

AT A BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 28TH DAY OF APRIL 2010, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

James G. Kennedy, Chairman, Stonehouse District
Mary Jones, Vice Chair, Berkeley District
Bruce C. Goodson, Roberts District
James O. Icenhour, Jr., Powhatan District
John J. McGlennon, Jamestown District

Sanford B. Wanner, County Administrator

C. BOARD DISCUSSION

1. FY 2011-2012 County Budget

Ms. Sue Mellen, Assistant Manager of Financial Management Services, introduced Ms. Heather McClure, Senior Budget Analyst, who would be assisting with the presentation. Ms. Mellen reviewed County Revenues, including general property taxes. She responded to questions about trends related to revenue increases from property taxes. She reviewed other local taxes and noted that they were forecast to be slightly lower than the FY 2010 budget. Discussion was held on tax appeals by businesses and low sales tax revenues during January and February 2010. She noted that there were no proposals for increased taxes or fees. Discussion was held about conservative increases in revenue for FY 2012.

Ms. Mellen reviewed other revenues including forfeitures and explained that these revenues were decreasing since people were opting to perform community service rather than paying fines. She reviewed revenues from use of property. She noted a \$750,000 transfer from the Operating Budget to the Capital Improvements Program revenues. She reviewed reductions of various funding from the Commonwealth. Discussion was held on contributions to schools based on enrollment and estimates for sales tax revenue for education. Ms. Mellen discussed revenues from State Constitutional Offices and drastic cuts from the Commonwealth. Discussion was held about how the State Compensation Board sets the salary for Constitutional Officers and the amount of the State's contribution. Discussion was held about possible future reductions in revenues from the Commonwealth.

Ms. Mellen reviewed revenues from the Federal Government, excise fees for services and proposed increases in recreation fees. Discussion was held about funding direct and indirect costs through the fee increases, and projected participation in parks and recreation with increased fees. Discussion was held about costs for upkeep and improvements for recreation facilities and competition from private facilities. Mr. Wanner clarified that based on Board guidance from the Budget Retreat, staff has ceased investigation on privatizing the community center. Discussion was held about parks and recreation usage fees and the Before and After School program.

The Board and Fire Chief Tal Luton discussed funding reductions to the James City Volunteer Rescue Squad in relation to Advanced Life Support (ALS)/Basic Life Support (BLS) fees. Mr. Wanner indicated that the recommendation for funding was based on call responses and hours. Chief Luton indicated that he had input in relation to contributions to these organizations, and noted the levels of response of the James City/Bruton Volunteer Fire Department and the James City Volunteer Rescue Squad. Discussion was held about the impact of the ALS/BLS fees on the volunteer organizations and donations.

Ms. Mellen reviewed Miscellaneous Revenues and reductions in funds from the public copy machines. Discussion was held about recouping costs of Freedom of Information Act requests and fair rates associated with those requests.

Ms. Carol Luckam, Human Resource Manager, reviewed expenditures related to personnel, including compensation and benefits. She noted that the largest cost reduction for personnel was a 10 percent staff decrease in the General Fund. She noted that no salary increases would be given for FY 2011-12 and minimizing any decrease in take-home pay and core benefits were priorities based on input from employees. She reviewed strategies to preserve benefits such as retirement and health insurance plans. Discussion was held about insurance costs and self-funding by the County and the differences between self-funding and self-insuring. Discussion was held about funding the employee homeownership assistance program and the deferred compensation matching program. Discussion was held on the impacts of reduction in contributions to the Working Toward Wellness program and insurance costs. Discussion was held on elimination of free physicals for public safety employees. The Board discussed applications and a potential loan option for the Employee Homeownership program in order to recover funds for that program.

The Board took a break at 8:59 p.m.

Mr. Kennedy reconvened the Board at 9:05 p.m.

Ms. Mellen reviewed departmental budgets. Discussion was held on changes in fringe benefits due to changes in coverage or turnover. Discussion was held on the workload and performance indicators of the Satellite Office and DMV Select. The Board and staff discussed the transfer of a position from the Neighborhood Connections division to the Communications division and civic engagement grant options. Ms. Mellen explained savings realized through shared services with the schools and reductions in the offices of Constitutional Officers. Discussion was held about the transfer of the Mosquito Control program to the Stormwater Division and increases in utilities due to costs for streetlights. The Board and staff reviewed increased expenses related to the construction of the new Police building and costs associated with contractual services and utilities. Ms. Mellen explained that cost savings from relocating the Stormwater Division and other offices into County-owned buildings would be seen in FY 2012. Discussion was held about expenses for Fleet Maintenance. Discussion was held on the possibility to reinstate curbside leaf collection and flexibility to reinstate positions if the need arose during the fiscal year. Discussion was held about contributions to the courts and performance measures and grant funding for public safety positions. Mr. Kennedy and Police Chief Emmett Harmon discussed call responses in New Town, including the need for security resources in the complex. Discussion was held on a potential deficit of public safety positions. The discussion ended at Page C-45 of the budget document.

Mr. Goodson made a motion to adopt the resolution endorsing the Declaration of Interdependence for the Hampton Roads Partnership's Regional Day.

On a roll call vote, the vote was: AYE: McGlennon, Goodson, Icenhour, Jones, Kennedy (5). NAY: (0).

RESOLUTION

ENDORSEMENT OF DECLARATION OF INTERDEPENDENCE

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads Partnership seeks endorsement from its member localities of the attached Declaration of Interdependence; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Interdependence is a regional compact for municipalities addressing issues such as legislative unity, education, transportation public safety and public communication; and

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads Partnership will seek a roll call vote from each of its member localities to support the Declaration of Interdependence at Regional Day to be held on May 6, 2010.

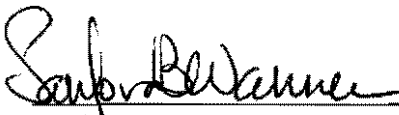
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, hereby endorses the attached Declaration of Interdependence.

D. ADJOURNMENT to May 5, 2010, at 3 p.m.

Mr. Goodson made a motion to adjourn.

On a roll call vote, the vote was: AYE: McGlennon, Goodson, Icenhour, Jones, Kennedy (5). NAY: (0).

At 10:05 p.m., Mr. Kennedy adjourned the Board until 3 p.m. on May 4, 2010.



Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board