

AT A WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 4TH DAY OF APRIL 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 - FY86 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mr. Ken Smith, Chairman of the School Board, gave a presentation on the School Board's budget request and asked the Board for their support. He requested support of an additional \$40,131 not included in the CIP for a 4-year buy-in to the New Horizons Vo-Tech.

Mr. Brown noted that this budget had been stood on its head to fund schools and that salary increases for teachers over the past 3 years had outpaced inflation.

Mr. Smith stated that the School Board was following the Governor's direction and that teacher salaries will still be exceeded by many of our neighboring jurisdictions.

Mr. Taylor stated he was in favor of renovating Bruton Heights. Mr. Edwards suggested placing the money in the Capital Contingency Account until all information was presented. Mr. DePue agreed with Mr. Edwards.

Mr. DePue stated he opposes the Court House Space Study and suggested using staff members if a study were required. Mr. Taylor agreed with Mr. DePue.

Mr. DePue stated the lighting of baseball fields at the Upper and Mid-County Parks might be funded by the private sector if it were known that public funds were not available.

Mr. Brown stated he had a problem with the Dirt Street Improvement Program and requested more information concerning what streets were included in the program. Mr. Brown also suggested using matching funds for this project. Mr. DePue requested staff to give Mr. Brown paperwork from a previous meeting which explained how priorities were established for the program. Mr. DePue also stated he would like to see the program continue, but at a slower pace, and stated the disadvantaged would not be able to match funds. Mr. Taylor stated the budget request should be cut across the board.

On the sidewalk request, Mr. Mahone stated he and the James City Transportation Safety Commission supported the program.

Mr. William Brown, Real Estate Assessor, gave a presentation on aerial maps and stated what this program would accomplish.

Mr. Brown opposed the Stormwater Drainage Study and stated efforts should be placed on enforcement, but stated he was in favor of good water retention programs. Mr. Taylor agreed with Mr. Brown. Mr. Edwards stated he supports the study, and Mr. DePue concurred.

Mr. Brown and Mr. DePue requested updated reports on County Utility Projects. Mr. Brown requested information on how much of the \$175,000

was committed to the Ware Creek Reservoir and stated no decision had been made on land acquisition.

Mr. Edwards stated the repeal of forestry land use did not affect this year's budget. Mr. DePue stated he would not vote for repeal of forestry land this year.

The Board agreed to take tentative votes on a number of budget items.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the revised zoning fees and variances.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

In reference to the County Landfill, Mr. Brown stated the County General Fund should bear capital and land expenses and the operating costs should be offset with user fees over a period of time.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the rate of \$9 for commercial and \$4.50 for residential fees with the understanding that these fees would be increased annually.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. DePue stated he opposes the Motor Vehicle Decal increase. Mr. Taylor stated he would support leaving the fee at \$10 or raising it to \$15. Mr. DePue stated he could support \$12 and made a motion to set it at \$12.

The vote passed by a 3-2 vote. On a roll call, the vote was AYE: Taylor, Mahone, DePue (3). NAY: Brown, Edwards (2).

Mr. Taylor made a motion to leave the Motor Vehicle Decal fee at \$10.

The vote passed by a 4-1 vote. On a roll call, the vote was AYE: Brown, DePue, Mahone, Taylor (4). NAY: Edwards (1).

Mr. DePue was absent for the remainder of the meeting. He left at 9:12 p.m.

Mr. Russ Lowry, Emergency Services Coordinator, made a presentation on the dispatcher positions.

Mr. Bob Key, Chief of Police, presented a video on the regional fingerprint system. Since the system is regional in nature and requires the concurrence of other jurisdictions, the Board was in favor of this item.

Mr. Taylor stated he opposes the septic tank permit fee. Mr. Brown stated there should be a fee, but was uncertain of the level. Mr. Brown requested information on how the costs break down. Mr. Mahone stated he was in favor of a \$40 permit fee. The Board members agreed to defer this issue until the next Budget Work Session.

Mr. Mahone requested information to support the 24% increase in the Registrar's Office. Mr. Brown and Mr. Taylor concurred with Mr. Mahone.

Mrs. Burcham explained that this budget did not fund the Registrar's total request.

Mr. Mahone made a motion to reduce the budget by \$5,000.

The motion was defeated by a 1-3 vote. On a roll call, the vote was AYE: Mahone (1). NAY: Taylor, Edwards, Brown (3).

Mr. Brown made a motion to add a Planner II/Economic Development position to the Planning Department and not fund the full-time Economic Development position.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Brown made a motion to delete rebroadcasting funds of \$2,730 and funds for the quarterly newsletter.

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The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Brown stated he opposes using tax payers' money for contributions to outside cultural agencies and stated these agencies should be funded by the private sector. Mr. Taylor agreed with Mr. Brown. Mr. Mahone stated these funds should be used for more important programs. Mr. Edwards stated the County should contribute to certain agencies. Mr. Oliver suggested that rather than eliminate funding without warning, these agencies should be put on notice that funding would not be approved in subsequent years. The Board members unanimously voted to defer this issue and a discussion of Hospice and the Task Force until the next Budget Work Session.

Mr. Taylor stated he opposes increasing the Chamber of Commerce contribution. Mr. Brown agreed with Mr. Taylor and stated he did not like the Chamber's overhead costs but felt the Tourism Bureau was worthy of funding. Mr. Edwards stated he also opposes the increase.

Mr. Edwards made a motion to recess until April 8, 1985.

The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The Board recessed at 11:20 p.m.



James B. Oliver, Jr.
Clerk to the Board