

Ms. Lewis Mrs. Gordy Ms. Major Mr. Hart

Absent: Mrs. Thornton

County Administrator Comments

County Administrator Steve Miner appeared before the Board suggesting the starting point which the Board could begin its work session and referred to pages 100 and 101 of the "Request Summary Section". Mr. Miner relinquished the floor to Finance Director Mike Mason.

Chairman Gordy told members if they should have questions or comments during the presentation, they were welcome to address them politely without having to be recognized.

Health Insurance Costs

Finance Director Mike Mason presented information regarding the health insurance costs as requested at the February 22, 2012 meeting. Mr. Mason presented three options (A-B-C) and responded to questions. A discussion ensued. Mr. Hart stated that he would like to see 100% cost of insurance paid for county employees returned because when it was reduced it was in lieu of pay increases. A discussion continued.

Mr. Mason informed members that none of the localities pay less than 60%. A discussion continued regarding the family plan and cost with Mr. Mason responding to questions.

Budget Work Session Discussion

A discussion ensued concerning the request from the Circuit Court. It was the consensus of the Board of Supervisors to discuss it when the budget starts taking action on the overall budget. Other issues that were discussed included the request for a full time EMT position on Tangier. Mr. Crockett suggested the board should consider a part time person instead of a full time person for Tangier. Mr. Hart reminded members that the southern end of the County is still not being fully covered and response to calls was being handled by Northampton County. A discussion ensued with Jason Loftus, Public Safety Director responding to questions.

The board discussed the summary of increases requested and recommended by departments and agencies and it was the consensus of the Board to go into more depth of discussion of the requests during the voting process.

It was noted that Mr. Mason would automatically tally the figures during the Board's budget deliberations.

A lengthy discussion ensued as members continued to discuss departmental and agency budget requests on a page-by-page basis. Staff was asked to contact the Registrar's office for a clear explanation of its request.

Mr. Hart asked the Board to consider replacing the funds to the A-N Planning District Commission which was based on a 1/3 – 2/3 shared funding between Northampton and Accomack County.

There was a brief discussion regarding funding for a marketing analysis, the capital improvement plan (CIP) and other issues. Staff responded to questions regarding same.

After discussion regarding concerns relating to hazardous waste and groundwater infiltration, Mr. Hart asked staff to determine how much it would cost to continue the county wide spring and fall cleaning days in order to maintain the rotation for both ends of the county.

There was a brief discussion regarding the "rainy day" stabilization fund and staff responded to questions.

There was a brief discussion regarding Star Transit operations and its fuel costs. Staff was asked to obtain information regarding same.

Public Works Director Stewart Hall spoke briefly about the central sewer system in the Onley area and the proposed cost to extend the line. He responded to questions regarding same.

Discussion continued regarding departmental budget requests.

Mr. Wolff apprised members of the report he has received from Mr. Matthews relating to Johnson Grass/Gypsy Moth program.

Fire Tax Issue Discussion

Mrs. Gordy asked staff and members to contact the Fire Stations notifying them that the Fire Tax issue would be discussed on Wednesday, March 7th at the Board of Supervisors meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Chambers and to make them aware that no one would be allowed to speak until the Public Hearing on the budget.

Next Budget Work session

Mr. Wolff made a motion to adjourn until Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Chambers and Ms. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Mrs. Thornton absent. It was the consensus of the Board to have staff contact those agencies and departments requesting funding for additional staff to appear at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Wolff made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hart seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Mrs. Thornton absent. The meeting adjourned at 7:15p.m.

Chair

Date