

AT A RECESSED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 27TH DAY OF MARCH NINETEEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE AT 7:08 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. ROLL CALL

Jack D. Edwards, Chairman, Berkeley District
 Thomas D. Mahone, Vice-Chairman, Jamestown District
 Stewart U. Taylor, Stonehouse District
 William F. Brown, Roberts District
 Perry M. DePue, Powhatan District

James B. Oliver, Jr., County Administrator
 Darlene L. Burcham, Assistant County Administrator
 Frank M. Morton, III, County Attorney

B. WORK SESSION - FY 1985 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mr. Ted Bickmore and Dave Clark gave a presentation on the past, current and future costs of the Landfill, present and proposed fees and comparisons with other landfill operations.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Taylor agreed that fees for using the Landfill should be reviewed annually so dramatic increases would not be necessary. Mr. DePue stated he would be more comfortable with a pure user system and stated it was unfair to judge fees by the amount of real estate owned. Mr. Edwards agreed with Mr. DePue.

Mr. Mahone agreed with Mr. Brown and Mr. Taylor and requested information on how Charles City operated its landfill. He also asked staff to furnish him details on what new equipment would be purchased for the County landfill.

Mr. Oliver requested the Board to give authorization to seek bids.

The Board unanimously agreed to grant authorization for bids.

Mr. John McDonald began a page-by-page review of the budget beginning with Section B - General Fund Revenues.

Mr. Brown asked if the Board had authority to change the tax rate on mobile homes. Mr. Carlyle Ford, Commissioner of Revenue, stated that mobile homes were assessed according to state law.

Mr. Mahone and Mr. Taylor stated they opposed proration of personal property tax. Mr. DePue and Mr. Brown stated they were in favor of proration. Mr. Carlyle Ford noted that after talking with many residents, he did not feel taxpayer criticism of proration.

Mr. Mahone and Mr. Taylor stated they were against the planned repeal of the County's forestry tax deferral. Mr. Brown indicated he might have to abstain on this issue. Mr. DePue stated he was leaning toward the County Administrator's proposal. Mr. Edwards inquired when the Board would have to take action if they were to change this proposal. Mr. John McDonald stated by July 1st.

Mr. DePue requested comparative data from surrounding areas on BPOL. Mr. DePue stated he was opposed to the increase in SUP's for Mobile Homes and Variances but felt rezonings and regular SUP's could increase. Mr. Brown suggested rezoning fees might be related to the size of property. Mr. Taylor agreed.

Mr. Taylor suggested sales tax dedicated to CIP could be a fund source if the operating budget was short funds.

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Mr. Brown stated landfill fees should be shown as revenue. Mr. DePue noted that "other local taxes" were similarly not displayed correctly.

Section C - General Fund Expenditures

Mr. Brown inquired why Legal Services continued at the same level. Mr. Frank Morton responded that this fund covered water type issues with adjoining jurisdictions and requested the Board leave it at this level in the FY 86 budget. He stated the Board would be advised when those funds were used.

Mr. DePue requested more detail on the Management Services budget personnel expenses.

Mr. DePue stated he would like Buildings and Grounds to bid more jobs. Mr. John McDonald responded that they had recently done a comparative analysis and only a slight savings was indicated. On-site supervision was a major issue.

Mr. Taylor stated he was opposed to the Economic Development position and stated this should be left to private industry. Mr. Taylor also stated the County should concentrate more on tourism than on industry. Mr. Brown stated he supported the Planning Department's request except he would like the Planner I and Economic Development position combined. Mr. DePue stated he was in favor of giving the Economic Development position a chance but if it was not a productive position, then eliminate it. Mr. Edwards stated the information function was important but we should not force production because the wrong development might occur. Mr. Oliver suggested the position report to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Brown suggested switching Zoning Administration to the Planning Department in peak periods to help reduce the workload in Code Compliance. Mr. DePue stated he was in favor of the two positions in Code Compliance but stated more review was needed in the Planning Department.

Mr. Brown and Mr. DePue requested a written analysis on the Public Works budget requests. They requested Public Works, Service Authority and Refuse Disposal be compared on personnel and expenses.

Mr. Oliver stated a joint program with Virginia Tech would provide a graduate student to do a thorough study of a Mosquito Control Program. He stated the County would pay the student for the first year and Tech would pay the second year.

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Mahone stated they were opposed to the Police Captain position in the Police Department. Mr. Brown and Mr. DePue stated they supported the position. Mr. DePue warned against getting into traffic accident investigating and said let the State do it. Mr. Taylor remarked he thought the State designated the authority to the County. Mr. Oliver stated he would look into the matter.

Mr. Brown stated he did not understand the need for four full-time Dispatchers and requested a report indicating how much money is involved in the increase of two new positions and four positions getting full-time benefits.

Due to the late hour, Mr. Edwards suggested going through the rest of this section and highlighting those areas where discrepancies may exist. The following is a list of problem areas:

1. Special Programs - Televising of Board Meetings and Citizen Newsletter
2. Social Services and Public Health Department
3. Contributions: Other Outside Agencies

Mr. Paul Small stated his support for the County having aerial photographs taken to update the County maps. He stated the photographs would be more accurate and more beneficial to the County.

Mr. Oliver requested Board guidance on the Grove Fire Station addition bids. He stated the current bids expired March 28, 1985.

Mr. Mahone made a motion to postpone the Grove addition indefinitely.

On a roll call, the vote was AYE: Brown, Edwards, DePue, Mahone, Taylor (5). NAY: (0).

Mr. Edwards made a motion to recess until April 4, 1985, at 7:00 p.m.

On a roll call, the vote was AYE: Brown, Edwards, DePue, Mahone, Taylor (5). NAY: (0).

The Board of Supervisors recessed at 10:40 p.m.


James B. Oliver, Jr.
Clerk to the Board

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