

A BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS HELD ON THE 6TH DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY-NINE IN THE COURTROOM IN THE OLD COURTHOUSE AT 6:00 P.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: GENERATORS FOR COUNTY OPERATED WELL SYSTEMS

Mr. Emerson gave the Board information on purchasing generators for the County owned wells. The current base rate would have to be raised approximately \$17.33 per quarter to cover the cost of the generators. Mr. Emerson suggested the Board approve an analysis of the water rate. It was the consensus of the Board to do this. Mr. Emerson said he would probably have Robinson, Farmer and Cox do the analysis and would report the findings to the Board.

IN RE: ADMINISTRATOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FY2000

Mr. Emerson said the budget had been balanced with no tax increase. Included in the budget was a Parks & Recreation Department and Sheriff's personnel. Mr. Lipscomb was concerned about the Sheriff's grants the County has to pick up and if the Sheriff really needed these extra deputies, or was he just getting the grants because he wants them. Mr. Lipscomb was also concerned about the rising cost of incarceration. The Board discussed these issues. Mr. Emerson continued, stating the budget also included an increase in the part time costs for the courts and other areas, a 3 percent cost of living adjustment is proposed with a 0-3 percent merit increase on the employees' anniversary date based upon their annual review. The constitutional officers will receive a 6.25 percent increase and the Sheriff's deputies will receive a 13.7 percent increase on December 1, 1999. School funding increased \$345,000 for a total of \$6,145,000 in local funding, which is an increase of 5.95 percent over last year and is in keeping with the formula the Board adopted. \$15,000 for the regional economic development effort and funds have been set aside for a contractual marketer. The FY2000 budget balances at \$24,568,137. Regarding revenues, Mr. Emerson said the sales tax was level, consumer utility tax was reduced, and the OTB receipts were down. Under capital item requests the Sheriff's Department will receive 7 vehicles for \$154,000, and the lease purchase will be paid off. This is the first year there have been capital funds to handle these projects. They will also replace one of the building inspection vehicles. The Volunteer Fire Department has requested funding for an air utility van, which Mr. Emerson did not recommend as they have acquired a grant to fund a rescue truck the Board opposed. Company 2 was requesting \$29,000 to re-chassis their brush truck and Company 3 was requesting \$55,000 to replace their brush truck. Animal Control was requesting a new vehicle. Vehicles for Rt. 33 Water and Rt. 33 Sewer & Waste were in the budget, but the one for Sewer & Water would be taken out if the Board contracted with HRSD to handle the sewage systems for the County. Under technology, the forms printer may be purchased this year with the help of the Compensation Board. Mr. Emerson did not recommend any communications equipment for Animal Control or the video cameras for the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff has \$26,000 in asset forfeitures he can use to purchase the cameras. Mr. Emerson did recommend the funding of a cross-over on Route 33 the fire department would utilize, turn-out gear, and \$35,000 for the plans and

specs for a new fire station 1. Mr. Emerson also recommended the resurfacing of refuse site 647, the Rt. 618 drive thru drop-off, paving of the parking lots at the old courthouse, and the ISTEAs sidewalk project. Regarding the airport, there was \$60,000 in the budget for the terminal building demolition or repair. \$20,000 was included for plans and specs for hangar repairs and/or upgrade, after which the rent would increase to pay for the improvements. Monies were also included to do a perimeter fence, runway/apron crack sealing, relocate the wind sock, upgrade the fuel pump, and replace the heat pump. In the water fund was \$75,000 to replace the well in Kenwood. Under Schools was \$53,000 for the purchase of land. New positions recommended were: case manager for Criminal Justice Board, director and secretary to Parks & Recreation Department, social worker, crime analysis position, and two new deputy sheriff positions, utility mechanic for Route 33 – Water, and two plant operators for wastewater treatment for a total of \$286,534. Mr. Emerson reviewed the FY2000 Budget request increase/decrease analysis. The Board discussed dates for the public hearing on the budget (June 2) and decided to set the adoption of the budget on June 14 at the regular board meeting.

IN RE: MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Emerson requested an executive session with the Board prior to or after the May 10 board meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to hold the executive session at 5:30 p.m. before the board meeting. The Board discussed the request of the Quinton Post Office to support their effort to gain more space and relocate their entrance at their current location. The Board also discussed and decided they should send a letter to CSX asking them what their intentions are regarding the old railroad station located in Providence Forge.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hennaman made a motion to adjourn.

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

The Board adjourned at 7:49 p.m.