

AT A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF APRIL, NINETEEN HUNDRED EIGHTY, AT 7:30 P.M., IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY1981 PROPOSED BUDGET.

A. ROLL CALL

Jack D. Edwards, Chairman, Berkeley District  
 Abram Frink, Jr., Vice-Chairman, Roberts District  
 Stewart U. Taylor, Stonehouse District  
 Gilbert A. Bartlett, Jamestown District  
 Perry M. DePue, Powhatan District

James B. Oliver, Jr., County Administrator  
 John E. McDonald, Assistant to the Administrator  
 Frank M. Morton, III, County Attorney

B. PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED FY1981 BUDGET

Mr. Edwards gave a brief explanation of the budget process and further explained that this public hearing was for informational purposes, to hear citizens comments and provide answers to their questions.

Mr. Oliver explained how a budget is developed throughout the year. He showed charts comparing funds between Hampton, Newport News, Williamsburg, York County, and James City County in an attempt to give the Board members an idea of what is "normal" for the area, although he stressed that he was not trying to justify the County's rates by showing these comparisons.

Mr. John McDonald addressed the Board and briefly highlighted the items included in the proposed budget.

Mr. Edwards opened the public hearing.

Ms. Judith Trautman, volunteer for the James City Rescue Squad, addressed the Board, requesting the Board restore the \$30,000 funding for the Emergency Medical Services budget for two additional cardiac technicians which had been denied by County Administration. She explained that in order to provide 24-hour coverage for cardiac emergencies, a total of three cardiac technicians would be necessary to cover the three shifts in a day, but only one technician had been approved in the proposed budget.

Mrs. Eula Radcliffe of 2533 Pocahantas Trail spoke regarding the request made at the pre-budget hearing held in January for a Senior Citizen/Pre-School Center and requested the Board reconsider the \$100,000 request for this purpose.

Mr. Ernest Wallace of 106 Jackson Street also supported the \$100,000 request for the Senior Citizen/Pre-School Center and asked the Board to reconsider the matter.

Ms. Bobbye B. Alexander, President of the Williamsburg-James City County Education Association, spoke in reference to the proposed increase in salaries for teachers in the Williamsburg/James City County school system in the FY1981 School Board Budget and pointed out that many teachers are leaving the system due to the low salaries being paid. She explained that it was very important to retain teachers with the experience and requested the Board to honor the School Board's budget request in order to fully fund the cost-of-living increase.

Mr. Bill Brown of 116 Wake Robin Road and representative of the County Republican Committee spoke in opposition of the Capital Budget and cited ways he felt the current real property tax rate could be reduced. He stated that if a zero-based approach were taken rather than beginning with revenue available, the budget could be drastically reduced.

Mr. Harold Poulsen of 105 Deerspring Road spoke regarding the budget of the School Board, and suggested that in future years, the Board of Supervisors submit a list of priorities to the School Board of projects which would be funded outside the School Board budget so that the School Board could prioritize these projects prior to their budget process; thus giving the Board of Supervisors ample time to review these projects during their budget worksessions.

Mr. Edwards asked Mr. Poulsen when he suggested such recommendations be made.

Mr. Poulsen indicated such recommendations should be made prior to the School Board's budget worksessions, and preferably in writing.

Mr. Jack Carey of 104 Allyson Drive and a teacher from Lafayette High School also spoke in reference to the salaries of teachers in the Williamsburg-James City County School system and requested assistance from the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. John C. Kozel of 116 Jordans Journey addressed the Board and commended Mr. Oliver on his careful preparation of the budget. However, he stated he felt there were several areas in which the budget could be cut. Among the items mentioned was the addition of 32 new employees to the County staff--Mr. Kozel felt this was not the time to add new personnel. He further stated that this appeared to be an inflationary budget.

Mr. Edwards called a five-minute recess at this time.

Ms. Jeanne Massey, on behalf of the Peninsula Ballet, spoke in reference to a request of \$5,000 that been denied from the Arts and Culture budget. She pointed out the importance of such an organization in the Tidewater area and stated that the organization served all of the Peninsula. For this reason, the Peninsula Ballet relies heavily on support from the local jurisdictions. She requested the Board of Supervisors reconsider the request.

Mr. Clifford Pence of 147 Nina Lane also spoke in behalf of the Peninsula Ballet and requested the reconsideration of the \$5,000.

Mrs. Jean Waltrip of 515 Neck-O-Land Road also indicated support of the funding of the Peninsula Ballet.

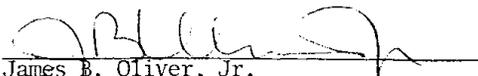
Mrs. Clara Harris of Berkeley District spoke in reference to the Senior Citizen/Pre-School center and asked the Board to once again consider this item.

There were no other comments and Mr. Edwards closed the public hearing.

Mr. Oliver invited the public to attend the various budget worksessions being held on April 15, 16, and 17. He also indicated there was a strong possibility that funding for the Peninsula Ballet would be added to the proposed budget.

Mr. DePue moved to adjourn. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting ADJOURNED at 9:30 P.M.

  
James B. Oliver, Jr.  
Clerk to the Board

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