

MINUTES
KING WILLIAM COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2011

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of King William County, Virginia, held on the 18th day of April, 2011, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, the meeting was called to order with the following present:

C. L. Schools, Chairman
D. L. Wright, Vice-Chairman
C. T. Redd III
T. G. Smiley
O. O. Williams

T. L. Funkhouser, County Administrator

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED FY-2012 BUDGET

The Chairman, C. L. Schools, declared the public hearing open to receive comments on the proposed FY-12 Budget. Mr. Schools stated, in the interest of eliminating rumors, that there has been no discussion to eliminate or reduce the Parks and Recreation department in any way. The Board agreed, during the budget work sessions, to fund the department at the level requested. The Chairman further stated that there are no plans to eliminate the Parks and Recreation department.

The Chairman turned the meeting over to the County Administrator. Mr. Funkhouser stated the first draft of the budget has been available. As a result of the budget work session, on March 25, 2011, some interim changes were made to correct some minor errors, as well as, add funds in some areas and subtract from other areas. He added that there will be more discussions on how the County might be able to reduce expenditures; he does not know if any additional revenue will be found. Mr. Funkhouser commented on the staff's contribution to the budget process thus far and he thanked them for their hard work.

Continuing, the County Administrator stated there are no tax increases and no fee increases. However, the County did have to make up for the reduction that was expected from the General Assembly as far as machinery and tools tax and no longer being able to tax pollution abatement equipment. Again, the no tax increase is through a combination of watching expenditures and continuing to do so; dealing with the

revenues that we have and still trying to do some urgent capital projects, as much as we can, and take care of some other expenditures that we must handle one way or the other and continue to move forward. We are trying to build our fund balance and continue on that positive path.

Mr. Funkhouser added that advertisements will be published to set the tax rate and for personal property tax relief, this will be handled in the next couple of months.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairman, C. L. Schools opened the public comment period. The following persons appeared to address the Board:

a. Joy Washington of 1152 Oaks Lane in the Fourth District, in addition to being a lifelong resident of King William County Ms. Washington is employed by King William Schools as the Library Media Specialist at Cool Springs Primary. She stated she is speaking to the Board about the concerns she has with the budget constraints the State is faced with and how it may affect the County budget. Further, she commented on the good feedback received from parents and citizens about the King William school system. She thanked the Board for their support in the school funding requests and asked that they continue to do so. In closing she asked that the Board allow the school system flexibility in the use of the school reserve fund.

b. Doris Duke of 6519 Dorrell Road in the Mangohick District thanked the Board for not eliminating the Parks & Recreation Department as she had heard that one of the Board members wanted to eliminate. Ms. Duke also thanked the Board for the opportunity to participant in the senior citizen programs that are offered through this department.

c. Steve Tupponce, Chairman of the King William County School Board, spoke of the tough economic times several years back and that the School Board has been running in a deficit state. Over the past several years the school division has taken major steps in reducing expenses such as paying the County back the deficit, building the reserve fund back up, being prudent seeing the tough economic times coming and controlling expenses, not expanding them. He is glad to say that the school division is in a position today that most school districts are not, a lot of school districts are still having to continue to cut; a lot have eliminated not only positions but

staff. Through these tough times the King William school district has been able to, through attrition, eliminate positions. He added that he thinks that King William is poised and is heading in a good direction. The County has supported them in the past and he knows that the County support is unwavering.

He commented that as people move to the county, and businesses come, one of the first areas that they look at is the school division and he feels that King William can stand and say that we have one of the best, if not the best in the region. He added, the school budget plan is conservative and they have taken that approach and will continue to. Mr. Tupponce ended in saying that he hopes the Board continues their support in the school system as they have in the past.

d. Bob Ehrhart 644 Edgar Road of the Fifth District offered the following comments in an email as part of the public hearing for budget adoption:

Fund 031400 (emergency services) – this category shows the highest increased percentage (almost 18%), due almost entirely to salaries and fringe benefits.

Fund 034000 (building inspection salary) – this item shows the second highest increased (almost 14%) percentage. Since there is a continued recession pattern (*i.e.* slow building starts) and the Board of Supervisors has not authorized filling this position, costs associated with the position should be removed from the budget.

Fund 035500 (emergency services coordinator) – The Board should authorize a request to hire/fill this position.

Fund 042400 – concern expressed regarding little to no verification as to who should be using transfer sites located in King William County. He recommended issuance of a tag to residents who have paid property taxes and contractors who have paid an annual disposal fee to allow attendants to distinguish valid users.

Fund 070000 – funds to pave the road to the park complex should be included in the budget. This project is past due and has been passed over for several years; the current road is an embarrassment for events, tournaments, etc.

Fund 072300-5640 – Arts Alive is not an essential government function. Funds should be removed from the category and reallocated to paving the road at the recreation complex.

Fund 081500-3710 – Isn't aware of any tangible benefit received for these funds. Suggested the funds be eliminated or reduced to \$20k and money reallocated to paving the road at the recreation complex. Fund recipient should be brought to a future Board meeting and provide an explanation of past efforts, accomplishments and future goals.

King William Schools – the program(s) which seek the highest increased amount of actual money is school instructional costs and then school administration. A large amount of these costs are associated with salaries and benefits. King William should be looking to reduce: 1) administrative costs in the school system (including exploration of a single system which combines West Point) and 2) support “pay for performance” increases and not across the board.

Meals Tax – as it was originally proposed to and/or understood by the citizens, these funds were to be used for fire and emergency services. The Board should take steps to repeal the meal's tax and/or allocate revenues to fire and emergency services.

e. Justine Wright, Rose Garden Estates, in an email Ms. Wright commented on the need for the continuation of the Parks & Recreation programs. She stated that she utilizes the After School Program daily for her two children; she is a single mother and depends on these types of programs for after school care. Ms. Wright commented on how well the program is organized and that the children that attend have homework time and constructive activities to keep them busy. Her children enjoy attending and the staff is very well thought of. In closing, she asked the Board to continue the Parks & Recreation programs.

There being no other persons appearing before the Board to speak for or against the proposed FY-12 Budget, the public hearing was declared closed by the Chairman.

RE: SETTING OF DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF PROPOSED FY-12 BUDGET

On motion by C. T. Redd III, seconded by O. O. Williams and carried unanimously, the Board will consider adoption of the proposed FY-12 Budget, during

its regular monthly meeting on April 25, 2011, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the King William County Administration Building at King William Court House.

Those Members Voting:

C. T. Redd, III	Aye
D. L. Wright	Aye
T. E. Smiley	Aye
O. O. Williams	Aye
C. L. Schools	Aye

RE: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS

C. T. Redd III commented that he, Mr. Smiley and Mr. Funkhouser attended a meeting, earlier that day, hosted by Senator Mark Warner; Mr. Rivara was in attendance as well. The main topic of discussion was the budget. Senator Warner indicated the amount of money that the Federal Government cut was thirty-eight billion dollars; he stated that this was all domestic and included education and some other issues. One of the attendees at the meeting asked Mr. Warner if things were going to get any better and his answer was that things are going to get worse. The deficit needs to be addressed and if it is not addressed quickly we are going to be in worse shape than we are now. The funds localities depend on from State and Federal sources to fund the programs that are in place is going to get slimmer and that is going to make everyone's job tougher. Further, Mr. Redd stated that this was a tough budget and next year it is going to get tougher, he feels for the schools because they are going to get less money. This is the message that was given by Senator Warner and it is wise that the County realize this sooner than later.

Mr. Smiley also attended the meeting with Senator Warner and he confirmed Mr. Redd's summary of the meeting.

RE: ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business to come before this Board, on motion by C. T. Redd III, seconded by D. L. Wright and carried unanimously, this meeting was adjourned.

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C. L. Schools,
Chairman

T. L. Funkhouser,
County Administrator