

FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Budget Work Session on Revenues
Former Board of Supervisors Room
Administration Building
February 25th 2009
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marvin F. Moss, Chairman
Charles W. Allbaugh, Vice Chairman
Mozell H. Booker
John Y. Gooch
Gene F. Ott
Donald W. Weaver

ALSO PRESENT: G. Cabell Lawton, IV, County Administrator
Shelly H. Wright, Assistant County Administrator
Crystal Besecker, Budget Analyst
Linda H. Lenherr, Treasurer
Susan Muir, Social Services Director
Garland Nuckols, Director of Facilities
Manny Rodriguez, IT Director
Andrew “Mel” Sheridan, Commissioner of the Revenue

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Moss called the budget work session on reconciliations to order at 6:00 p.m. in the former Board Room, Palmyra, Virginia.

UPDATE

Mr. Cabell Lawton, County Administrator, updated the Board regarding the school construction bids received the morning of February 25th 2009.

HOUSEKEEPING MATTERS

Mr. Lawton began the presentation by reviewing some housekeeping items. The Animal Friendly Fees collected from DMV which typically total \$750 were added to the revenue and expenditure budgets.

PRESENTATION ON REVENUES

Mr. Lawton continued the presentation by discussing the Real Property, Public Service and Personal Property Tax revenue estimates.

Vice Chairman Allbaugh questioned the use of 100% of the Sales/Assessment Ratio and Mr. Sheridan, Commissioner of the Revenue, stated that currently the rate is 93.7%.

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Mr. Lawton reviewed the Personal Property Tax Base change from the originally projected \$180 million to \$151 million and opened the floor for Mr. Sheridan to discuss the details behind the change. Mr. Sheridan provided a handout of updated NADA values to show the significant drop in values for large vehicles, such as pick-up trucks and SUVs. He indicated that initially it looked as if the values were decreasing 20% across the board; but after further analysis it appeared that the values are \$174 million; but boats and other recreational vehicles have not been added or reviewed at present time.

Supervisor Ott suggested using the currently allocated \$250,000 to complete as much of the old library building renovations as possible and eliminate the currently proposed \$2 million borrowing allowing Social Services to move into the space as quickly as possible.

Chairman Moss suggested the \$1.9 million the schools are due to receive in FY09 from the federal stimulus program be budgeted to FY10 as a carryover and asked staff to obtain the Title I formula information and determine the exact figure for the stimulus funding.

Mr. Lawton provided potential fee increases in the Building Inspections Department and the Planning Department to better align the fees with the costs of issuance. A discussion ensued as to when to make the new fee schedule effective.

COMMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Chairman Moss provided an update regarding the investment portfolio and recent changes. He stated the Finance Committee met and suggested the Treasurer take \$2 million and invest it in CD's with Bank of America. It was projected this change will increase revenues by \$60,000 - \$70,000.

Supervisor Weaver indicated that the current FY09 return on investment budget is overstated.

Discussion ensued regarding debt service, the FY10 tax rate and funding of the school resource officers. Staff was tasked with looking into this program.

NEXT BUDGET WORK SESSION

A summary of items to be discussed at the March 11th 2009 reconciliation work session is:

- 1) CIP – What projects are in the current proposed budget
- 2) Collection rates
- 3) Fee Increases
- 4) Comp Board funding - \$37,000 reinstated
- 5) Investment funding - \$50,000 additional from change
- 6) Debt Reserve

The next budget work session regarding Agency Presentations is scheduled for March 4th 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Circuit Court Room after the regular board meeting.

ADJOURN

With unanimous consent, the Board adjourned the work session of Wednesday, February 25th 2009 at 8:20 p.m.