

Board of Supervisors Special Meeting (Wednesday, May 22, 2024)
Northumberland County, Virginia

Members Present:

James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

Other Staff Present:

Mr. Luttrell Tadlock, County Administrator
Mr. Drew Basye, Assistant County Administrator
Ms. Morgan Wilson, Executive Assistant
Mr. Carl Hayden, IT Technician

1. Opening of Meeting 5:30 P.M.

Information: A. Call to Order

The special meeting was convened by Chairman Haynie and held at the Northumberland Courthouse located at 220 Judicial Place, Heathsville, VA 22473.

Action: B. Remote Participation

Motion to ratify Mr. Haynie's approval and to allow Vice Chairman Brann to participate via zoom during the meeting as allowed under the Board's adopted remote participation policy.

Motion by Chip Williams, second by James M Long.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: James M Long, Richard F Haynie, James W Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher Jr

2. Budget Presentations

Information A. Greater Reedville Association

Mrs. Shauna McCranie, Executive Director, reminded the Board that the Festival Hall Committee came to the Board in the fall requesting financial support from the County to help restore Festival Hall. She shared some background information about Festival Hall, listing some of the events that have been held there over the years. In 2022, inspections revealed widespread decomposition in the main wood structures that support the flooring so currently the building is not fit for occupancy. Mrs. McCranie expressed her appreciation to the Board for any support they can offer so they can continue to provide the community with this much needed space to host community events and gatherings. She informed the Board that the community at large has raised over \$31,000 for the project with the help of aquapalooza, a mailing to Reedville residents, and the collection of a golf cart raffle.

Supervisor Williams asked what their budget request is.

Mrs. McCranie reminded the Board that they are requesting \$25,000 from the County.

Information: B. Jane Blue - Library Director

Library Director Jane Blue presented the Board with some information related to the services they provide as well as their budget request this year. She stated that the library will receive an increase of \$24,573 in State aid this budget year because the County has faithfully been working their way toward the 67% requirement of revenue coming from the County the library serves. Mrs. Blue explained that at 67% of their operating budget, they should be realizing \$296,874 from the County. This year's request is \$273,515 which will put the library at 58% of the required income from tax revenues in the County. She explained that the request represents a 5% overall funding increase with 3% targeted for salary increases and it allows them to remain competitive with other employers while increasing funds for technology, books, and programs.

Supervisor Williams asked where other counties are in regard to the locality allocation.

Mrs. Blue stated that we are right in the middle. She explained that for a long time Northumberland was at the bottom of that list.

Information: C. Rappahannock Community College

Mrs. Jaimie Tucker, board member representing Northumberland, stated that there are 314 residents in the County attending colleges in the Commonwealth and 157 of them are going to RCC. She thanked the Board for supporting their budget every year. Mrs. Kennedy stated that their budget request is 3% over what they requested last year and thanked the Board for their support. Mrs. Kennedy then shared some stories of what's happening currently at the college.

Information: D. Northern Neck - Middlesex Free Health Clinic

Mr. Graham explained that they've been operating for a little over 30 years and offer a full-time general clinic, medical clinic, and other specialty clinics so patients don't have to travel long distances. He stated that they are continuing to add programs every year, so this year their total budget request is a little over \$2M and he expressed appreciation for all who offer them support.

Information: E. Boys and Girls Club

Ms. Ammons stated that the request from the Boys and Girls Club this year is \$15,000 to support their budget of over \$500,000. She explained that this helps provide training for their staff as well as expand their program to directly impact the member's experience. Mr. Bridges and Ms. Ammons shared some statistics related to the Boys and Girls Club and talked about some of the programs they offer.

Supervisor Long asked if they offer scholarships.

Mr. Bridges stated that they do and if any family needs scholarship help, they can talk to the front desk at any location to discuss scholarship opportunities.

3. County Administrator Items

Action, Information: A. School and County Proposed Budget

Mr. Tadlock stated that the public hearing for the school budget has been held and offered the Board to ask any questions.

Supervisor Long recommended giving the school division a 5% salary increase since this is being considered for County employees. He believes everyone should get the same raise.

County Administrator Tadlock presented a PowerPoint to provide a budget overview for the Board and the public. The full presentation can be accessed in board docs.

The Board of Supervisors then discussed the upcoming meeting schedule as follows:

- May 30, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. Joint meeting Board of Supervisors/School Board
- June 6, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. County Budget Public Hearing
- June 12, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m. Budget work session
- June 13, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
- June 18, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m. Budget work session

Supervisor Williams asked when the contract ends with Waste Management.

County Administrator Tadlock stated that it's a 5-year contract and the County just renegotiated that in FY24 so we'll be going into our second year.

Motion to advertise the FY25 County budget public hearing for June 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by: Chip Williams, second by: James M. Long.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

4. Items Related to Closed Meeting

Action: A. Convene into Closed Meeting

Motion to Action: A. Convene into Closed Meeting: convene into closed meeting as permitted by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7),(29); 7. Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter. 29. Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of

bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

Motion by: Chip Williams, second by: James M. Long.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

Action: B. Reconvene into Open Meeting

Motion to reconvene into open session.

Motion by: AC Fisher, Jr., second by: James M. Long.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

Action: C. Certification of Closed Meeting

Motion that the Northumberland Board of Supervisors return to Public Meeting and certify by roll call vote that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered during the closed meeting.

The vote on the motion was passed by a roll call vote as follows:

Aye: Richard F. Haynie, AC Fisher, Jr., James M. Long, James W. Brann, Charles H. Williams

Motion by: AC Fisher, Jr., second by: James M. Long.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.

5. Closing of Meeting

Action: A. Carry Over

Motion to carry over to the joint meeting with the School Board on May 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by: James M Long, second by: Chip Williams.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: James M. Long, Richard F. Haynie, James W. Brann, Chip Williams, AC Fisher, Jr.