

A BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS HELD ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY-NINE IN THE COURTROOM OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE AT 9:15 A.M.

IN RE: ROLL CALL

Mark A. Hennaman	Present
Julian T. Lipscomb	Present
Rebecca M. Ringley	Present
James H. Burrell	Present
Frederick G. Bahr	Present

IN RE: SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sheriff Howard reviewed his budget requests which mainly concerned the four grant positions which will be expiring this year: the crime analysis position (Nancy), the crime prevention specialist, the COPS grant UHP, and COPS grant universal hiring. Sheriff Howard said he anticipated some revenue to offset these positions - \$25,460 from COPS, received new Comp Board position this year, and Danny Patterson is now the schools Resource Officer and will be funded by the schools. Sheriff Howard suggested replacing Danny Patterson's DARE Officer position and the new position to use on midnights and said it would only take \$13,908 in new money to add these positions or \$26,000 plus new money to pick up all grants and replace Danny Patterson as the DARE officer position and add a new position. One of these positions will be picked up by the state. DMV Selective Enforcement monies will be \$15,000 this year, which covers part-time dispatchers and deputies that the County pays for. The merits of a County-owned garage were discussed. The bike patrol was discussed. The Sheriff said the confinement of prisoners was up 39 percent. The Sheriff said there would be more court days held in New Kent and it would affect his court security. He currently has five deputies working courts. The use of these court security officers was discussed. The Sheriff also discussed his request for the funding of video cameras for the cars.

IN RE: COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

Mr. Linwood Gregory presented his budget requests to the Board. His budget is mainly funded by the state, with the County's portion being \$12,519. Mr. Gregory said he would like to get a cellular phone and get rid of his pager. He also discussed the rising cost of his books and subscriptions and said he would like to attend a conference, the County would only have to pay for his lodging and meals.

IN RE: VICTIM/WITNESS PROGRAM

Mr. Linwood Gregory and Ms. Robin McLaughlin presented this budget. Ms. McLaughlin said she worked with Quin Rivers in providing some services. The funding for this program comes through federal government and this year she was asked to cut her budget by 10 percent, which is down to the bare bones. Mr. Gregory said they may be asking the localities to give a cash match up to 20 percent. Mr. Emerson asked Mr. Gregory to lean on the General Assembly to make up this money instead of the localities.

IN RE: TREASURER'S OFFICE

Mr. Richard Ellyson, Treasurer, presented this budget to the Board. Mr. Ellyson said he would need more money in the part-time help area. He also requested funding to replace the dummy terminals with Y2K compatible computers. Mr. Ellyson thought the timing of the County decals was a problem and created a loophole this one time. Problems with the Bright System were discussed.

The Board recessed at 12:05 p.m. for lunch.

The Board reconvened at 12:37 p.m.

IN RE: HERITAGE LIBRARY

Mr. Alan Bernstein and Mr. Kenneth Otey reviewed this budget. Their request was the County's match to the state funds in order to keep their funds flowing. There is an increase this year of \$10,361.

IN RE: HENRICO MENTAL HEALTH

Mr. Jim Stewart, Ms. Michelle Johnson, and Ms. Lynn Corsentino presented this budget request to the Board. The services provided by Henrico Mental Health were discussed. They requested an increase of \$2,271 in funding from the County for a total of \$78,003.

IN RE: GENERAL DISTRICT COURT

Ms. Marie Cagwin reviewed this budget. She stated they will be adding another employee for small claims court and will need a work station and equipment. Ms. Cagwin also asked the Board for changes in the courthouse renovations – they would like to move the window from its designated location. The Board said they would consider this request at the end of the meetings today.

IN RE: SOCIAL SERVICES

Ms. Marianne Powell presented this budget. Mr. Emerson stated that most of this budget is split 80/20 with the state. Ms. Powell said she would not see the state budget until May. Ms. Powell said they would be getting a new social worker and the position should be funded at least half by the state and she was working on a grant to make up the other half. Social Services will be moving into office space at Providence Forge, which eliminates the space issue. She was unsure what her salary raises will be. The Board requested she split her maintenance repairs into vehicle and office. Ms. Powell did not think the state would pay any additional money for the rent of the new office space. Mr. Emerson asked her to pursue this.

IN RE: CSA & OFFICE ON YOUTH

Ms. Marianne Powell and Ms. Denise Bartlett presented this budget request. The funding for this program was discussed. Special care and foster care programs were discussed. The County funds approximately 40 percent and the state provides the rest of the funding.

IN RE: HANOVER HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Ted Tweel, Mr. Steve Fuhrmann, and Ms. Gale Bazzichi reviewed the budget requests for the Health Department. Ms. Barbara Moss, representative to the Health Advisory Board was also present. A 6 percent increase over the match dollar was requested for this year – 36.024 percent of the total budget is New Kent’s share (\$111,544). Community-based services will be emphasized and the Governor’s budget focused on protection of food and water. The aging population was discussed. The status of the environmental health staff was discussed. The Board was concerned that New Kent used to have two full-time sanitarians and now they have only 30 percent of one person. The Board would like to see them concentrate on the sanitarians. Problems with the Woods at Five Lakes were discussed.

Resolution R-13-99 supporting April 5-9 National Public Health Week was discussed. Mr. Burrell made a motion to adopt ResolutionR-13-99 as presented.

Mark A. Hennaman	Aye
Julian T. Lipscomb	Aye
Rebecca M. Ringley	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye
Frederick G. Bahr	Aye

IN RE: CIRCUIT COURT CLERK’S OFFICE

Ms. Barbara Gregory told the Board her overall budget was decreasing around \$500. She hopes to have deeds put on the internet in the future and then be followed by other court records.

IN RE: PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Larry Gallaher discussed the Volunteer Fire Department, which is split between three departments that operate under the same budget. Grants were discussed. Response from James City County Fire Department was discussed as well as their requested contribution for this. A levy that could be added to the tax bill for fire and rescue was discussed. Building permits were discussed. Vehicle replacement for the jeep and jimmy was discussed.

IN RE: EMERGENCY SERVICES

This budget covers Mr. Gallaher and Ms. Stanley’s salaries, and uniforms and turnout gear for Larry.

IN RE: REVENUE

Mr. Emerson said it was a bad situation this year as track revenue was down and sales tax has gone down. There were \$82,000 discretionary dollars and unless there was a tax increase there are no new programs that can be funded.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 5:35 p.m.