

A BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEW KENT WAS HELD ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY-SIX BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING.

Mr. Ringley reconvened the meeting and asked for a roll call.

Julian T. Lipscomb	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye
Frederick G. Bahr	Ill
Mark A. Hennaman	Aye
E. David Ringley	Aye

IN RE: RESOLUTION R-12-96.

Mr. Emerson brought this resolution before the Board. This resolution allows the County to make application for the grant from Game and Inland Fisheries for the \$100,000 to match the \$250,000 from Newport News. We need authorization from the Board prior to making application. This does have to be made by April 30, 1996.

Mr. Ringley said Mr. Bahr is ill tonight but he had some concerns about what is being proposed for the Diascund Reservoir.

Mr. Maloney addressed the Board with the information on this resolution. A resolution from the Board of Supervisors is required to authorize submission of the grant application. The grant funds can be utilized for the construction of public fishing and boating access. There is a match requirement but this has been made available with the \$250,000 from Newport News. This resolution is simply an authorization for staff to submit the grant application to the State. This does not bind you to accept if it is offered. Mr. Ringley inquired what the grant can be used for; i.e. boating access or can it be used for picnic tables. Mr. Maloney responded, it can be used for general development of the site so you could put in a picnic area, as well as the boat ramp and docks. Mr. Hennaman asked if Mr. Bahr was aware the Board was going to consider this tonight. Mr. Ringley replied he wasn't sure but it was discussed at the last meeting. After some further comments by the Board, Mr. Lipscomb moved to approve Resolution R-12-96 as presented.

Julian T. Lipscomb	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye
Frederick G. Bahr	Ill
Mark A. Hennaman	Aye
E. David Ringley	Aye

Motion passed.

FOR RESOLUTION R-12-96 AS ADOPTED, SEE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ORDER BOOK, APPENDIX FIVE, PAGE 498.

IN RE: DRAFT PROPOSED BUDGET

Mr. Emerson presented to the Board the Fiscal Year 1996/97 Draft Budget. Mr. Emerson, by using graphs, explained the revenues and also the expenditures. The total proposed budget is \$20,028,845. This contains \$12,271,741 for the schools, an increase of \$1,021,430 dollars over the original

appropriation for Fiscal Year 1995/96. This is an increase of \$520,667 in local funds from the original appropriation last fiscal year. The budget also contains \$5,223,831 of General Fund expenditures, \$418,838 in expenditures for Social Services, \$135,992 in grant expenditures, \$1,050,000 for Capital Improvements, \$554,812 for Comprehensive Youth Services, \$135,964 for Emergency E-911 Services, \$77,667 for Airport Operations and \$160,000 for Water Fund Operation.

Mr. Emerson also explained the salary increases for the County employees, Constitutional Officers, Sheriff and the Registrar.

The budget is balanced by a proposed increase of the real estate tax to 894. The County recently completed a reassessment of all properties. After reassessment, State law requires the County determine what the effective rate would be to raise the same amount of money the former tax rate was generating. The effective rate for New Kent County after reassessment is 674, therefore, the 894 real estate tax proposed is a 224 proposed tax increase of real estate. Personal property is slated to go from \$3.50 per hundred to \$3.75 per hundred or a 254 increase.

The original requests submitted by all department and agencies was \$22,824,074 and has been reduced to \$20,028,845 or a reduction of \$2,795,229. The agencies funded by the County were reduced \$1,603,622 and the schools were reduced \$1,191,607.

The Board members made some suggestions as to how they might reduce this budget by refurbishing the vehicles instead of purchasing new ones and having the attorney to look at eliminating our responsibility of the airport with the State. All the Board members stated they would like to keep the tax rate as close to 824 as possible. The Board set a date for the public hearing on May 22, 1996 beginning at 7:00 p.m. with adoption of the budget on May 29, 1996 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Lipscomb moved the proposed budget be advertised in the Tidewater and the Chronicle on May 1st and May 8th, as well as, in the local newsletter that goes to all the homes in New Kent with a proposed tax rate of 894 and the personal property tax rate of \$3.75 for Fiscal Year 1996/97.

Julian T. Lipscomb	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye
Frederick G. Bahr	Ill
Mark A. Hennaman	Aye
E. David Ringley	Aye

Motion passed.

Mr. Burrell moved to adjourn.

Julian T. Lipscomb	Aye
James H. Burrell	Aye
Frederick G. Bahr	Ill
Mark A. Hennaman	Aye
E. David Ringley	Aye