

VIRGINIA: At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the
County of Accomack held in the Board of Supervisors
Chambers in Accomac, Virginia on the 25th day of February,
A.D., 2015.

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

Others Present: Steven B. Miner, County Administrator
Mark B. Taylor, County Attorney
Michael Mason, Finance Director
Shelia West, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

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

E911 Commission Funding Request

Jeff Flournoy, 911 Center Director, explained his request for \$25,333 additional funding for expenses needed for additional grounding at the facility, additional radio communications, and additional part-time staffing on the dispatch floor and responded to questions.

State Budget Update

Finance Director Michael Mason informed the Board a tentative deal was reached by State Conferees this week and key items included in the budget deal that would impact the County Budget were:

- Elimination of aid to locality reductions (+\$87,385). He said if this were adopted, that amount of money could be added back into the budget,
- State share of salary increases, contingent upon sufficient State Revenues, comprised of 2% salary increase for State supported local employees, which were contingent on revenues and be effective 9/1/2015. (+\$75,000),
- 4.63% increase in entry level deputy sheriff salaries, effective 9/1/2015, contingent on revenues (-\$3,000),
- 1.5% salary increase for teachers contingent on revenues,
- Lowers teacher retirement contribution rate by providing one-time funding to VRS teacher pension plan to offset unfunded liabilities (14.5% to 14.06%),
- Voting equipment mandate changes removes authorization for the Department of Elections to establish and administer a program to replace existing voting equipment and eliminates any associated locality reimbursements (are not mandated). He noted that County machines were 15 years old and many were currently out of service and would have to start being replaced whether there was a mandate or not, and
- Department of Human Resources Management (DHRM) authorized to conduct a comprehensive review at public employee health programs, with finding and

recommendations to be delivered by 10/1/2015, and would impact whether localities would be allowed to join state employee health insurance plan.

Tax Rate Impact of Proposed New Initiatives Funded by the Consolidated EMS Fund (per discussion from last meeting)

Mr. Mason told the Board he had been asked by them to provide an analysis of how some of the initiatives associated with the Consolidated EMS Fund would impact the tax rate and responded to questions.

A lengthy discussion ensued concerning lack of full-time EMT and fire services south of Melfa, and Accomack County's dependence on Exmore/Northampton County for EMS services which needed to be addressed.

Date and Time to Receive the School Board Budget Request

Mr. Hart made a motion to receive the School Board budget request on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, at 5:00p.m. in the Board Chambers. Mr. Crockett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Changes to County Administrator's Proposed Budget

The following are changes that were added back in the proposed budget:

- Aid to locality money (\$87,385),
- Network vulnerability scan software (\$1,500),
- S.P.C.A. - \$5,000,
- Assist the existing library with the roof replacement (\$5,000),
- Part-Time Employee to Full-Time Employment (\$10,371),
- Capital Side on softball field for Tangier (\$15,000),

Mr. Crockett made a motion to convert the part-time EMT position on Tangier to a full-time position and to fund it in the FY16 Budget. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. (\$40,000)

- Eastern Shore Coalition Against Domestic Violence (\$5,000),
- Upon Mr. Miner's request, the Board agreed to add back in the budget the entire \$75,000 for the Compensation Alignment.

Eastern Shore Community Policy & Management Team for At-Risk Youth and Families

Mrs. Gordy made a motion to appoint Linda Taylor to the Eastern Shore Community Policy & Management Team for At-Risk Youth and Families to replace Nancy Stern who resigned. Mr. Crockett seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Hunter/Landowner Advisory Committee

The Chair asked the Board if they had a problem with someone from Northampton serving as a member on a committee or board that was not an Accomack County resident.

Ms. Major the polled the Board.

Mr. Hart – yes
Mrs. Gordy – no
Mrs. Thornton – yes

Mr. Chesser - no
Mrs. Lewis - yes
Mr. Gray - no

Mr. Crockett - no
Mr. Wolff - yes
Ms. Major - yes

It was the consensus of the Board to have Mr. Chesser contact Mr. Breuker to find out if someone from the hunt club from Accomack would serve on the Committee.

Adjournment

Mrs. Thornton made a motion to adjourn to Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

C. Reneta Major, Chair

Date