

THE NEW KENT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MET WITH SENIOR COUNTY STAFF ON THE 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND EIGHT OF OUR LORD AT FIRE STATION NUMBER ONE, IN PROVIDENCE FORGE, VIRGINIA, AT 12:00 NOON.

IN RE: ROLL CALL

Thomas W. Evelyn	Present
David M. Sparks	Present
James H. Burrell	Present
Stran L. Trout	Present
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Present

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

County Administrator John Budesky explained the absences of some of the Senior Staff and thanked everyone who was helping with the Library's move to its new location.

IN RE: BUDGET AND PRIORITIES

Mr. Budesky reported that the Budget Team should be finished its interviews with the departments and agencies during the next week, after which time they would start with the first round of cuts. He advised that nine or ten new County positions and eleven upgrades had been requested, and that the Schools had requested \$1.18 million in new funding as well as twelve new positions. He stated that it was his understanding that there were some anticipated decreases in the some of the County insurance premiums.

He spoke about some of the budget challenges to be faced which included debt service; flat revenues; operating and maintenance expenses for the new buildings and school; increases in teacher pay; lack of funding for new initiatives; rising costs of fuel and postage; the need to increase some of the fees in the Building and Community Development Departments so that they funded a larger portion of the operational costs of those offices; and the likelihood of a real estate tax increase.

Building Official Clarence Jackson described how he was trying to update the calculator used to determine fees so that it better reflected current market values, and after some adjustments to the fees, he felt that the fee revenue would come closer to funding operations of his office.

Mr. Budesky reported that separate funds within the CIP were being created for equipment and vehicles in order to better manage their replacement.

He spoke about the Budget Team and the Finance Team, and how both were participating in the budgeting process.

He indicated that he expected to be in a position to bring a set of recommendations to the Board in about 30 days, and that it was important for the Board to know what the true needs were, even if they could not be included in his recommendations. He talked about some of the new positions that had been requested and the difficult job of prioritizing, as well as how the cost of some positions could be offset with revenues. He admitted that there were never any years when the County could fund all of the new positions that were requested.

He spoke about the County's plan to resume ownership of space being vacated by the Schools in the current middle school and transportation department. There was discussion regarding the new Vehicle Maintenance Facility and Mr. Budesky advised that there were plans to add staff so that County vehicles could be serviced there.

There was inquiry about the current value of one cent on the real estate market. Mr. Budesky advised that he would obtain that information and provide it to the Board.

Mr. Evelyn inquired about the County's procurement policy. Mr. Budesky explained that the County routinely made purchases off of the State contract list and had a policy in place that required bids and quotes for larger purchases, but admitted that there was room for improvement on "day to day" purchasing.

It was confirmed that the Sheriff's Annex project remained on schedule for completion by the end of April.

Fire Chief Hicks reminded everyone that it was the beginning of the fire season.

IN RE: DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Sparks moved to appoint Wayne T. Marks as a District Two representative to the Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee to serve a four year term ending December 31, 2011.

Mr. Sparks moved to appoint Bonnie Justice as District Two's representative to the Clean County Commission to serve a four year term beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2011.

Mr. Burrell moved to appoint Lorraine Dismond as a District Three representative to the Transportation Safety Commission to serve a term ending December 31, 2009.

The members were polled:

Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
D. M. Sparks	Aye
Stran L. Trout	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye

The motions carried.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. The members were polled:

David M. Sparks	Aye
Stran L. Trout	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye

The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.