

VIRGINIA: A SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
HELD IN THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURTROOM OF THE COUNTY  
GOVERNMENT CENTER ON THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2012 AT 7:00P.M.

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR JUDY S. LYTTLE, CHAIRMAN  
SUPERVISOR JOHN M. SEWARD, VICE-CHAIR  
SUPERVISOR ERNEST L. BLOUNT  
SUPERVISOR KENNETH R. HOLMES  
SUPERVISOR GIRON R. WOODEN, SR.

ALSO

PRESENT: MR. TYRONE W. FRANKLIN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
MS. TERRI HALE, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE  
MR. BRENDAN HEFTY, HEFTY AND WILEY, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
MR. LLOYD HAMLIN, SUPERINTENDENT, SURRY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SERGEANT MICHAEL BAILEY, SHERIFF'S OFFICE

#### **CALL TO ORDER/MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyttle who then asked for a moment of silence. Following the moment of silence, she asked those present to stand and say the pledge of allegiance.

#### **PROGRESS NOTES**

##### A. Presentation: Chowan River Basin Partners

Mr. James P. Council III, Mayor of the City of Franklin appeared before the Board to present information relevant to the installation and maintenance of stream gages for the Chowan River Basin. Mr. Council explained that after the flood of 1999, localities met with the Army Corps of Engineers and formed the Chowan River Basin Partnership. The Blackwater, Nottaway and Meherrin Rivers all drain into the Chowan River and flooding of these waterways potentially effects thousands of citizens in the counties of Greenville, Sussex, Surry, Southampton, and Isle of Wight along with the cities of Franklin and Emporia.

A study was conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers in 2008 and one of the recommendations resulting from that study was the installation of stream gages to measure and report data directly to the US Geological Service (USGS) for the purpose of monitoring water levels. The USGS will install the stream gages with Partnership localities sharing the expense of maintenance

for a contract period of two years. The cost per locality will be \$6,915 annually.

Mr. Council reported that five of the other six localities had already committed to the project and asked the Board to consider continuing in partnership for the installation and maintenance of the stream gages as requested. He stated that data obtained in this way would provide dependable forecasting of high water events which would result in the protection of property and lives in the Chowan River Basin area. Mr. Council further reported that in the last ten years the area had experienced seven high water events.

Following Mr. Council's presentation, Mr. Franklin suggested that the Board consider the transfer of the requested funding from the Contingency Fund. Supervisor Holmes made a motion that the Board authorize staff to execute the necessary contract to provide funding towards the installation and maintenance of stream gages in the Chowan River Basin. Supervisor Wooden seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

**B. Resolution 2012-07: Port of Virginia Economic and Infrastructure Development Zone Grant Program**

Mr. Franklin presented the Board with information regarding the Port of Virginia Economic and Infrastructure Development Zone Grant Program. He informed Members that the Governor's initiative had received support in the General Assembly and advised approval of Resolution 2012-07 in support of the initiative as Surry would be included as one of the affected localities.

Supervisor Blount made a motion that the Board approve Resolution 2012-07 expressing support for the Port of Virginia Zone Grant Program. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Seward and unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. FY 2012-2013 Consolidated County Budget and CIP**

Chairperson Lyttle called the Public Hearing to order and Mr. Franklin read the statement of the case: to hear comments regarding the proposed Consolidated County Budget and CIP for fiscal year 2012-2013. Ms. Terri Hale, Director of Finance, addressed the Board and reported that the total proposed budget was \$44,148,353. She reviewed General Fund highlights explaining that the budget had been balanced with no increase in taxes, fees or use of the Fund Balance. Ms. Hale further reported that General Fund Revenues had remained stable, that the proposed budget called for level funding of the School System and that funding for the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) would come from increased assessment on public service

corporation revenues. ***(A copy of Ms. Hale's presentation is included as an integral component of these minutes.)***

Following Ms. Hale's presentation, Supervisor Wooden stated that he had a personal interest in the School Board Budget because he is a teacher in the School System and is a member of a group of teacher and other school employees affected by the amount of funding provided to the School System. Nonetheless, he stated that he felt that he could vote on the School Board Budget fairly, objectively and in the public interest.

Chairperson Lyttle opened the floor for public comments.

Vanessa Scott (Carsley District) addressed the Board and read comments prepared by Lisa Michelle Allmond, Head of the Surry County Education Association explaining that employees of the School System had not had a raise in five years. She stated that many educators in Surry County sacrifice to teach here because they believe in the students. She requested that the Board consider providing the funding requested by the School Board rather than the level funding recommended in the proposed Consolidated Budget for FY 12-13. Ms. Scott followed the reading of these remarks with personal comments reiterating the fact that School System employees had not received a raise in salary in the last five years. She stated that some teachers had found it necessary to work two jobs to make ends meet. Ms. Scott concluded her comments by stating that level funding was not enough and asked Board members to consider full funding as requested by the School System.

Charlome Pierce, Principal of L.P.J. Middle School (Bacon's Castle District), also requested that the Board consider providing the level of funding requested by the School Board. She stated that although enrollment had declined and several full-time and part-time positions had been cut at the Middle School, level funding of the School System could potentially result in more positions being cut. She further stated that she would be willing to pay higher taxes to produce the revenue necessary to fully fund the School System.

Geraldine Bailey, Principal of Surry Elementary School (Bacon's Castle District), addressed the Board and asked for School System employees who were present to stand to be identified. She also asked the Board to authorize full funding as requested by the School Board and reported that School System Employees had not gotten a salary increase since 2009. Ms. Bailey further stated that salaries of school employees in Surry County were lower

than neighboring localities and not conducive to retaining the highly qualified staff that administrators desired.

Monique Barnes, Director of Finance for Surry County Public Schools (Claremont District), addressed the Board with information relative to the composite index and its effect on state and federal funding.

There being no further comments from the public, Chairperson Lyttle closed the floor and asked for closing remarks from staff and fellow Board members.

Supervisor Seward stated that to divide the Schools total budget by the projected number of students would indicate that the County is paying about \$17,000 per student annually. He remarked that it was difficult to continue to provide funding at that rate. Further discussion between Board members and staff of the School System continued as questions were addressed. Supervisor Wooden stated that the predicament was the result of a decrease in state funding and that if it were necessary for the Board to raise taxes in an effort to provide additional funding to the School System it would be a direct result of actions at the state level.

Mr. Brendan Hefty informed the Board that action on the budget should be taken at their next scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 7, 2012.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Supervisor Blount made a motion that the Board move to Closed Session to (A) discuss a personnel matter involving the performance evaluation or job assignments of a specific employee, Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1). Supervisor Wooden seconded the motion. Supervisors Lyttle, Seward, Holmes, Blount and Wooden voted in favor of the motion.

Supervisor Seward moved that the Board return to open session and certify by roll call that the closed session was concluded and that nothing had been discussed except the matter or matters permitted to be discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Supervisor Blount seconded the motion; all members present voted affirmatively.

Supervisor Seward made a motion that the Board reclassify an existing position in the budget to hire a full-Time Emergency Services Coordinator; Supervisor Blount seconded the motion. Supervisors Lyttle, Holmes, Wooden, Seward and Blount voted affirmatively.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Seward made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Wooden and passed by unanimous approval.

# Surry County, Virginia

FY13 Proposed Budget  
At-A-Glance

# FY13 Proposed Budget, All Funds

<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>44,148,353</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>22,147,337</b>		
<b>Debt Service Fund</b>		<b>1,625,083</b>		
<b>Virginia Public Assistance Fund</b>		<b>1,853,266</b>		
<b>Comprehensive Services Fund</b>		<b>134,754</b>		
<b>School Fund</b>		<b>15,195,221</b>		
<b>Cafeteria Fund</b>		<b>598,062</b>		
<b>Indoor Plumbing Fund</b>		<b>13,908</b>		
<b>Economic Development Fund</b>		<b>80,000</b>		
<b>Capital Fund</b>		<b>2,185,306</b>		
<b>Utilities Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>315,416</b>		

# General Fund Highlights

- Balanced budget with no increase in taxes, fees or use of fund balance
- General Fund increase of \$255,678, or 1.2%
- Includes contingency of \$209,442
- Net salary increase of 3% -- \$192,605
- Cost of implementing SB497 (VRS 5%) -- \$20,860
- No increase in health insurance premiums
- No new full-time positions; vacant positions are included
- Additional part-time sanitation worker for new manned convenience site -- \$22,125
- Two sheriff's office vehicles are included -- \$52,000
- Reduction of \$70,285, or 32.5% in adult incarceration based on usage
- Increase of \$31,118, or 1.8% for outside agencies

# General Fund Revenues Stable

<b>Local</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20,451,044</b>
State		1,623,739
Federal		72,554
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>22,147,337</b>

# School, VPA Funds Highlights

- School Fund decrease of \$222,189, or 1.4%
- Level funded at \$11,694,114 (local dollars)
- Reduction in state/federal aid of \$222,189
  
- Social Services decrease of \$293,783, or 13.7%
- Increase in local funding of \$50,000, or 7.2%
- Reduction in state/federal aid of \$346,421

# Affect on Fund Balance

- Current year General Fund is balanced using \$191,063 of the unassigned fund balance, which will NOT be needed because of increased assessments on public service corporation properties
- Additional FY12 public service corporation revenue of \$767,290, which will fund the CIP local share

# Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)

Project	Amount	Local	Other Local	State	Long-Term	Total
		Funding	Funding	Funding	Debt	Funding
Broadband Project	\$ 850,000	\$ 200,000		\$ 650,000		\$ 850,000
Solid Waste Management Collection	225,000	225,000				225,000
Facility Stabilization/Restoration	150,000	150,000				150,000
Technology Improvements	50,000	50,000				50,000
Property Acquisition	150,000	150,000				150,000
Health Department Parking Lot	150,000	150,000				150,000
Public Safety-E911 Center Upgrades	335,000				\$ 335,000	335,000
Visitors Center	75,000				75,000	75,000
Surry Library Expansion	200,000		\$ 200,000			200,000
<b>Grand Total: Project Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,185,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 925,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 200,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 650,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 410,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,185,000</u></b>