

**FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Budget Work Session on Reconciliation**  
**Former Board of Supervisors Room**  
**Administration Building**  
**March 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PRESENTATION – PROPOSED BUDGET RECONCILIATION**

Mr. Cabell Lawton, County Administrator, provided a presentation with adjusted revenue projections. Mr. Lawton provided a summary of revised revenues; revised Personal property Tax Calculations; Public Utility Tax Calculations; Public Utility Tax; Compensation Board Funding Restored; and School Funding. On the expenditure side, Mr. Lawton summarized the proposed Expenditure Adjustments; the original Debt Reserve Plan A and B; the Capital Improvement Plan; and what the next steps were [March 18<sup>th</sup> 2009 – School Presentation and Request – Prepare and submit advertisement; April 8<sup>th</sup> 2009 – Public Hearing Circuit Courtroom at 7:00 p.m.; and April 15<sup>th</sup> 2009 – Adopt Final Budget at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom].

**COMMENTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

Chairman Moss indicated he would be meeting with Dr. Smith to discuss spending plans for the Federal Stimulus funding. Chairman Moss also addressed the new investment scenario and asked the Treasurer if funds had been moved over to CD's. The Treasurer responded the switchover would occur on March 17<sup>th</sup> 2009 after the County's Investment Policy had been reviewed.

Other items discussed were the Building and Planning departments proposed fee increases and the James River Water Pipeline Project.

The Commissioner of the Revenue addressed the Board regarding the increase in the personal property tax base [originally projected to be \$151 million with the current projection of \$174 million].

Mr. Lawton apprised the Board of the decrease in the County's liability for the Central Virginia Regional Jail and indicated the CVRJ would be receiving additional funding from the state and this will reduce the County's portion by \$120,451.

The Board members briefly discussed the school's debt reserve.

Supervisor Weaver raised the topic of the CIP plan and the proposed two (2) fire buildings. Supervisor Ott stated that placing the project in the CIP was simply a place holder.

Mr. Lawton apprised the Board of the proposed 14.5% health insurance premium increase. As stated in the presentation he is proposing the County cost share the increase with the employees--10.5% County/4%Employees. This would equate to approximately \$75,000 of County funds.

The agency presentations made at a previous budget work session were then discussed. Mr. Lawton presented his recommendations of allocating an additional \$14,000 to specific agencies (as stated in the presentation). Supervisor Booker stated that she would like to allocate more funding to JABA. It was agreed to add \$7,500 to JABA and increase agency funding as stated by Mr. Lawton in the presentation.

Mr. Sheridan requested that if the board was to reinstate funding, he would highly recommend restoring funding for the VAMANET fees. Currently this is a service provided to citizens at no cost. During the budget reductions this item was removed from his budget. The board agreed unanimously to reinstate the \$3,600 fee.

The board further allocated

- 1) \$10,000 to personnel contingency
- 2) \$60,000 to board contingency
- 3) \$50,000 to Social Services (in addition to Administration's recommendation of \$50,000)

The Personal Property tax rate was set at 96% leaving a remaining balance of \$184,892 (revenues over expenditures). The remaining funds were **directed** to be put into the non-departmental budget as unappropriated funds. Staff was further **directed** to return to the board at a later date with a plan and for distributing the funding.

The Capital Improvement Plan and FY10 budget discussions ensued. Supervisor Allbaugh stated that he would not vote for \$2.2 million for two (2) fire houses. Supervisor Booker stated her stipulation is that they be attractive. The motion was made by Mr. Moss and seconded by Mr. Ott to keep \$2.2 million in the CIP for two firehouses as a place holder. Further Board action would be needed to authorize staff to proceed.

The discussion then proceeded onto the remaining CIP projects. It was agreed that the \$3 million for the Human Services building be removed at this point. It was further discussed that the current \$250,000 funding for this project in FY09 would be utilized to complete as much of the project as possible in an effort to allow the Social Services department to expand their headquarters. It was noted that there would not be enough funding to cover revamping the HVAC system and hopefully the performance contracting that is currently being procured would take care of this part of the renovations.

Chairman Moss asked if everyone was comfortable proceeding with the CIP plan as presented. The general consensus was to proceed.

Chairman Moss then broached the subject of the school debt service funding. Supervisor Ott stated the Board should increase the Real Estate tax rate 2¢ and dedicate those additional pennies to the school construction debt reserve. This would allow approximately \$700,181 to be allocated strictly to debt reserve, in addition to the \$1,025,000 already in the FY10 proposed budget.

#### **NEXT BUDGET WORK SESSION**

March 18<sup>th</sup> 2009 – School Presentation

Circuit Courtroom at 6:00 p.m. (preceding regular BOS meeting)

#### **ADJOURN**

Chairman Moss then summarized the decisions for the evening and adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Supervisor Gooch asked if staff could provide the board with the total of all the cuts and show the *actual* increase or decrease in the FY10 budget without any anomalies.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.