

CLARKE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
February 23, 2010 Budget Work Session
 Meeting Room AB

5:30 p.m.

At a budget work session of the Board of Supervisors of Clarke County, Virginia, held in the Meeting Room AB, 2nd Floor Berryville Clarke County Joint Government Center, 101 Chalmers Court, 2nd Floor, Berryville, Virginia on Tuesday, February 23, 2010.

Board Members Present

J. Michael Hobert; John Staelin; David Weiss

Board Members Absent

Barbara Byrd; A. R. Dunning, Jr.

Staff Present

David Ash, Tom Judge, Lora Walburn

Others Present

Becky Layne

Call to Order

Chairman Hobert called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

FY 11 Budget Review and Discussion

Tom Judge distributed a meeting materials titled FY 11 Budget Process dated February 23, 2010. Highlights of the update and discussion include:

- Budget Assumptions
 - Planned two-cent real estate tax increase.
 - New assessed real estate values are still not available.
 - Personal property has been equalized from calendar year 2008 less \$200,000 that was the same set for calendar year 2009.

- Level funding for all regional organizations.
- Actual health insurance increase will be 2 ½% not the projected of 10%.
- Budget is premised on the Kaine budget.
- Revenue Changes and Revisits
 - Machinery and Tools decreased projections by \$28,000.
 - Interest rates are projected to increase.
 - Real estate delinquency rate is 2.23%
 - Need to revisit personal property once information is available.
 - Need to revisit Humane Foundation subsequent to discussions with this organization.
 - Shared building costs with the Town of Berryville will not be available prior to setting the budget.
 - Revisit revenue sources following adoption of the budget by the General Assembly.
- Expenditure Changes and Revisits
 - School Board requested budget has been incorporated and provided to the Supervisors under separate cover.
 - Landfill meeting will be held on March 4 to clarify charges.
 - Regional Jail met today with an increase of \$7,600.
 - Extension Agent Funding. In 2008 Extension had two agents; however, while funding was requested for the second agent in 2009, Virginia Tech did not budget the position; therefore the County cut back the funding.
 - One full-time Animal Control Officer.
 - Reassigned Zoning Administrator to Economic Development.
- Next Steps
 - Vice Chairman Weiss put forth concerns raised by the Conservation Easement Authority. Following discussion, it was determined that Conservation Easement does have a designated line item in the County budget. Further, they have their own fund and revenue sources.
 - Supervisor Staelin favorably noted the lower-than-expected employee health insurance rate increase.
 - Tom Judge will revisit sales tax revenue.
 - Vice Chairman Weiss asked Tom Judge for additional explanation on Pay-As-You Go elements.
 - Supervisor Staelin will check projected tax increases provided by the financial model to determine the accuracy of projections. He suggested inviting members of the School Board to review the model.
 - Chairman Hobert contributed that the State has restored personal property tax to localities.
 - Virginia Connector has not yet received commitments from other localities. Tom Judge noted that this was a for-profit company. Supervisor Staelin commented on the very low number of persons using the service.
 - Supervisor Staelin noted that the funding cut for our Regional Commission would be approximately \$60,000.

- David Ash briefed the Supervisors on the impacts of projected state funding cuts at the regional jail.
- Supervisor Staelin put forth for consideration conducting the public hearing to set the tax rate and delaying action on FY11 budget until after the General Assembly has set the state budget. Tom Judge and Chairman Hobert were tasked with approaching the School Board about the proposal.
- Supervisor Staelin suggested drafting a resolution of appreciation for Val Van Meter.
- Supervisor Weiss distributed a pending House bill affecting Cooperative Extension.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board at 6:36 pm Chairman Hobert adjourned the meeting.

Next Regular Meeting Date

The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors is set for Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room, 101 Chalmers Court, 2nd Floor, Berryville, Virginia.

ATTEST: February 23, 2010

J. Michael Hobert, Chair

David L. Ash, County Administrator

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