

VIRGINIA: At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Accomack held in the Board Chambers in Accomac on the 11th day of March, A.D., 2013, at 5:00 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: Steven B. Miner, County Administrator
Shelia Goodman, Administrative Assistant
Mike Mason, Director of Finance

Call to Order

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

Storm Debris Tipping Fee

Mrs. Thornton made a motion to alleviate the tipping fee for the storm debris from the storm last week until April 30, 2013. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2013/2014 Budget Discussion

Mike Mason, Finance Director gave a recap on some decisions with funding the Board made at a previous meeting. He told the Board the operating balance was \$120,842 and all the capital funds had been tentatively appropriated. He continued and stated an action was taken at that meeting 1) a motion was made to put the Airport AWOS System into the Budget and this made a \$13,000 shortage in the capital column.

Mr. Mason told the Board if they approved the salary increase that was proposed it would have an August 1 effective date not a July 1 date and that would give an \$11,000 addition in the budget for only one month. Mr. Mason informed the Board they have \$132,000 in operating funds and have a \$13,000 deficit and that all increases proposed were included in the work sheet.

Mr. Crockett stated he had been conversing with ESCADV trying to obtain more information. He continued and said he wanted to get a base line for the budget to compare from last year to what they anticipated this year and the reason why they had increased in expenditures by 37%. Mr. Crockett passed out information to the Board

concerning the domestic violence budget separating capital improvements and operating expenses and stated they had anticipated revenue of \$151,000 and grant applications for \$11,295. He told the Board on the revenue side he was able to determine a more accurate figure of \$163,000 and on the expenditure side it would be \$184,000.

Mr. Crockett spoke on the issue and funding of 2/3 – 1/3 Accomack County portion being \$10,000 and Northampton County being \$5,000.

Mrs. Thornton gave background information on the Convenience Center on Chincoteague. She told the Board it was approximately a quarter of an acre and asked the Board members to go and visit the location if they have not already done so. Mrs. Thornton explained in detail the problem with the trash and feels it was not fair. She told the Board Mr. Hall thought for \$75,000 he could expand the area and put two more compactors there. Mrs. Thornton stated that would elevate the problem. Mrs. Thornton also told the Board she had been researching the Transient Occupancy Taxes and how much money had been collected and felt the \$75,000 could be found in the budget to fix the problem on Chincoteague concerning the trash issue.

Mr. Mason told the Board his revenue estimates were usually conservative and stated they were only 2% off last year and the increase that was being seen in Transient Occupancy Tax was because the Board increased the mainland's Transient Occupancy Tax from 2% to 5%. He continued and said for 2012 the collections were \$501,000 for the year and the budget for 2014 is \$498,000.

Mr. Miner pointed out when revenues are calculated a factor is applied and the formula is used to fund schools. A discussion ensued.

A general discussion took place with Mr. Mason responding to questions.

Ms. Lewis discussed the 24/7 full -time EMT person for Bloxom Volunteer Fire Company. Mr. Gray stated he is supportive of 24-hour coverage as well for Bloxom Volunteer Fire Company. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Wolff told the Board the new Director of Public Safety should be given a chance to look at the system as a whole and come up with a solution that would be most beneficial to all the citizens in the County.

Mr. Crockett stated he would like Jeff Terwilliger, Director of Public Safety to attend a meeting and explain to the Board if Bloxom was given an extra position what benefits would we get. Mr. Crockett felt Mr. Terwilliger should study the issue and make

his recommendations, and then the Board base their decisions on the numbers and facts. Mr. Crockett continued and stated the ultimate goal is to provide the best possible services and this is done by numbers and facts.

Additions to Budget for Working Purposes

Mr. Crockett stated he would like \$20,000 added to the schools to help with salary alignment.

Chairman Hart stated to take the \$92,000 and get rid of the negative under capital and said by doing this it would show a balanced budget before the Board starting voting and said it now shows \$17,639 additional operating.

Mr. Wolff made a motion to approve the budget up to Public Works (from line 1 to line 35) Mrs. Lewis seconded the motion. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Wolff amended the motion to include the entire budget. Mrs. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed 8 – 1. Mrs. Gordy voted no.

Mr. Mason reviewed the following items that had been included in the base budget adjustments:

Estimated Beginning Undesignated Fund Balance 7/1/2013

\$1,677,357 (Undesignated fund balance used for capital)
\$6,860,389 (Rainy Day Fund)

FY14 Proposed Revenue & Other Sources Budget

- \$35,858,749 (Operating Funds)

FY14 Bases Budget before Any Increases

- (\$37,077,723) (Operating funds)

Balance Available for FY14 Needs

- \$781,026 (Operating Funds)
- \$1,677,357 (Undesignated fund balance used for Capital)
- \$6,860,389 Rainy Day Fund

Base Budget Adjustments

Current Year Rainy Day/Stabilization Fund Contribution

- (\$771,729) Undesignated fund balance used for Capital
- \$771,729 Rainy Day Fund

Salary Increase for all County and State Supported Local Positions

- (\$185,496) Operating Funds
2% (funded by repurposing bonus allotment in operating budget)
Can be a COLA or Performance Increase
No State Share anticipated but possible per State Budget
Constitutional Officer Performance Agreements
- (\$86,914) – (9.9%) employer share of health insurance increase (Operating funds)
- (\$9,000) additional fund for Recreational Park Operating Expenses (Operating funds)
- (\$22,000) Wallops Research Park when it comes online (Operating funds)
- (\$8,462) LODA Increase Insurance (Operating funds)

- \$7,632,118 Rainy Day Fund
One time FTE for consolidated EMS Fund

Set Public Hearing Date

Ms. Major made a motion to send the proposed budget for advertisement on March 16, 2013 and have a Public Hearing on the budget on March 25, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at Metompkin Elementary School. Mr. Crockett seconded the motion. A discussion ensued. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Crockett made a motion to direct the Director of Public Safety to conduct an analysis and gather information and reason behind numbers concerning paid EMTs and bring back to the Board as soon as possible and the Board will base its decision upon same. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

Mr. Wolff made a motion to adjourn the Board of Supervisors meeting. Mrs. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Donald L. Hart, Jr., Chair

Date