

AT A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF APRIL, NINETEEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE, AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA. THE MEETING WAS A WORK SESSION ON THE FY 1982 BUDGET.

A. ROLL CALL

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

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

B. BOARD CONSIDERATION

Mr. Edwards turned the meeting over to Mr. Oliver. Mr. Oliver indicated that there were three items on the agenda: (1) a slide presentation of the county in support of the need for an aerial ladder truck for the county Fire Department; (2) response to a request for a brief presentation on the formula used to determine the local school contribution; (3) present any material on subjects the Board would like to discuss.

Mr. DePue asked for rough information on salary ranges over \$30,000 and asked the Board to give some consideration to revising the merit system.

Mr. Edwards asked Mr. Oliver if it would be possible to gather the information on the salary ranges. It was indicated that Mr. Conyers had left to obtain the information Mr. DePue requested.

Mr. Oliver opened the presentation on the ladder truck by presenting the slides taken from a plane earlier in the day. Mr. Oliver commented on some examples where the ladder truck would be a beneficial factor to the county, these included Carter's Grove Plantation, the townhouses at Kingsmill, the Hilton Conference Center, Lafayette High School and the Pottery.

Mr. DePue asked if the new addition to the Pottery would allow enough space for the truck to pass between buildings.

Chief Woody clarified that there was no space between the buildings of the new addition, it was all one building.

Ms. Burcham presented a chart consisting of information gathered from various counties and cities on the Peninsula. The information reflected assessed values of commercial businesses, the number of ladder trucks, and the number of personnel to man the ladder trucks per shift. The chart represented the commitment that each county or city had made.

Mr. Edwards asked how the figures for the assessed value were comprised.

Ms. Burcham indicated that the figures included the land and buildings only, the machinery was not included in the figure.

Mr. Bartlett asked where the York County ladder truck was located.

Chief Woody stated that the York County ladder truck was housed in the Bethel Fire Station.

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Mr. Edwards suggested that the Board refrain from making a decision at this point until discussion of the landfill was completed.

Mr. Taylor stated his desire to hold the funding of the budget at 78¢ and asked if funds for the ladder truck could come from anywhere else in the budget.

Mr. Oliver spoke, on an introductory basis, on item 2 of the agenda and turned the discussion over to Mr. McDonald.

Mr. McDonald provided handout material on the calculations of the formulas used in determining the funds to be given to the schools. He indicated that the schools would be receiving a proportional share of the local funding growth, approximately 16% in new local funding.

Mr. Edwards asked why the State Sales Tax had increased.

Mr. McDonald stated that this reflected an increase in the population of school age children and was increased by the county school census.

Mr. Oliver added that the county's census revealed more school age children than were previously identified.

Mr. Edwards asked if there were any further questions or comments.

Mr. DePue asked about the figure 59% of all new money; 59¢ out of each dollar.

Mr. McDonald answered that this referred to the total of new local funds in the budget; out of approximately \$1.7 million dollars in new dollars, \$900,000 is proposed for the schools (59%).

After a brief discussion on the school budget, Mr. Edwards moved to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (a)(6) of the Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

The Board convened into executive session at 3:40 P.M. and returned to public session at 4:10 P.M. Mr. Edwards reintroduced the discussion on the aerial ladder truck.

Mr. DePue stated he would support the proposal by his understanding of a need for the ladder truck, but he felt the county could forego the additional personnel proposed this year.

Mr. Edwards asked if the ladder truck were obtained, would there be a need for an increase in the fire budget in the next few years or could the fire budget reasonably maintain itself with only a yearly increase of 10% or so for the maintenance of equipment, etc.

Mr. Oliver indicated that with the fulfillment of the ladder truck and staff for the truck, the budget could manage without substantial increase in the next few years if growth rates in the County remain similar to recent rates.

Mr. Edwards asked Chief Woody about the aspect of a new ladder truck without additional man power.

Chief Woody indicated that they would reconsider the situation and proposed other alternatives to compensate for the need of additional man power to utilize the ladder truck to its fullest capacity.

Mr. Edwards stated that he had reconsidered his position on the purchase of the ladder truck and would support the budget request.

Mr. Bartlett indicated that the addition of a ladder truck in the county fire department would upgrade the department, but he felt the need was

not substantial; he proposed that the purchase of a pumper and cascade unit would be more relevant.

Mr. Edwards asked if there was any further discussion on the ladder truck.

Mr. Frink still believed it was a good investment and continued to support it.

Mr. Taylor indicated that he wanted to keep the budget in line with the 78¢ proposed and thinks the aerial ladder is needed with the industrial businesses in the county. He stated, however, that he was conservative enough to stay within the 78¢ budget.

Mr. Edwards asked if there was any motion to amend this particular item. There was no motion.

Mr. Edwards asked if there was a motion to change the amount in the school budget and added that he felt the amount the county will provide is sufficient and he would support the amount in the budget and recommend that it not be changed.

Mr. DePue stated for the record that from his own investigation of the school budget, the amount proposed was appropriate and added that he supported the schools, and the efforts of the teachers to gain an increase.

Mr. Bartlett said he felt the budget was a reflection of the efforts to increase the quality of education.

Mr. Edwards asked for any further comments.

Mr. Taylor said that he agreed with what had been said by the other Board members.

Mr. Edwards stated that the school budget would stand as is.

Mr. DePue asked how many employees were at the landfill during the day.

Mr. Oliver answered that there is a scale operator and a landfill aid at all times and sometimes, five days a week, a supervisor.

Mr. Taylor asked what the factor was that contributed to the increase in the Social Services budget.

Mr. Oliver indicated this was due in part to the reason the cost of living increase was included in the proposed budget.

Mr. DePue had a question dealing with Recreational/Cultural. He indicated that in opening remarks there were comments about recreation improvements and asked what would be done with the money budgeted in this category.

Ms. Burcham stated that the \$3,700 was proposed as funds to match probable grants which would be used for boat ramps, bicycling, and the improvement of mini-parks.

Mr. Bartlett stated that he hoped the staff would come to the Board with a recommendation on the recreation plan as soon as possible.

Ms. Burcham indicated that a date had been scheduled to present the Master Plan to the Planning Commission for adoption. Following this action, the plan would be brought to the Board for action.

Mr. Edwards asked what amount had been proposed by the City for the Library.

Mr. McDonald stated that the City Manager recommended \$140,000 but he believed at the last City Council meeting there was a recommendation of \$144,000.

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Mr. Oliver indicated staff would get an up-to-date number from the City for the library and cultural center, and commented that the county had actually proposed more than what was asked for in the Cultural Center to allow some flexibility in that area.

Mr. Edwards moved to increase the Library Budget by \$2,000. He added that the Library was currently facing a deficit in funds this year and that it wasn't a matter of whose fault it was for the deficit but to increase the budget slightly and then require the Library Board to stay within their budget.

Mr. Bartlett stated that he had discussed the deficit matter with people involved in the Library and clearly it was not a matter of saying whose fault it was for the deficit, and that he would like to do this next year after the Library Board had proved they could manage their affairs before increasing funds. He stated he would not support the increase this year.

Mr. Edwards asked if there were any other comments. No one else commented. Mr. Edwards moved to vote on the increase of the library fund. The motion was defeated by a 3-2 roll call vote with Mr. Edwards and Mr. Frink voting aye.

A brief discussion followed on the budget proposals under operating budgets. The Board then began discussion of the capital budget.

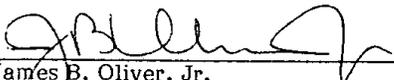
Mr. Taylor questioned the landfill and dumpster sites. He wanted to know if the sites the county now uses are county property or are they temporarily leased by the county.

Mr. Oliver responded that the staff would have a presentation to the Board stating the staff's recommendations and asking the Board for policy procedures. Mr. Oliver answered Mr. Taylor's question by stating that the county had dumpsters located on private property through leases without compensation to the property owner at the present time.

Mr. Edwards moved to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (a)(6) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

The Board convened into executive session at 5:00 P.M. and reconvened to public session at 5:50 P.M. and Mr. Edwards moved that they adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 P.M.

  
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James B. Oliver, Jr.  
County Administrator