

AT A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE ELEVENTH DAY OF APRIL, NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE, AT 3:00 P.M., IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA. THE MEETING WAS A WORKSESSION TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED FY 80 BUDGET.

A. ROLL CALL

Stewart U. Taylor, Chairman, Stonehouse District
Abram Frink, Jr., Vice Chairman, Roberts District
John E. Donaldson, Jamestown District
Jack D. Edwards, Berkeley District
David W. Ware, Jr., Powhatan District

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

Mr. Oliver presented one item to the Board prior to continuance of the budget worksession. Mr. Oliver stated that although not requiring any action by Board members at this time, he did wish to know if they had any objections to his authorizing a study by a group of hydrologists to be done at the County landfill. This request is the result of part of the negotiations with Newport News in reference to Little Creek Reservoir. Newport News was interested in relocating part of the old County dump to the County landfill. It is necessary to ascertain if this material could be taken by the landfill. This study would cost \$6,000 -- of which \$5,200 could be transferred from the Refuse Recycling Fund. Mr. Oliver stated if there were no objections he would go ahead and make a commitment for the hydrologists' work and at the next meeting would present a transfer request for the necessary funds. There were no objections.

Frank Morton reported that he had received some good news in reference to the two citations the County had received from OSHA as a result of the accident involving Charles Stearns. He stated the serious violation for failure to provide a safe employment area for a worker had been withdrawn.

Mr. Robert Murphy reconvened the budget worksession.

Mr. Taylor asked that some detail be given in reference to the significant increase reflected in the Sheriff's Department's budget.

Mr. Murphy reported that a recommendation for four additional deputies had been shown in the Sheriff's budget. That brings the total number of personnel for that department to 28.

Mr. Ware asked what was the total number of positions not compensated by the State.

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Mr. Murphy commented the State would probably fund 22 or 23 positions.

In summarizing the Fire Department's budget, Mr. Murphy noted there was also a recommendation to add four additional positions in this department.

Mr. Edwards asked what was planned for in the future for the Fire Department.

Mr. Murphy stated that both fire and emergency medical services had been geared up rather quickly and therefore no dramatic increases in these areas are anticipated in the near future.

Mr. Edwards and Mr. Taylor both voiced opinions that due to the rapid growth of this budget there should be minimum increase in this budget area. They expressed a belief that James City County is overbuilding for what is in the County at this time and that fire service seems to be adequate for the population.

Mr. Edwards asked if there were any comparisons available of other jurisdictions regarding the relationship between expenditures for fire protection and expenditures for police protection -- is the type of balance James City County has the usual type of balance?

Mr. Oliver stated if the Board so desired, the staff could do some research and show some relationships in this regard.

Mr. Edwards asked to be given more detail concerning the Citizen's Assistance Position.

Mr. Murphy reported the position was proposed to be located in the EOC Building in Toano. The office would exist primarily for providing information and assisting citizens in acquiring various permits and licenses and would also include the responsibility of the Annual Report and a quarterly newsletter.

Mr. Ware asked about the status of this program, wondering when it would get underway.

Mr. Conyers reported the job description had just been graded out and the position would probably be advertised within a week.

Mr. Taylor stated the position in Toano should certainly be utilized for rendering services to citizens rather than just providing information.

Mr. Donaldson asked if James City County had received any indication from the City of Williamsburg regarding their willingness to participate with York County and James City County in a study for a joint recreation plan.

Mr. Oliver said he had received informal word that they were not willing to support the project. If they do not, then James City County would not be committed to it either.

Mr. Ware voiced objection to the contribution to Williamsburg Players and the Peninsula Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Ware moved to delete the contributions to Peninsula Symphony Orchestra in the amount of \$500 and to Williamsburg Players in the amount of \$2,000.

Mr. Oliver and Mr. Murphy gave brief explanations of the requests for these contributions.

Mr. Ware stated these two organizations required fees to attend and therefore the fees should be used to sustain the organizations or a fund drive used to solicit needed funds -- taxpayers should not be compelled to support these functions.

Mr. Edwards spoke in favor of retaining the contribution for both of the organizations stating they were providing important activities for the people of the community.

Mr. Donaldson also spoke against the motion stating these activities were really different forms of recreation and broadened the resources of the Community.

The motion failed by a majority roll call vote. Mr. Frink, Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Edwards voted against the motion.

In reference to the Transit System listed under the Other Expenditures Account, Mr. Ware asked if the \$10,000 appropriation was not approved it would mean the system would fold.

Mr. McDonald and Mr. Murphy pointed out that a condition of the grant award for the Transit System was that matching funds be provided by the locality and without the \$10,000 appropriation the system would be terminated.

A brief discussion concerning the Transit System ensued.

Mr. Ware moved to eliminate the \$10,000 proposed appropriation for the Transit System in the budget.

The motion failed by a 3-2 majority roll call vote. Mr. Frink, Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Edwards voted against the motion.

The next category of the budget reviewed was the Capital Improvement Section and discussion focused on two items; first, the Social Services Building for which construction funds are budgeted for FY 83-84, and secondly, the Health Administration Building for which \$27,000 was budgeted next year for a feasibility study.

A brief discussion followed.

Mr. McDonald continued the review of the other categories of the Capital Improvement Program pointing out that although there are no current funds allocated, there is a need for a storage building in the Public Works Department.

Mr. Oliver stated this item had been deferred due to inadequate funds; however, if due to some of the deletions made in the budget a sum of \$16,000 might be accrued, he would ask consideration be made to allocate that amount for the storage building.

Review of Section F of the budget was deferred until a later time and after a five minute recess the Board continued review of the budget, starting with Section G-1, Debt Service.

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Mr. Taylor asked when the bond issues would end.

Mr. McDonald reported the following termination dates of bond issues.

1964	Bond Issue	1984
1964B	Bond Issue	1982
1972	Bond Issue	1991
S.D.1	Bond Issue	1987
S.D.2	Bond Issue	beyond 2000
S.D.3	Bond Issue	beyond 2000

Mr. Edwards spoke in reference to the Economic Development position which had been tentatively eliminated during yesterday's work-session. He stated he had given this item more thought and although he was still opposed to hiring a full-time employee, he did feel some economic development activities should be accomplished. As there does not appear to be a staff person with enough time to devote to economic development activities within the Planning Department, Mr. Edwards suggested this could be done by hiring a consultant, or someone on a part-time basis.

Mr. Edwards moved that \$12,000 of the \$20,000 which was eliminated for this item be restored in the budget and that the Administrator consider other methods of accomplishing these economic development activities.

A brief discussion followed.

The motion carried by a 4-1 majority vote. Mr. Taylor voted against the motion.

It was pointed out that the Service Authority section of the budget would be reviewed at the next regular Service Authority meeting.

Mr. McDonald stated the amendments that have occurred as a result of these worksessions would be available on Monday, April 16, at the public hearing.

Mr. Ware asked what the effect would be of an additional 1¢ or 2¢ cut in the real estate tax rate.

Mr. Donaldson said he also would like to see the tax rate lowered and would invite the staff to pursue that possibility.

Mr. Oliver stated he and the staff would take the Board's comments into consideration.

Mr. Ware moved to recess the meeting until Monday, April 16th, at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of conducting the final public hearing on the budget. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:47 P.M.

James B. Oliver, Jr., Clerk
Board of Supervisors




MEMORANDUM

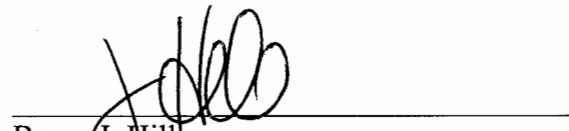
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The following minutes for the Board of Supervisors of James City County dated April 9, 1979; April 10, 1979; April 11, 1979; and April 16, 1979 are acknowledged to be missing signatures.

It is also acknowledged that the April 9, 1979; April 10, 1979; April 11, 1979; and April 16, 1979 minutes, were voted on and approved and may be mentioned in later dated minutes of the Board of Supervisors.



Michael J. Hipple
Chairman



Bryan J. Hill
Clerk

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