

CLARKE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
March 4, 2008                      Budget Work Session                      5:30 p.m.  
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room

At a budget work session of the Board of Supervisors of Clarke County, Virginia, held in the Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Circuit Courthouse, 102 N. Church Street, Berryville, Virginia on Tuesday, March 4, 2008.

Board Members Present

Barbara J. Byrd; A.R. "Pete" Dunning, Jr.; J. Michael Hobert; John R. Staelin; David S. Weiss

Staff Present

David Ash, Tom Judge

Also Present

Keith Dalton, Abigail Custis Marcy, Linwood Outlaw III, Stephanie Mangino, Ruth Marlow and other citizens

Call To Order

Chairman Staelin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

FY09 Budget Discussion

John Staelin provided an update of budget matters before the General Assembly.

Supervisor Byrd joined the meeting at 5:33 pm.

Tom Judge reviewed the February 28 changes made by the Finance Committee to the proposed FY09 Budget advising that there was a budget deficit in excess of \$643,000.

Chairman Staelin clarified that the original plan was a four-cent tax rate increase that subsequently had been lowered to two-cents; however, pending action by the General Assembly, the proposed tax rate could change.

Vice Chairman Hobert put forth that in light of the proposed General Assembly budget cuts the County estimates must be very conservative.

Supervisor Dunning suggested that the Chair write a letter to the County's legislative representatives expressing the Board's displeasure with the proposed budget cuts.

There was discussion on changing the business license tax. This matter had been previously reviewed by the Supervisors. Chairman Staelin offered to investigate the matter.

Chairman Staelin asked Mr. Judge to convey to the School Board their request to provide the final version of the FY09 proposed budget with as much advanced notice as possible. Mr. Staelin expressed his appreciation for the format of the School's budget noting that it was easy to read and provided concise detail.

#### Joint Vehicle Maintenance, Building Maintenance, Grounds Maintenance, Capital Projects Management.

David Ash provided the Supervisors with an update. He told the Supervisors that Larry Hardesty, Tom Judge, Bobby Levi and he had met to discuss the proposed joint venture. He stated that the County Maintenance Director was pursuing a request made of Larry Hardesty for expenditure rates and programs and to identify what functions would be transferred to the joint venture if the functions were merged. David Ash proposed that a memorandum of understanding be drafted.

Chairman Staelin contributed that Fauquier County would be providing supporting information advising that they have in place a joint venture with the schools.

Vice Chairman Hobert stated that he would like to see the plan and cautioned the Supervisors to proceed slowly noting that this would be a huge undertaking. Supervisor Dunning concurred suggesting that they take on portions at a time. He praised Bobby Levi, Clarke County Maintenance Director, for his purchase justification process, recordkeeping, tracking, and purchasing controls.

#### Alternate Location April 8 Public Hearing on FY09 Budget and Tax Rate

Chairman Staelin advised that John Enders Social Hall was booked for the evening of April 8, 2008. There followed discussion of alternate dates and locations. Chairman Staelin instructed staff to contact Boyce Volunteer Fire and Rescue to ascertain hall availability for April 8.

#### Summary Of Required Action

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Description</u>    | <u>Responsibility</u> |
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| 1.          | Investigate BPOL tax. | John Staelin          |

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| 2.          | Convey to the School Board the Supervisors' request for a copy of the final version of the FY09 proposed budget with as much advanced notice as possible. | Tom Judge             |
| 3.          | Draft a memorandum of understanding for joint maintenance.  | David Ash             |
| 4.          | Contact Boyce Volunteer Fire and Rescue to ascertain room availability for April 8.   | Lora B. Walburn       |

### Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board at 6:29 pm Chairman Staelin adjourned the work session.

### Next Meeting Date

The next budget work session the Board of Supervisors is set for Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room with the Clarke County School Board for presentation of the FY09 School Budget.

ATTEST: March 4, 2008

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John Staelin, Chairman

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David L. Ash, County Administrator

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