

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MET ON THE 21ST DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR A PUBLIC HEARING RECONVENING FROM THE MAY 14TH MEETING.

IN RE: ROLL CALL

Gary L. Green	Present
James H. Burrell	Present
Frederick G. Bahr	Present
Julian T. Lipscomb	Absent
Mark A. Hennaman	Present

Mr. Burrell lead the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN RE: ADOPTION OF FY 97-98 BUDGET AND ORDINANCE O-09-97. The Board will consider the adoption of the budget and Ordinance enacting tax levies for FY 97-98.

GENERAL FUND	\$ 6,563,806
SCHOOL FUND	12,417,123
SCHOOL FOOD	366,370
AIRPORT FUND	96,760
E-911 FUND	160,000
WATER FUND	720,900
TOTAL	\$20,324,959

Mr. Emerson gave a brief report explaining Ordinance O-09-97 and the budget appropriations in lump sum categories. He stated that the revenue projections were solid, they included revenues from the track, admissions fees, 1/4 of 1% from the handle at the track, 1/4 of 1/4 of the handle at the OTBs. Discussion followed about the budget projections. Mr. Burrell made the following comments about his concerns if the revenue comes in at a higher level than projected, he would like to give a supplemental appropriation to the school system. Also, the airport should stand on its own. Mr. Green stated that regarding the school roof, he felt this should be rolled into capital improvement. Also, he would like to see the school board purchase one new bus, and use the funds they were going to use to purchase a second new bus along with the \$30,000 they were going to return to the general fund to fund a science teacher and a social studies teacher. Mr. Bahr clarified that if the budget is adopted tonight it supersedes his motion from the last meeting to appropriate money for the schools, but not allocate it. Mr. Bahr suggested that \$12,000 be deducted from the schools budget and the County use that amount to put them on the Bright System. He also recommended that another \$2,000 be withheld from the school budget and used to pay for an audit late this summer to see how well they are doing. Mr. Emerson verified that this could be done by moving \$14,000 to the reserve contingency line item with the understanding it was being withheld for these purposes and appropriate it at a later date. Mr. Bahr made a motion to adopt to adopt the budget and Ordinance O-09-97 with the stipulation that \$14,000 be withheld from the school allocation in the County's contingency fund until such time

as those specific expenditures - \$12,000 for the Bright System and \$2,000 for an efficiency study be completed. There was no further discussion. The Members were polled.

Gary L. Green	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye
Frederick G. Bahr	Aye
Julian T. Lipscomb	Absent
Mark A. Hennaman	Aye

The motion was carried.

FOR FY 97-98 BUDGET AS ADOPTED, SEE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ORDER BOOK, APPENDIX SIX, PAGE 44.
FOR ORDINANCE O-09-97 AS ADOPTED, SEE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ORDER BOOK, APPENDIX SIX, PAGE 42.

IN RE: REQUEST FROM SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Hennaman concurred with Mr. Green's earlier comments about the school roof going into the lease purchase that the County plans for the capital improvement project. He did want to be sure that the superintendent and the school board are aware that the contracts on this job are not to be awarded until all the paperwork is completed. Mr. Cornwell clarified that the schools would coordinate with his office the bidding of the roof repairs. Mr. Emerson stated that Dr. Geiger has also verbally requested direction in the distribution of the flex monies in his budget. He has proposed to use the money to purchase one or two buses, social studies text books to satisfy the State's Standards of Learning, a drivers' education car, and transport car for students. He has also requested direction on other options for the monies, such as band uniforms, band instruments and a computer lab. There is also the unresolved issue of whether the Board wishes any of the money to be returned to the fund balance, and if so, how much? Mr. Emerson requested the Board's guidance tonight so that he could relay it to the superintendent. Mr. Hennaman stated for the record that in principle he still maintains that any surplus funds from any department should go back to the County's general fund because it is the taxpayers' money. However, he would consider any purchases the school board may propose that would have priority impact on the schools. Mr. Hennaman was concerned about trying to fund a teaching position out of the surplus - though the positions are needed. A surplus is a nonrecurring fund and should not fund a teaching position. Mr. Green agreed with Mr. Hennaman's statements. He suggested the surplus be given back to the schools, but with strings attached - they can only purchase one bus and fund the two teaching positions. Mr. Bahr agreed that the money should be returned to the County. After the school has gotten its house in order, then decide, with the school board and Dr. Geiger as to how those funds should be allocated and re-appropriated. Mr. Burrell stated that he would like to see the schools retain the money. We could allocate to meet the priorities and later make the appropriation. The money should legally come back to us, but he was in favor of letting the school board keep it. (Mr. Lipscomb arrived at 6:35 p.m.) Mr. Green asked if this would tie the hands of the school board in being able to look for a social studies teacher and a science teacher. Discussion followed about the surplus funds. Mr. Emerson clarified that the school board can spend it any way they wish. Discussion followed about the surplus money. Mr. Hennaman restated the consensus of the Members: The surplus money should come back to the general fund with the understanding that the Board would have a fair commitment to return that money back to the school board at a later point in time in the fiscal year for certain expenditures, also that they keep the surplus they have now and spend it on certain priorities/expenditures. The text books need to be ordered, the one bus needs to be ordered. Ms. Cynthia Gaines was asked if she wanted to make any comments. She stated that the recommendations are from Dr. Geiger, the school

board has already told him they only want to purchase one bus. They are trying to build a relationship with the Supervisors and trying to get their house in order, and the Supervisors are not giving them the opportunity to do this. The school board plans to prioritize Dr. Geiger's list and advise Dr. Geiger. They have agreed to purchase the Bright Accounting System. Mr. Green stated that when he spoke with Ms. Lawler today, she told him that she did not know when the Bright System would be approved – that's the knowledge he was working with. Mr. Burrell said that after listening to Ms. Gaines, it seemed that they shared the same priorities and he felt that the money should be given to them with no stipulations. Mr. Hennaman stated that he wanted it to be understood, that while this is something the Board is doing this year, this Board expects any surplus from any department always be returned back to the general fund and no expenditures be made out of any surplus without this Board's knowledge and consent. If this Board should decide to return the surplus to the school, for the explicit expenditures of the type Ms. Gaines discussed, that it not be construed as a standard operating procedure. Every budget year will be viewed independently of the preceding one, and you wouldn't build next year's budget with this amount in it. The Board agreed on this. Mr. Burrell made a motion to allow the schools to include the cost of elementary school gym roof in the County financing for the improvements for the Administration Building. There was no discussion. The Members were polled.

Gary L. Green	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye
Frederick G. Bahr	Aye
Julian T. Lipscomb	Aye
Mark A. Hennaman	Aye

The motion was carried.

Mr. Burrell made a motion that the school board be allowed to spend without returning any of the surplus funds to the Board, after hearing the Vice Chairman's proposal for spending, and that as standard operating procedures, all departments would return surplus funds and any budget that was built for any department would be based on not including any supplemental appropriation. Mr. Lipscomb asked to make a friendly amendment of the Board having a line item of what the surplus funds are spent on. Mr. Burrell restated his motion by moving that the school board be allowed to keep the surplus they have. Mr. Bahr made a motion that of the surplus funds in the school budget, they retain enough to pay for the required text books and for one bus and the balance be returned to the Board with further requests to be considered at a future date. Mr. Lipscomb asked if Mr. Bahr would include in his motion the purchase of the computer lab. Discussion followed about the computer lab and the teaching positions. Mr. Lipscomb asked Ms. Gaines if the new teaching positions were in the budget for FY 97-98. Ms. Gaines replied that if the amount the Board had budgeted to the school is the same as discussed tonight, then no, they are not. Mr. Hennaman clarified that regardless of what the Board recommends, the school board is not bound to follow it, it would just be on record. Mr. Bahr said he would accept a friendly amendment to his motion to include the computer lab. There was no discussion. The motion was: It is the Board's recommendation that the school division be allowed to keep funds out of the surplus that exists to purchase one bus, text books and a computer lab and any surplus after these expenditures be returned back to the County's general fund. The Members were polled.

Gary L. Green	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye
Frederick G. Bahr	Aye
Julian T. Lipscomb	Aye
Mark A. Hennaman	Aye

The motion was carried.

Mr. Burrell withdrew his motion.

IN RE: PROCLAMATION OF UNITY WEEK - JUNE 1 - 7. RESOLUTION R-13-97.

Mr. Emerson reported that this Resolution, R-13-97 is the result of discussions with Reverend Hathaway and meetings with others. The week of June 1 - 7 will be designated by the Board of Supervisors as Unity Week as proposed. Mr. Emerson read the resolution. It has been determined that the week will be kicked off on June 1st around 6:00 p.m. with a unity march from the Courthouse to the High School with events at the High School, and various other events scheduled throughout the week that will reflect upon the commonality and unity of all people of New Kent County. There was no discussion. Mr. Burrell made a motion to approve Resolution R-13-97 as presented.

Gary L. Green	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye
Frederick G. Bahr	Aye
Julian T. Lipscomb	Aye
Mark A. Hennaman	Aye

The motion was carried.

FOR RESOLUTION R-13-97 AS ADOPTED, SEE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ORDER BOOK, APPENDIX SIX, PAGE 40.

IN RE: RESOLUTION R-14-97, RESOLUTION FOR FUNDING ALLOCATION for Richmond Regional Competitiveness Committee.

Mr. Hennaman stated that this comes as a result of the Richmond Regional Competitiveness Committee, which was formed as the regional planning district, as a result of 1996 legislation which requires this action. Each of the participating localities has been asked to adopt this resolution. It mainly addresses the uniqueness of Chesterfield County by delineating the line between its two planning district commissions. Mr. Bahr made a motion to approve Resolution R-14-97 as presented. The Members were polled.

Gary L. Green	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye
Frederick G. Bahr	Aye
Julian T. Lipscomb	Aye
Mark A. Hennaman	Aye

The motion was carried.

FOR RESOLUTION R-14-97 AS ADOPTED, SEE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ORDER BOOK, APPENDIX SIX, PAGE 41.

IN RE: STRATEGIC PLANNING AND GOALS WORK SESSION

Mr. Hennaman reminded Mr. Lipscomb that Dr. Lacy had not received his questionnaire at this time and asked if it could be completed and given to Mr. Emerson by Friday. Dr. Lacy will schedule interviews next week with each Board member. The consensus of the Board was that Wednesday would be the preferred date.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Burrell made a motion to adjourn. There was no discussion. The Members were polled.

Gary L. Green	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye
Frederick G. Bahr	Aye
Julian T. Lipscomb	Aye
Mark A. Hennaman	Aye

The motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.