

AT A RECONVENED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE TWENTY-FIRST 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 FINAL 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 commented that the Board has held several work session on the FY 1982 Budget as well as several public hearings. He suggested that the first order of business be the consideration of the memorandum from Mr. John E. McDonald, secondly, discuss any matter a Board member may have, and third, discuss the comments heard at the April 20, 1981 final public hearing.

1. Previously Considered FY 1982 Budget Revisions

Mr. McDonald commented that the Board has previously considered a total of \$56,285 in reduction of the budget. He said that the staff is asking that the Board consider these reductions to be allocated as follows:

1. Contribution to Peninsula Emergency Medical Services - \$1,185

The County has been an active supporter of PEMS since its inception and over the past three years have provided a token fee of \$500 on an annual basis, and have received over \$40,000 in grant funds for our emergency services programs.

2. Contribution to the Virginia Shakespeare Festival - \$2,000

The Shakespeare Festival is a quality event that is beginning to gain national recognition for our community and has demonstrated a self-help attitude, which has gained substantial financial support from the community.

3. Professional Services - Personnel \$5,200

After review of changing legislation to workman's compensation and the county's general liability program, the Safety Committee recommends that every two years the county require physical examinations for Fire, Emergency Medical, Police, Sheriff and Transit employees. A program has been negotiated with a group of local physicians at \$109 per person.

4. Contingency - \$47,900

Mr. McDonald asked the Board to consider the above items.

Mr. DePue stated that at the April 9, 1981 work session he voted against a contribution to the Peninsula Economic Development Council and since that time he has received several calls about the matter. He moved to reconsider his motion and vote to contribute the \$11,900 to PEDC.

The Board agreed to vote on Mr. DePue's motion later on in the meeting.

Mr. DePue commented that although he voted against the vehicle for VPI/SU he is sympathetic to their situation. He asked if the staff has considered an alternative method to assist the Extension Service.

A brief discussion followed. Mr. McDonald commented that the staff will allocate \$1,000 in the event that VPI/SU runs short of funds.

The Board agreed to vote on each of the items presented by Mr. McDonald and Mr. DePue's motion to allocate \$11,900 to the Peninsula Economic Development Council, which would decrease the additional amount to the contingency fund to \$36,000.

Mr. Bartlett moved to approve the \$1,185 to Peninsula Emergency Medical Services Council. The motion carried by a 4-1 roll call vote with Mr. Taylor voting no.

Mr. DePue moved to approve the \$2,000 to the Virginia Shakespeare Festival. The motion carried by a 3-1 roll call vote with Mr. Taylor voting no and Mr. Edwards abstaining.

Mr. Bartlett moved to approve the \$5,200 for Professional Services - Personnel. The motion carried by a 4-1 roll call vote with Mr. Taylor voting no.

Mr. DePue motion to allocate \$11,900 to Peninsula Economic Development Council carried by a 3-2 roll call vote, with Mr. Taylor and Mr. Frink voting no.

Mr. Edwards moved to put the remaining amount of \$36,000 into the contingency fund. The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. DePue stated that he would like a justification for the garage at the Landfill.

Mr. Oliver said the garage will be a butler type building, mainly used to store and repair heavy equipment.

Mr. McDonald commented that the original proposal for the garage was to put the equipment there and when rain or snow prohibits the use of the equipment for outdoor work, it will still provide a place for maintaining the equipment, and provide a work area.

Mr. Oliver asked the Board to direct the County Administrator to prepare the necessary documents for budget adoption.

Mr. Edwards moved to have Mr. Oliver prepare the necessary documents for final budget adoption.

Mr. Taylor asked Mr. Oliver when the 78¢ or 82¢ tax rate will be reconciled particularly since it will take some time for the Commissioner of Revenue to prepare the tax bills.

Mr. Oliver stated that it could be a state or as early as October, but hopefully much sooner, and if necessary, people will be called in to assist in the preparation of the taxes.

Mr. DePue stated that he will support the 82¢ tax rate with the clear understanding that if the county does not have a court battle on annexation, the money will be returned to the taxpayers.

The motion to have Mr. Oliver prepare the documents necessary for adoption of the budget carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Mr. McDonald informed the Board that the utility Budget would be available to them in May.

Mr. Edwards commented that at the budget public hearing on April 20, 1982, citizens stated that they did not like the new format of the budget because it was not as detailed and not as comprehensible for a layman. He asked the Board members how they felt about that comment.

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Mr. Taylor stated that in his opinion it was a much better format.

Mr. Frink agreed that the format was find with him, but he could understand the citizens concern for more detail.

Mr. Bartlett agreed that the format was agreeable with him and he would like to see it continued. He said that if citizens wanted more information in a particular area, he was sure the staff would provide the necessary information.

Mr. DePue stated that he liked the budget format, but he could understand why citizens would want more information, and as long as it is understood that citizens can be provided with information, he preferred this year's format.

Mr. Bartlett stated that perhaps footnotes could be added for further clarification.

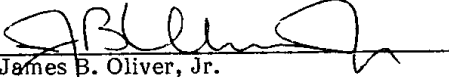
Mr. Edwards stated that the Board and staff would continue to think of ways to provide additional information to citizens concerning the budget.

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 3:55 P.M. and returned to public session at 4:30 P.M.

Mr. Edwards moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting ADJOURNED at 4:35 P.M.


James B. Oliver, Jr.
Clerk to the Board

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE TWENTY-SEVENTH 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.

A. ROLL CALL

Jack D. ...
Abram ...
Gilbert A. ...
Perry M. ...
Stewart ...

James F. ...
John B. ...
Frank M. ...

B. MINUTES

Mr. ... April 13, 1981 as submitted ...

C. PRESENTATION

1. Proclamation - Senior Citizens Month

Mr. Edwards ...
Betty Reams, Executive ...
thanked the Board for ...

SENATORIAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the diligence and foresight of dedicated and loyal Senior Citizens have contributed markedly to the progress of James City County; and
WHEREAS, many persons over the age of 60 (sixty) are still contributing their time and talents for the benefit of their communities; and
WHEREAS, above all, Senior Citizens are special people whom James City County needs; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of James City County hereby proclaims the month of May, 1981 as:

SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH

for James City County.

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D. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Mr. Jim Kelly, Resident Engineer for Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation addressed the Board. He said that he had nothing new to present to the Board. He asked the Board if they had any questions.

Mr. DePue commented that he would like to remind Mr. Hall about the traffic on Mooretown Road with special concern about the speed limit. He asked if there is a minimum requirement for the Highway Department to post the speed limit every few yards.

Mr. Kelly said that there is no requirement of the Highway Department to place speed limit signs a certain distance apart.

Mr. DePue commented that the potholes on Nina Lane in Kristiansand are getting worse.

Mr. Kelly said that he would check into these matters.

Mr. Bartlett thanked the Highway Department for the lights and signing at the intersection of Route 199 and South Henry Street. He said that he had received some positive comments.

E. PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Oliver commented that although this is the legal hearing on this ordinance, it is actually the third opportunity for persons to speak. He turned the presentation over to Mr. McDonald.

Mr. John E. McDonald, Assistant to the County Administrator, presented this matter to the Board. He stated that at the present time the county has a partial exemption program for those elderly and permanently disabled persons who qualify. He said that the staff is suggesting that the Board change certain provisions extending the process to more eligible persons. He said that the ordinance was advertised for both an exemption or deferral program and the staff is proposing the deferral program, but will accept the Board's preference. Mr. McDonald cited the more permissive changes such as: married couples only need to have one eligible spouse to qualify if they otherwise are eligible; the current filing period ending May 1, can be extended until June 1 for first time applicants and hardship cases; accept Veterans Administration and Railroad Retirement Board certification of age in addition to certification of the Social Security Administration; clear indication that permanently sited mobile homes are eligible; and the deferral will continue if applicant is confined to a nursing home or hospital and the property is not used by or leased to others for consideration. He further explained that two restrictive changes are: that one of the two medical doctors certifying a permanent and total disability be required to physically examine the applicant involved; and secondly, that all real estate taxes be deferred, not exempted, without penalty or interest and shall be come a lien on the property; provided; however, that such liens shall, to the extend that they may exceed the price for which such real estate may be sold, be inferior to all other liens of record.

Mr. Edwards opened the public hearing.

Mrs. Johnson said that she owned property in James City County and she feels a deferral will not do her any good when she's dead. She said that she preferred the exemption program.

Mrs. Frances Waltrip, Commissioner of the Revenue for James City County, spoke in opposition of the staff's proposal for a deferral program. She said that a tax deferral is nothing more than a tax lien and in her opinion based on comments from persons in the program they would consider the deferral a threat if they remained in the program. She said that in most cases, the elderly person's home and land is all that they have, and they don't want their heirs to have to pay off deferral taxes after they die. Mrs. Waltrip further stated that if the deferral plan is approved, based on her conversations with persons currently in the program, she feels that less than twenty percent will remain in the program. She asked the Board to consider keeping the \$300 exemption program versus the \$350 deferral program.

Mr. Edwards asked Mrs. Waltrip what the main concern of persons she has spoken with.