

AT A BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 20TH DAY OF APRIL 2009, 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, Chairman, Roberts District
James O. Icenhour, Jr., Powhatan District
John J. McGlennon, Jamestown District

Sanford B. Wanner, County Administrator

C. BOARD DISCUSSIONS

The Board met with members of the Williamsburg-James City County School Board including Chair Elise Emmanuel, Denise Koch, and Ruth Larson, and members of the administration, including Dr. Gary Mathews, Mr. Scott Burckbuchler, and Dr. Robert Becker for discussion on the School Board budget. Dr. Mathews stated that the budget is \$1.2 million less than the current year but that they have still been able to maintain teacher-student ratios in grades K-8, maintain all teacher assistants, counselors and school based administrators, and co-curricular activities. Mr. Goodson asked about the use of one-time stimulus funds and if some of those funds could be saved for next year. Dr. Burckbuchler responded that the use of the stimulus funds is a balancing act between using it for its purpose to preserve jobs now and to prevent a funding cliff for next year.

The Board also met with members of the Williamsburg-James City County Regional Library Board of Trustees, including Suzanne Mellen, Lynda Byrd-Poller, and Mary Norment, and the Executive Director John Moorman to discuss the Library budget. Mr. Moorman stated that he believed the proposed budget was responsive to the current fiscal constraints.

Ms. Carol Luckam, Human Resource Manager, discussed the proposed employee compensation and benefits in the budget. There are no salary increases proposed in the budget, and disability insurance is proposed to be eliminated as a benefit. This benefit has been rarely used, and employees have disability insurance through VRS. Elimination of this benefit will save about \$80,000.

Ms. Suzanne Mellen, Assistant Manager of Financial and Management Services, reviewed the proposed revenues. Mr. Steven Hicks, Development Manager, and Mr. Scott Thomas, Environmental Director, responded to questions about a proposed new fee and two fee increases under the Erosion and Sediment Control program. There was also discussion about a proposed new fee on the Inspection of Amusement Devices and a proposed new fee on Home Occupation Applications. Mr. McGlennon expressed concern about the increases in the Rec Connect program. Mr. Ned Cheely, Acting Assistant Manager of Community Services and Director of Parks and Recreation, noted that the fees for this program are lower than

any private or public program they could find except for the City of Hampton. In addition, he stated that the County offers an assistance program for families that meet certain income criteria.

The Board took a break at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

Ms. Mellen reviewed Operating Expenditures. Mr. John McDonald, Manager of Financial and Management Services, reviewed the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). Discussion on the CIP focused on the borrowing proposed for FY 2010 for two gymnasiums.

D. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:34 p.m., Mr. Icenhour made a motion to adjourn.

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

The Board adjourned until 7 p.m. on April 22, 2009.

Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board