

AT A BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 19TH DAY OF APRIL, 2000, AT 7:40 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. ROLL CALL

Ronald A. Nervitt, Chairman, Powhatan District
Bruce C. Goodson, Vice Chairman, Roberts District

John J. McGlennon, Jamestown District
Jay T. Harrison, Sr., Berkeley District
James G. Kennedy, Stonehouse District
Sanford B. Wanner, County Administrator
Frank M. Morton, III, County Attorney

Ms. Carol Swindell, Assistant Manager of Financial and Management Services, gave a summary of the General Fund Revenue.

Discussion of the budget followed. During that discussion, the Board requested a comparative item be included in future budget reviews that gives the amount of revenue received that is not affected by a transfer to State.

Mr. Nervitt made a motion to approve the rate increase of the Room Tax.

The straw vote failed 1-4.

Mr. Nervitt made a motion to increase the E-911 Tax.

The straw vote failed 2-3.

Mr. Nervitt made a motion to keep the Room Tax at four percent.

The straw vote passed 5-0

Mr. Nervitt made a motion to let the General Fund assume and eliminate the Transportation Improvement District's responsibility for the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) portion of the debt by \$125,000 per year.

The straw vote failed 2-3.

Mr. Goodson made a motion to extend the time frame for the Transportation Improvement District tax payback.

The straw vote failed 1-4.

Mr. McGlennon made a motion to restore funding of the one-cent commitment to Greenspace.

The straw vote passed 5-0.

The Board took a brief recess at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Nervitt called the Board back in session at 6:05 p.m.

Fire Chief Richard Miller gave a brief overview of the necessity of funding the rehabilitation of a fire ladder truck and the purchase of an additional truck in this budget.

Mr. Goodson made a motion to split the funding for the fire equipment into two years allocations rather than a lump sum allocation in this budget.

The straw vote passed 4-1.

School Budget Work Session

The Board expressed support of a six-percent increase in compensation to classroom teachers.

Mr. Nervitt suggested the Board approve the initial budget presented by the School Board with a condition that the Board encourages the School Board to allocate money to the teacher pay raise and to withhold a million dollars. The money would be withheld until after the School Board met with the Board in a joint retreat to discuss the allocation of that money.

The Board discussed funding options available to the School Board as well as other opportunities for the Board of Supervisors to meet the needs of the Schools' budget.

The Board discussed shifting \$611,000 of Capital costs from this year to next to aid in balancing the Budget.

Mr. Nervitt made a motion to reconsider the E-911 tax straw vote in order to restore revenue and allow the Board to fund some of the School Board's budget request.

The straw vote passed 5-0.

Mr. Wanner suggested the Board consider a resolution to give the School Board the Board of Supervisors' sense of budget allocations.

The Board agreed to consider the new fire ladder truck as a first priority should any unanticipated revenue come in during this budget year.

Mr. McGlemon requested a two-minute recess to speak with the County Administrator.

Mr. Nervitt called for a two-minute recess of the Board at 7:02 p.m.

Mr. Nervitt called the meeting back into order at 7:04 p.m.

Mr. McGlemon made a motion to ask the School Board and City Council to select members to meet with the Board to begin the process of discussing the opportunities of cost savings.

The straw vote passed 5-0.

Mr. Nervitt made a motion to consider withholding a million dollars within the School Budget. The money would be withheld until after the School met with the Board in a joint retreat to discuss the allocation of that money.

Mr. Wanner suggested two resolutions be presented to the Board. The first resolution would be the traditional allocation of money to the School Budget. The second resolution for consideration would incorporate the option to withhold one million dollars for the School Budget.

The straw vote passed 3-2.

Mr. Harrison made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting April 25, 2000, at 7:29 p.m.

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

The Board adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board