

**FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING**  
**Circuit Courtroom**  
**Fluvanna Courts Building**  
**February 24<sup>th</sup> 2010**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gene F. Ott, Chairman  
Shaun V. Kenney, Vice-Chair  
Mozell H. Booker  
Joe Chesser  
John Y. Gooch  
Donald W. Weaver

**ALSO PRESENT:** Shelly H. Wright, Interim County Administrator  
Crystal Besecker, Budget Analyst

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ott called to order the meeting of February 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 on the FY11 Budget at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom, Fluvanna Courts Building, Palmyra, Virginia.

Chairman Ott began the meeting by discussing two handouts: 1) Department of Education Statement showing State funding and local match requirements for 2009 and 2010; and, 2) Labor Market Data for Fluvanna County.

**FY11 Budget Revenue Review**

Mrs. Shelly H. Wright, Interim County Administrator, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the FY11 Budget Revenues.

During the presentation, Mr. Ott stated that the Finance Committee met on February 22, 2010 to discuss the County's investments and future projections. He stated that the projected Revenue from Use of Money for FY2010 is \$15,000. (This figure is also incorporated in the FY11 budget projections.)

Mrs. Wright closed the presentation with a slide on Decision Points for the Board's consideration at this meeting. The meeting was then turned back to the Board members for discussion.

Mr. Chesser began the discussion by stating that the County should be considering Revenue Recovery for Emergency Medical Services. This would be a way of recouping funds to offset the associated operational costs. The discussion continued between the Board members and staff. Mrs. Wright stated that staff would need approximately six months to work through discussions with the current volunteer EMS staff. Mr. Weaver proposed a start date of January 1, 2011 for implementation. The

Board **directed** staff to establish a committee by April 1, 2010 to focus on a Revenue Recovery System and report back to the Board.

Preliminary Funding Level for the School Budget

Mr. Ott turned the conversation to the Schools budget by asking the Board members if they were ready to state a preliminary funding level for the FY11 budget. Mr. Chesser expressed his position that the Board needed to discuss the effects of no tax increase. He also stated that perhaps the board should closely consider the level of funding distributed to the schools, as the County currently allocates a much higher level of funding than the minimum that is required to match state dollars. He suggested cutting the County contribution for FY11.

Mrs. Booker stated that she would support level funding for the schools (\$15 million). She also stated that raising taxes a few cents is something she would support along with cuts in other areas.

Mr. Kenney expressed discontent with the schools recent spending decisions with regard to the new high school construction.

Mrs. Booker stated that it would not be fair to ask the schools to dig deeper into their pockets when they have already made cuts to compensate for less state funding. It is not possible to take the entire deficit out of the schools.

Mr. Weaver stated that he would cut education in FY11 at some level, but would not take the current FY10 deficit (\$562,000) out of the fund balance.

Mr. Gooch brought to light the per pupil expenditure in Fluvanna versus the state average. He stated that he is in favor of a Real Estate or Personal Property tax rate increase to support the levels of services currently provided. He agreed with Mrs. Booker that the County cannot expect the schools to absorb the entire \$3.9 million deficit.

Mrs. Booker told the Board that she had been working with Mrs. Wright and had drafted several budget proposals on her own. She **directed** staff to share this document with the other Board members.

FY10 Shortfall

Mr. Ott reemphasized that the Board has to address the FY10 shortfall. The options are either take it from the fund balance or raise taxes. The debt reserve plan was to set aside a set number of pennies each year and he wants to stay with that plan. Mr. Ott further stated that the County will not be funding the Domino Plan.

Mr. Ott, Mr. Kenney, and Mr. Chesser stated that the schools need to prepare for the potential of a \$3 million cut in local funding.

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION:**

At 9:07 p.m. Mr. Weaver moved to adjourn the work session and Mr. Kenney seconded. The motion carried with a vote of 6-0. AYES: Booker, Chesser, Gooch, Kenney, Weaver and Ott. NAYS: None.