

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 7TH DAY OF APRIL, NINETEEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT, AT 7:00 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  
 Perry M. DePue, Powhatan District  
 Thomas K. Norment, Jr., Roberts District  
 Stewart U. Taylor, Stonehouse District  
 David B. Norman, County Administrator  
 Frank M. Morton, III, County Attorney  
 John E. McDonald, Manager of Financial and Management Services

B. BUDGET WORK SESSION

Mr. Carlyle Ford, Commissioner of Revenue, made a brief presentation on how mobile homes were assessed and taxed. He also provided information on comparative tax rates for Peninsula jurisdictions.

Mr. Tony Conyers and Ms. Sandi McPherson made a detailed presentation on the recreation programs and facilities. Ms. McPherson proposes to reduce the operation budget of the Recreation Center by eliminating a proposed new position of Aquatics Supervisor and increasing the estimate of Center revenues.

After much discussion, the Board tentatively approved a motion by Mr. DePue to hold the combined increase in Recreation and Parks to 7% (a reduction of \$16,000), to eliminate the Aquatics Supervisor and increase revenues (a reduction in the County contribution of \$26,000). The motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

Ms. McPherson committed that the Parks and Recreation staff would advise the Board, in advance, of significant program changes that were being proposed. With this notice, it was hoped that the Board involvement with and commitment to the Recreation programs would improve.

The discussion continued on the County contributions, most significantly, education. It was also noted that both Public Health and Social Services had experienced declining State assistance. A motion by Mr. Mahone to reduce the contribution to the Regional Library was, after discussion, withdrawn.

Within the "Other Contributions" category, the following tentative adjustments were voted on:

Mr. Mahone proposed a \$1,655 reduction in the budget of the SPCA, it passed 3-2 with Mr. Mahone, Mr. Norment and Mr. Taylor approving it.

A motion to reduce the contribution to the VPEDC by \$5,000 to \$20,000 by Mr. Edwards passed 5-0.

After a motion by Mr. Edwards to establish a \$20,000 funding level for the Jamestown/Yorktown Foundation failed, a motion for a \$10,000 funding level was approved, 3-2, with Mr. Edwards, Mr. DePue and Mr. Mahone voting yes.

Mr. DePue moved to include \$20,000, for the "Let's Build a Gym" Committee, but escrowed until the County could discuss the proposal with City Council. The motion passed, 4-1, with Mr. Taylor voting nay.

Having completed the Operating Budget, Mr. Edwards suggested a recess until 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 11. The Board recessed at 10:28 p.m.

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 David B. Norman  
 Clerk to the Board

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 11TH DAY OF APRIL, NINETEEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

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The Board reconvened at 7:00 p.m., April 11 and began a review of Section D - Capital Projects.

After a motion by Mr. Taylor to reduce the environmental protection funding from \$128,000 to \$50,000, Mrs. Gussman made a brief presentation of the purposes of the fund. The motion fails on a 1-4 vote with Mr. Taylor supporting it.

Mr. DePue indicated that the Board should be briefed before a data processing conversion is made; that, in his experience, it just does not work well.

Mr. Mahone proposed that the Building A and B renovation monies be eliminated. After discussion, the motion failed 2-3 with Mr. Mahone and Mr. Taylor supporting it.

In a discussion of the Recreation projects, Mr. Taylor proposed to delete funds for a new picnic shelter at the Upper County Park. The motion failed 2-3 with Mr. Taylor and Mr. Mahone in support.

A motion by Mr. Mahone to reduce either Mid-County or the Recreation Center lighting plans by \$40,000 failed on a 1-4 vote with Mr. Mahone supporting it.

A motion by Mr. DePue to freeze the release of funds on the School Garage until a detailed presentation is made, and approved, passed on a 5-0 vote.

Discussion continued with a review of Section E, the JCSA budgets with a presentation by Mr. Wanner and Section F - Other Funds.

Having completed a review of the proposed budgets, Mr. Edwards requested the Board's guidance in directing the staff to prepare an appropriations resolution.

Mr. Norment proposed that \$1,655, previously approved as a tentative reduction in the SPCA budget, be reinstated and the motion passed, 3-2; with Mr. DePue, Mr. Norment and Mr. Edwards voting yes.

Mr. Mahone indicated his preference for a tax rate reduction of at least one cent and proposed that Contingency be reduced by the approximately \$160,000 necessary to reduce the proposed 67 cent tax rate to 66 cents. The motion failed on a 2-3 vote with Mr. Mahone and Mr. Taylor voting in support.

Similar motions to reduce the pay plan contingency by Mr. Mahone and to reduce the School Budget by Mr. Taylor, both failed on a 2-3 vote with Mr. Mahone and Mr. Taylor voting in support.

Mr. DePue made a motion to direct staff to approve the budget as submitted and take the sum of the adjustments the Board had approved and add it to contingency.

Mr. DePue indicated that his review of the budget tended to lend credence to Mr. Norman's assertion that the budget was prepared with their previous instructions in mind.

Mr. Edwards indicated his support of the motion, but suggested that basic County service requirements cannot be subordinated to those of the schools year after year. He acknowledged that this was an unusual year because of the State funding question, but indicated that the Board should take care not to allow County services to take a back seat.

Mr. Norment indicated that he was, for his first budget as a Board member, willing to accept the justifications provided in support of a 67-cent tax rate for one year of a five-year financial plan. He also indicated that the pay package, the Personnel Technician, the Buildings A and B renovations and the contingency funds set aside to implement the pay plan had been justified with a promise of reduced turnover and improved productivity. He is willing to accept the promise and approve the funding, but expects to see the results of these programs.

Mr. Mahone stated that he could not support the motion. A tax rate increase, in addition to the reassessment increase, created a significant increase in real estate tax bills, an increase he could not justify.

He suggested that proposed operating increases in areas like the Regional Library and capital expenditures such as those the Buildings A and B renovations were not adequate to justify a 12% increase in taxes for County residents, particularly those who were on fixed income.

Mr. Taylor indicated that he, like Mr. Mahone, would not support the motion. He would like to see the 67-cent tax rate reduced.

The motion passed on a 3-2 vote, Mr. Edwards, Mr. DePue and Mr. Norment voting in support.

There being no further business, the Board of Supervisors adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

  
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