develop a balance funding request through the use of carry-forward funds and salary lapse and funding for identified needs in their request exceeds projected revenue by approximately \$472,668. He stated a combination of reductions and support for additional revenue from the Board of Supervisors will be needed to align projected expenses with revenue.

Dr. Benson responded to questions from the Board.

Request for Additional Funding

Department of Public Works

Public Works Director Stewart Hall showed a short video clip on the operation of a litter vacuum truck and responded to questions.

Sheriff's Department

Mr. Crockett told the Board that Sheriff Todd Godwin could not make the meeting, but wanted him to share concerns he had with the renovation of the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Crockett said the Sheriff's Office was in desperate need of more space and it was a major need. Mr. Crockett said he felt it needed to be in this budget and not wait for the future space needs. Mrs. Thornton offered comments on the critical need and said it was ridiculous what the Sheriff's Department had to operate under, and that the Board will have to find the money.

Mr. Crockett made a motion to instruct Mr. Mason to bring back to the Board a way to pay for the renovation of the Sheriff's Department. Mrs. Thornton seconded the motion. A discussion ensued. The motion was unanimously approved.

Parks and Recreation Department

Parks and Recreation Manager Wayne Burton explained the part-time Recreational Sports Coordinator position and requested an additional \$5335 increase. Mr. Burton responded to questions from the Board.

Mrs. Gordy commented on the article that was on the front page of the Eastern Shore News concerning the tennis court at Nandua and the cost of \$11,000 to \$50,000 to repair the tennis court; explained the difference in the repair cost and stated he could get the cracks replaced for approximately \$1100.

Planning and Community Development

Rich Morrison, Director of Planning and Community Development, responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Morrison told the Board he did not request another Erosion and Sediment Control position in this budget because he is hopeful the County would get a one year extension from the State to address storm water issues.

Accomack County Airport

Airport Manager Barbara Haxter explained she had asked for an additional \$1500 for General Liability Coverage on a surplus vehicle for pilots. Ms. Haxter responded to questions on jet fuel. Mike Mason told the Board the profit from the jet fuel was being used to fund the Airport.

Ms. Haxter brought to the attention of the Board items that were not recommended in the budget. She explained the Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) was a safety issue and explained the cost of replacing it would be \$120,000 but to upgrade it the cost would be \$13,280.

Mrs. Thornton made a motion to add \$13, 280 in the budget for the upgrade of the AWOS because of the safety issue. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Update from General Assembly

Finance Director Michael T. Mason told the Board there were three additional people that were not present that had requests and they would need to appear. He told them Carol Vincent from the Eastern Shore Public Library, Jeff Flournoy from the 9-1-1 Commission, and Star Transit would need to be heard from.

Mr. Mason said he was pleased to announce that it looked as though money would be added back into the budget based on some General Assembly actions. He stated the General Assembly approved the elimination of Aid to the Commonwealth Funding that would put \$167,000 back into the budget for FY14.

Mr. Mason referenced the 3% increase for State employees, and said if County employees would receive a 3% increase; an additional \$66,000 would have to be put in the budget. He responded to questions.

Next Budget Meeting Date

It was the consensus of the Board to meet on March 6, 2013 from 4:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. in the Board Chambers.

Department of Public Safety

Mr. Crockett addressed the request for six additional EMT's and how it would affect the tax rate funding issue. He explained the Consolidated EMS Fund issue. He continued by saying if the Board were to approve the six positions that were requested (2 to Bloxom, 2 to Parksley, and 2 to Onancock) the Board would not only have to address the issue but to address it this year and would probably have to increase EMS Taxes by 2 1/2 cents.

A discussion ensued concerning District Funds. Chairman Hart asked Mr. Mason to work up figures to show what the outcome would be if a penny increase would be added.

Mrs. Thornton asked the Board be provided with number of how many runs per station each company makes.

Mr. Terwilliger told the Board there were alternatives for staffing of units; staff with volunteers, paid on call program, have a process in place, looking to expand a part-time program or a PRN as needed program based upon the staffing, and progressing to full time equivalent which would be the most expensive way. The Board asked Mr. Terwilliger to put that information in writing for them. Mr. Crockett asked Mr. Terwilliger to provide the rest of the Board members the same information he had provided him. Mr. Terwilliger responded to questions.

IT Department

Mr. Mason told the Board there were three proposals for the IT Department:

- 1) \$76,000 for replacement of Windows XP machines for the Sheriff Department. He told the Board once Microsoft stopped supporting the XP which would be April 2014 they would all become a security risk,
- 2) New Website needs support agreement, and
- 3) \$5,000 operating money

Mike Mason stated when Mr. Miner proposed the budget it was totally balanced, but since that point the following had happened: Elimination of the Aid to Locality Commonwealth Funding, (\$167,000 goes back in the budget), \$80,000 to increase the County employees to 1% salary increase and Constitutional Officers (but County gets \$33,000 back in State matching funds). He continued and told the Board the net would be over \$40,000. Mr. Mason told the Board none of the three items was in the budget, but if they were to place them in the budget, the County would have a surplus of \$120,842 in operational funds to work with.

Adjournment

Ms. Major made a motion to adjourn to March 6, 2013 at 4:00p.m in the Board Chambers for a Budget Work Session. Mr. Crockett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:00p.m.

Donald L. Hart, Jr., Chair

Date