

VIRGINIA: County of Lee, to-wit:

At the Recessed Meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors in the Conference Room of the Lee County Courthouse on June 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. thereof.

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. D. Leonard, Chairman
Larry Mosley
Charles Slemp
Robert Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sidney Kolb

OTHERS PRESENT: Dane Poe, County Administrator

OTHERS ABSENT: Stacy Munsey, County Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

BUDGET WORKSESSION

Mr. Poe provided a timeline for budget adoption prior to July 1 including the latest public hearing date, advertising requirements and additional public hearings if a tax rate increase is being considered. He advised that he had budgeted ARPA funds expenditures in an amount equal to the additional funds to be received in the 2022-23 fiscal year. He provided general guidelines on the expenditure of ARPA funds, advised that some revenue estimates had been increased but most are the same as the previous meeting's estimates. He also advised that the revenue projection for personal property was based on the full amount of the increase in used vehicle values. He advised that the budget now has a projected deficit of approximately \$2.6 million but this could be reduced with some of the expected adjustments the Board may want to make.

Mr. Leonard asked where most of the deficit increase came from.

Mr. Poe advised that part of it was due to general price increases, high fuel costs, an increase of \$200,000 in jail costs coupled with a decrease in the jail true-up refund of about \$600,000, plus the \$200,000 request from the EDA.

Mr. Mosley asked why they needed \$200,000.

Mr. Poe advised that their annual costs are approximately \$25,000.

The funding request of Spearhead Trails was discussed regarding whether the County was receiving any benefit. There was some discussion on the possibility of providing those funds to the Town of Pennington Gap.

Mr. Mosley questioned the amount of some of the salary requests.

Mr. Leonard stated that he agreed that some employees deserved a bigger raise than others.

Mr. Poe advised that performance evaluations would require the development of a performance measurement tool.

There was a general discussion on employee salaries and how best to address the matter for the upcoming budget.

The Board directed Mr. Poe to calculate county employee raises on an average of 3% excluding Solid Waste employees.

The Board then reviewed various capital outlay requests and outside agency requests.

Sidney Kolb joined the meeting by phone at 6:18 p.m.

Mr. Leonard left the meeting at 6:35 p.m. due to a family emergency.

Mr. Kolb commented that expenditures keep rising but nothing is being done to increase revenues.

Mr. Kolb entered the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

EDA REQUEST FOR DRAW FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

Mr. Poe provided a recap of the Board's previous discussion on this matter. It was general consensus to not use the Economic Development Fund for this expense. The EDA has since met and requested the Board consider using ARPA funds to make the repairs.

It was moved by Slemph, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve funding for the EDA's Dryden building HVAC repairs quote and shipping costs to come from the County's ARPA funds. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemph, Mr. Smith

VOTING NO: Mr. Kolb

PROPOSAL TO INCREASE SELECT BUILDING PERMIT FEES

Mr. Poe advised that the Building Official has proposed an increase in certain permit fees assessed by his office due to the need to cover more of the costs involved with certain inspections. The current and proposed fees are as follows:

Solar PV Systems	Residential	Commercial
Current Fees	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00
Proposed Fees		
Up to 15KW (DC)	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00
15.1 – 100 KW (DC)	\$100.00	\$125.00
100.1 – 500 KW (DC)	\$ -	\$250.00
Over 150 KW (DC)	\$ -	\$500.00
 Plumbing		
Current Fees	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00
Proposed Fees	\$ 35.00	\$.008/sf \$45.00 min.
 Certificate of Occupancy		
Current Fees	\$ 15.00	\$ 35.00
Proposed Fees		
New Structure	\$ 15.00	\$ 35.00
Existing Structure	\$ 40.00	\$ 75.00

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Slemp, to adopt the building permit fee changes as presented. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemp, Mr. Smith

PARKING LOT PROJECT INITIAL BID

The initial bid for this project has been received and is requested to be discussed in Closed Session.

JOINT MEETING WITH TOWN OF PENNINGTON GAP

Mr. Poe advised that he had requested the Town provide some possible dates for a joint meeting. The Town Manager has now indicated that they will meet on the schedule established by the Board of Supervisors.

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule this meeting after the beginning of the new fiscal year.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Smith, to enter Closed Session pursuant to 2.2-3711 A.1., Discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body; 2.2-3711 A.8., Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel; and 2.2-3711 A.29., Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemp, Mr. Smith

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Mosley, to exit Closed Session. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemp, Mr. Smith

CERTIFICATE OF CLOSED SESSION

It was unanimously agreed as follows.

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board of Supervisors has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a Certification by this Lee County Board of Supervisors that such Closed Meeting was conducted within Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lee County Board of Supervisors hereby certified that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from Closed Meeting in which this Certification Resolution applies and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the

Motion convening the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Lee County Board of Supervisors.

ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Slemp, to advertise for a request for proposals for legal services for the County. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemp
VOTING NO: Mr. Smith

Mr. Kolb asked what the time requirement was for advertising a proposed increase in real estate.

Mr. Poe advised that the advertisement must be seven days prior to the public hearing.

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule the public hearing for the proposed budget for June 23, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Kolb, seconded by Mr. Smith, to recess to June 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slemp, Mr. Smith

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