

THE NEW KENT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD A WORK SESSION ON THE 14th DAY OF APRIL, IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND THREE OF OUR LORD IN THE COURTROOM OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE IN NEW KENT, VIRGINIA, AT 4:32P.M.

IN RE: ROLL CALL

Rebecca M. Ringley	Present
James H. Burrell	Present
Dean E. Raynes	Present
W. R. "Ray" Davis, Jr.	Present
Julian T. Lipscomb, Sr.	Present

Chairman Lipscomb opened the meeting.

IN RE: BUDGET

County Administrator Gary Christie reviewed the draft budget which contained the changes requested at the last meeting and is based on a tax rate increase of \$.03. This budget includes \$600,000 of new money to the schools and salaries and benefits for six paid firemen for six months. Also included is \$60,000 for expenses connected with the reorganization of county offices, as well as \$2,800 for the Planning Department intern, \$43,108 for the Economic Analyst, two additional part time security positions for the Courthouse for five-day coverage, \$50,500 for Parks and Recreation capital improvements, and one new wastewater treatment plant operator for the Chickahominy plant. The projected real estate revenues included in the budget are less than what have been predicted by the Commissioner of the Revenue for FY03.

Public Works Director Charles Loving reviewed his request for two new wastewater treatment plant operators, one for each plant. 98% of the cost of a new operator for the Parham Landing Road plant would be paid by Henrico County, and the County runs the risk of incurring fines with DEQ if the plant is continued to be manned by just one operator. He reviewed the need to have a Class I operator at the Chickahominy plant. After discussion, the Board agreed to a new position, class IV operator at the Parham Landing plant, and upgrading the new position at the Chickahominy plant to a class I operator.

There was discussion of ways in which to increase the tax rate increase by just \$.02, including delaying the hiring of a clerk of the works/plans reviewer to January, as well as ending the work of the Economic Analyst in January. After discussion, it was the consensus that because of the projects that are anticipated to begin in the near future, it was not feasible to delay the filling the position of clerk of the works/plans reviewer. Discussion regarding the position of economic analyst was deferred.

After further discussion, staff was asked to prepare the budget based upon a \$.02 tax rate increase. The Public Hearing on the budget will be held at the regular meeting on May 12 and adoption of the budget will be scheduled to take place at the May 27 work session. It was also

agreed that it will not be necessary to mail budgets to the citizens, but to advertise it in the local papers.

IN RE: OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Christie reported that the Timmons Group has indicated that it can assist the County in efforts to clarify ownership and re-establishment the rights-of-way along Old Fary Road for the sum of \$8,000.

Mr. Davis reported that he has spoken with officials at VDOT regarding the Eltham Bridge, and is waiting to receive more information.

Mr. Christie reported that property owners in Essex Hills have requested that the County donate \$40,000 to add to their \$50,000 in order to match VDOT's \$90,000 in order to improve 1.5 miles of a private road that serves 25 households. After discussion the Board reached a consensus to deny this request.

Mr. Christie reviewed requests from two water customers for relief from high water bills resulting from leaks. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to grant these requests, but asked Public Works staff to develop a new policy regarding notifying customers of leaks, which will include cutting off the water at the time of discovery if the customer is not at home.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Davis moved that the meeting be adjourned. The members were polled:

Rebecca M. Ringley	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye
Dean E. Raynes	Aye
W. R. "Ray" Davis, Jr.	Aye
Julian T. Lipscomb, Sr.	Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.
