

AT A BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 18TH DAY OF APRIL 2005, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. ROLL CALL

Michael J. Brown, Chairman, **Powhatan** District
Jay T. Harrison, Sr., Vice Chairman, Berkeley District
Bruce C. Goodson, Roberts District
John J. **McGlennon**, **Jamestown** District
M. Anderson Bradshaw, Stonehouse District

Sanford B. Wanner, County Administrator
Leo P. Rogers, County Attorney

B. BOARD CONSIDERATIONS

1. **Williamsburg-James City County School Board**

Mr. Brown welcomed the Williamsburg-James City County School Board ("School Board").

The School Board members gave an overview of the proposed FY 2006 School Budget.

Discussion included the feasibility of constructing an eighth elementary school while the thud high school was under construction; the possibility of sharing facility management with the County; and increased special education factors.

Discussion was held on the source and quantity of funding increases to the Schools in recent **history** and percentage of funding allocation increases to the Schools by the County; tax relief for local citizens in the form of not raising the **tax** rate and the money that was passed on to the Schools; and the fund balance was discussed.

The School Board provided an overview **of the** factors considered while developing the School Budget and requested the Board support the education of youth by fully funding the School Budget.

Mr. Brown thanked the School Board members for the presentation and discussion.

Mr. Brown recessed the Board for a break at **7:55** p.m.

Mr. Brown reconvened the Board at **8:01** p.m.

2. Review of the FY 2006 Proposed Operating Budget

Mr. Brown inquired if the Board should proceed in consideration of the funding of the School Budget.

The Board discussed the funding shortfall for the School Budget and where the County could reduce its budget to makeup some of the School funding gap; and fiscal factors associated with the opening of the new elementary school.

The Board discussed anticipated revenue levels and alternative sources of revenue to generate additional funds and diversification of revenues.

a. FY 2006 General Operating Fund

Mr. John E. McDonald, Director of Financial and Management Services, introduced Ms. Stephanie Ahrendt, Acting Director of Budget and Accounting.

Ms. Ahrendt provided the Board an overview of the Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2006.

The Board and staff discussed the increased workload in the Development Management Department and the funding level requested by the Department in comparison to the proposed funding level presented in the FY 2006 Budget.

The Board and staff discussed a proposed fee increase associated with the Planning and Development services to fund personnel positions to support those services.

Mr. Brown requested additional information related to the overtime funding for the Fire Department.

The Board and staff discussed the overtime requirements for the Fire Department and the need to maintain staffing levels to respond to emergencies as well as the need to provide time for training and certification requirements, and the staffing needs for the other emergency service departments.

The Board and staff discussed potential reductions in the Operating Budget, allocation of funds that have become available due to staffing turnover, and identifying ways to reduce the gap of funding the School Budget as well as funding other County priorities.

The Board concurred on the following items: follow Mr. Wanner's suggestion to fund 1.1 million of the Stonehouse Elementary School expansion through debt, finding ways to fund the proposed additional positions for the Planning and Environmental Divisions; find additional funding to close the gap in the School Budget by funding an additional \$200,000; and finding reductions in expenditures in non-departmental budgets to cover the additional funding to Schools and pay for performance increases for County employees.

The Board discussed the level of additional funding to the Schools and increasing the County personnel pay raise to 4 percent from the 3.8 percent budgeted.

The Board discussed the feasibility of the eighth elementary school being opened for 2007 and directed staff to have a serious discussion with Schools on the timeline for the development and construction of the eighth elementary school.

b. Referendum

The Board and staff discussed the items and funding levels to be put forth in the November 2005 Bond Referendums regarding the acquisition of greenspace and preserving open space.

C. RECESS

At 10:30 p.m., Mr. Brown recessed the Board until 7 p.m. on April 20, 2005



Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board

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