

VIRGINIA: County of Lee, to-wit:

At the Recessed Meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Lee County Courthouse on May 28, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. thereof.

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. D. Leonard, Chairman
Josh Flanary
Mike Kidwell
Brian Shoemaker
Roger Waddell

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dane Poe, County Administrator
Robby Wright, Assistant County Administrator

OTHERS ABSENT: Stacy Estep Munsey, County Attorney
Angie Thomas, Administrative Assistant

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:42 p.m.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Poe stated the invoice for engineering services for the Jet-A Tank at the airport has not been paid. He stated in 2021 the original estimate was for \$25,000 but with increases the current invoice is for \$30,000.

It was moved by Mr. Flanary, seconded by Mr. Leonard to approve a payment of \$30,000 to Soth Glass for engineering services at the airport. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Flanary, Mr. Kidwell, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Shoemaker, Mr. Waddell

ST. CHARLES PROPERTY TANK REMOVAL

Mr. Poe stated while doing a waterline project an underground tank was discovered at the County owned property across from St. Charles School. He stated after back and forth discussion it was determined DEQ will be responsible for the removal of the tank.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Board reviewed the expense and revenue side of the budget.

COURTROOM SECURITY

Mr. Poe stated he spoke with the judge and she requested Mr. Leonard and Mr. Shoemaker pick some dates for the committee to meet and discuss courtroom security.

COUNTY POOLS

There was a discussion about the Thomas Walker and Pennington Gap pools.

COUNTY LIBRARY USE

There was a discussion about how much the Library's in the County are used.

Mr. Poe stated he can get the information on the number of people using the library.

TOP FIVE COUNTY EXPENSES

Mr. Kidwell asked what the top five expenses were for the County.

Mr. Poe stated Lee County School System, Regional Jail, Department of Social Services, Solid Waste and Court System including Commonwealth Attorney.

ALLOCATED ARPA FUNDS FOR WATER PROJECTS

Mr. Poe gave an update on completed Water Projects with the only exception being the Western Lee Sewer Project. He has asked LENOWISCO for a meeting to resolve an issue regarding local match funding for this project.

REASSESSMENT

Mr. Poe stated the ongoing reassessment will not take effect until January 1, 2025 and will have no impact on the 2024-2025 budget.

Mr. Waddell asked when the last time taxes were raised.

Mr. Poe stated in 2008.

LAND USE TAX

There was a discussion about Land Use Tax.

LEE COUNTY TAX RATE

Mr. Kidwell stated 2008 was the highest tax rate passed in Lee County.

There was a discussion about income generated at this time.

SCHOOL BOARD AGREEMENT

Mr. Leonard stated one area money can be recouped is with an agreement with the School Board.

There was a discussion about an agreement with the School Board.

POSSIBLE BUSINESS GARBAGE PICK-UP

Mr. Waddell stated if the County hired one more employee they could offer business garbage pick-up.

POSSIBLE SAVINGS AT THE TRANSFER STATION

Mr. Kidwell asked Mr. Waddell for his recommendation on Solid Waste savings.

Mr. Waddell stated close the Transfer Station on Saturdays, close the convenience centers on Sundays and on holidays, and cut back on comp time.

Mr. Leonard recommended alternating schedules to eliminate comp time.

There was a discussion about ways to save money at the Transfer Station.

POSSIBLE GARBAGE PICK-UP AT SCHOOLS

Mr. Kidwell asked what the process and cost would be if charging the School System for garbage pick-up.

There was a discussion about the process and cost of picking up garbage at the schools.

CARRY-OVER FUNDS FROM THE SCHOOL

There was a discussion about splitting carry-over funds with the school fifty-fifty.

PHONE CARRIER FOR COURTHOUSE

Mr. Leonard stated he would like to see the phone carrier narrowed down in the courthouse.

There was a discussion about the phone carrier for the courthouse.

NEED FOR AIRPORT

Mr. Kidwell asked if the County makes any money on the airport.

Mr. Poe stated no.

Mr. Wright stated with the sewer going in on the western end of the County any potential industrial businesses will want an airport.

There was a discussion about the need for the airport.

POSSIBLE TAX-RATE INCREASE

Mr. Poe asked if the Board has any interest in raising the tax rate.

There was a discussion about possible tax rate increases.

The Board continued reviewing the budget expense and revenue line by line.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS

There was a brief discussion about the courthouse renovations.

COUNTY PHONES FOR EMPLOYEES

There was a discussion about County phones for employees.

CONVENIENCE CENTER LEASE AGREEMENTS

There was a discussion about lease agreements and possible closings of convenience centers.

It was moved by Mr. Shoemaker, seconded by Mr. Kidwell, to recess to June 4, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Flanary, Mr. Kidwell, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Shoemaker, Mr. Waddell

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