

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 Airport Terminal Building on June 11, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. thereof.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tina Rowe, Chairman
Carl Bailey
Jason Crabtree
Larry Mosley
Charles Slempp, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Kyle Chadwell, School Board Member
Debbie Jessee, School Board Member
Mike Twigg, School Board Member
Don Williams, School Board Member
Mark Carter, School Superintendent
Denise Lambert, School Finance Officer
Dane Poe, County Administrator

OTHERS ABSENT: C. M. Callahan, Jr., County Attorney

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m.

BUDGET WORKSHOP WITH SCHOOL BOARD

Mark Carter, School Superintendent, reviewed some of the actions that had been taken to reduce their costs as much as possible and what the proposed budget included. Ms. Lambert distributed packets to the board members which included a five year expenditure history.

There were several questions regarding various line items and the historical expenditures for those items. The questions included concerns about several line items that appear to have been overspent repeatedly and where the funds came from to cover these expenses.

Mr. Williams stated he would like to answer a question posed at the previous meeting regarding whether the School Board would need additional funds again next year. He stated that consolidation was coming in the future and that if the School Board receives the funds they have requested they will be able to make the necessary changes including consolidation to prevent having to request additional funds next year. He stated if changes are made on a piecemeal basis, they will probably have to come back in future years for additional funding.

Mr. Slempp stated the goal was to address the needs for the current year and prevent the need for additional funds in future years.

There was considerable discussion about the probability of consolidation, when it might occur and how it would impact the budget situation.

Mr. Crabtree asked if the request for \$586,000.00 in additional funding had shifted downward with the additional changes that had been proposed and discussed.

Mr. Twigg stated that additional needs still existed and that if they incurred budget savings, they could use these savings to address other needs such as replacement of buses.

Mr. Crabtree stated he needed to be able to tell constituents how any additional funding to the School Board would be spent.

Mr. Twigg stated the money would not be wasted but would only be used on necessary expenses.

Mr. Chadwell stated that the School Board had made numerous cuts in their budget and they would continue to look for ways to reduce costs so that they would not have to come back to the County for additional funding in future years.

Mr. Crabtree asked when they would begin paying the debt on the Dryden Elementary School addition.

Ms. Lambert stated that interest payments had been made for several months and that regular payments on principle and interest would begin in the next fiscal year and were included in the proposed budget.

Ms. Rowe asked if the excess amount budgeted for vehicle fuels was a cushion in case prices increase.

Ms. Lambert stated she preferred the term contingency instead of a cushion. She stated when the budget was drafted that fuel prices were higher.

Ms. Rowe asked if the budget for fuel could be reduced and if prices do increase, the School Board could come back to the Board of Supervisors for a supplemental appropriation to cover the additional costs.

Ms. Jessee stated if schools are consolidated it would result in increased transportation costs.

Mr. Mosley brought up the bond reissue savings from several years ago that would provide approximately \$145,000.00 to the County. He stated the Board of Supervisors had voted to use these funds to air condition the gymnasium at Thomas Walker High School. The School Board voted to split the funds equally between the five districts. When the funds are drawn down, they must be spent within six months of receipt. Mr. Mosley requested the two boards consider this matter for future action to try and use these funds.

Ms. Rowe asked if textbook funds would be carried over to the next fiscal year.

Ms. Lambert stated that some additional books had been ordered but that there would be funds to be carried over.

Mr. Bailey asked if the School Board could reconsider their action on the bond refunding savings.

Mr. Jessee stated they would have to rescind the previous action of the School Board.

A general discussion followed concerning whether the School Board formally voted on the issue and whether the system proposed would actually do the job in the gymnasium.

The Boards continued to discuss various items in the budget with no definite conclusion on the lowest amount of funding needed to operate for the next fiscal year.

Several Board Members asked if additional funding were granted what the funds would provide.

School Board representatives stated they could not give specific items that would be provided with the additional funds.

The Chairman called a ten minute recess.

The Chairman called the meeting back to order.

The Chairman asked if there were any other budget issues that needed to be addressed.

Mr. Poe restated the proposal to include \$30,000.00 in the Commissioner of the Revenue budget for digitizing tax maps. This would be a three year project which would require this amount of funding each of the three years.

Ms. Rowe asked if this project would have to be bid.

Mr. Poe stated that there may be exemptions that would not require bidding. He also advised that the surveyor that provided the prices had surveyed many of the parcels involved and already had digital data that could be used. He stated it would be unlikely that any other vendor had this information already on file.

Mr. Poe stated he also had estimates on various employee salary increase costs and that he was meeting with the Daniel Boone Soil and Water Conservation District board on Thursday to discuss the Erosion and Sediment Control program administration.

Ms. Rowe asked what would be required for the County to accept cats at the pound.

Mr. Poe stated that state law required cats and dogs to be held in separate areas with the air circulation kept separate as well. He stated there currently was not suitable space at the pound to hold cats. He also advised that the County did not have an ordinance regarding cats.

Mr. Poe also advised that \$20,000.00 had been transferred from full time salaries to part time salaries for E-911 dispatching.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

CONSULTING FINANCIAL SERVICES RENEWAL AGREEMENT

It was moved by Ms. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Slemp, to approve the renewal of the Consulting Financial Services agreement with Hicok, Fern, Brown & Garcia in the amount of \$18,600.00. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Crabtree, Mr. Mosley, Ms. Rowe, Mr. Slemp

RUNWAY REMARKING BID AWARD

It was moved by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to award the Runway Remarketing bid to Speidel Construction, Inc. at a cost of \$19,900.00 for the Alternate 1

bid. The project will be funded 80% by the State and 20% by the County. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Crabtree, Mr. Mosley, Ms. Rowe, Mr. Slemp

AIRPORT TERMINAL GRAND OPENING CEREMONY

Mr. Mosley requested that Mr. Poe coordinate the grand opening ceremony for the Airport Terminal Building on August 2, 2012 prior to the IDA's ceremony at Constitutional Oaks Industrial Park.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Ms. Rowe, seconded by Mr. Crabtree, to enter Closed Session pursuant to Section 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. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Crabtree, Mr. Mosley, Ms. Rowe, Mr. Slemp

It was moved by Mr. Mosley, seconded by Mr. Bailey, to come out of Closed Session. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Crabtree, Mr. Mosley, Ms. Rowe, Mr. Slemp

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.

LEASH LAW CONSIDERATION

Mr. Mosley stated that he had been contacted about the County adopting a leash law. He stated he did not support this due to the enforcement issues but asked the Board to think about this issue.

Mr. Bailey stated he thought it was needed in certain areas due to the density of houses.

Mr. Slemp stated he supported a leash law in subdivisions.

Mr. Poe stated he would research what state code would allow.

HIRING OF BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL

It was moved by Mr. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Crabtree, to hire David Fee as Building Code Official at an annual salary of \$28,000.00. Mr. Fee is hired on a one year probationary period. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Crabtree

VOTING NO: Mr. Mosley

ABSTAINING: Ms. Rowe, Mr. Slemp

It was moved by Mr. Crabtree, seconded by Mr. Mosley, to adjourn the meeting. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Bailey, Mr. Crabtree, Mr. Mosley, Ms. Rowe, Mr. Slemp

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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