

VIRGINIA: At A Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Accomack held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers in Accomac, Virginia on the 9th 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.

Member Absent: Wanda J. Thornton

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. Hart, after which the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

County Administrator's Proposed FY16 Annual Fiscal Plan

County Administrator Dr. Steven B. Miner presented the proposed FY2016 Budget and gave a presentation to the Board. He said Finance Director Michael T. Mason would be explaining the budget in detail. Dr. Miner thanked Mr. Mason and his staff for the great job they had done.

He informed the Board that 41% of the County's proposed budget was earmarked for education; 12.1% for debt service, 8.3% for government administration; 7.8% for Public Safety, and the balance was made up of smaller pieces from 4% down to 1%. He said the operating and capital budget combined was equal and to a 1.6% increase over last year.

He gave the following breakdown:

- Budget balanced with Real Estate assessed values
- No proposed tax increases
- No Capital items for new construction – these would be based on borrowings and if and when determined, the budget may be amended
- Pay raises for all classified (non-contract) positions are included at 2.5%
- Increased funding for School Division based on Formula \$289,233 additional funds to the schools
- Rainy Day fund increased per schedule at \$795,000
- PPTRA Tax Relief percentage reduced (49% to 46%)

- Landfill tipping fee increase recommend (\$66 to \$69.50 per ton)

He offered the following recommendations:

- The removal or elimination three (3) vacant positions in the budget and explained the reasons the vacant positions were not needed:
 - An Appraiser (one vacancy was preserved to be filled as a Title Examiner) in the Assessor's Office,
 - A Zoning Permit position in the Department of Building and Zoning, and
 - A Tax Collector in the Treasurer's Office.
- That a tax increase would not be necessary;
- That the Rainy Day Fund would receive an additional \$795,000 in FY16 which would bring the amount closer to the 16.7% goal (by 2021) which was currently at 9.2 million dollars or 12.7% of revenue.
- A 2.5% wage increase for County Employees,
- An increase in the landfill tipping fee from \$66 per ton to \$69.50 per ton necessary to prepare for the construction of Cell 3 at the North Landfill in the Fiscal Year 2017 and to close Cell 2 in Fiscal Year 2018, and
- Health Insurance cost for employees and family would be increasing to 13.2% for the coming year. He said the cost per employee would be from \$98.79 per month to \$111.85 per month and the family coverage would rise from \$817.56 to \$925.66 per month.

Finance Director Michael Mason explained to the Board the layout and how to navigate through the proposed budget document.

Adjournment

Mr. Crockett made a motion to adjourn to Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Social Services Building. Mrs. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved with Mrs. Thornton absent. The meeting adjourned at 6:12p.m.

C. Reneta Major, Chair

Date