

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES**

**April 8, 2010 – 5:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors held a meeting on April 8, 2010, at 5:00 pm in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a work session on the FY '10-'11 School Budget and Total County Budget. The following Board members were present: Chairman Debra Buchanan; Vice Chairman H. G. Vaughn; Jim Adams; Milton Kendall, Tommy Slaughter and Joe Bryant.

Staff members present were Benny Summerlin, County Administrator; Tim Hall, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Susan Biege, Administrative Assistant; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance.

Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin was present. Sheriff Lane Perry and Major Steve Eanes were also present.

Ms. Dawn Lawson of the School Board was present.

Chairman Buchanan called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. She stated the meeting is a continuation of its April 6, 2010 meeting. Mrs. Buchanan then turned the meeting over to Mr. Summerlin.

Mr. Summerlin stated the Board would proceed reviewing the budget by category and if the Board has any questions he would respond. The following categories of the FY '10-'11 Budget were reviewed and discussed:

**REVENUE**

**EXPENDITURE**

- **General Government Administration**
- **Judicial Administration**
- **Public Safety**
- **Public Works**
- **Health and Welfare**
- **Education**
- **Recreation/Culture**
- **Community Development**
- **Non-Departmental**
- **Special Funds**
- **Capital Improvements**

Mr. Summerlin stated he and Chairman Buchanan and Vice Chairman Vaughn met with Sheriff Perry and Major Eanes this week and discussed a position within the Sheriff's Office to enforce the County's local ordinances. Mr. Summerlin stated the position salary and benefits is approximately \$42,000 and he proposes to take \$35,000 allocated to the line item of Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) in the current years' budget and move to the Sheriff's budget and work with the Sheriff to find funds of approximately \$7,000 to finish funding the position. He stated he proposes to fund the OPEB of \$35,000 out of the upcoming FY '11 budget.

The Board briefly discussed the possibility of using inmates to help curb the littering problems and the County having more flexibility in increasing the meals tax. Mr. Summerlin noted that the County's meals tax can only be 4% and during the past year VACo and VML worked towards the issue of localities having more control over the meals tax; however, it was defeated.

Chairman Buchanan then polled the Board regarding the position within the Sheriff's Office to enforce local ordinances. The Board concurred to proceed with that position.

Following was some discussion regarding the various grants funded to Henry County through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (stimulus funds), which is included in the County's Management Discussion and Analysis for FY '11. Some of the projects funded through stimulus funds included the school division, energy efficiency, law enforcement, water resources, youth employment, and emergency programs. The Board also discussed shared employees between Henry County and the Public Service Authority and its cost effectiveness. The Service Center in Bassett was briefly discussed regarding its efficiency in housing both County and PSA maintenance facilities and the future plans to house the School System's maintenance division. Mr. Summerlin noted that any time where you have multiple functions it is more cost efficient.

There being no further discussion Mr. Summerlin stated that the Board will hold its public hearing on the School and County Budgets on April 19, 2010, at 7:00 pm. He stated if the Board has any changes they would like to see in the proposed budget, they can be addressed following the public hearing.

Mr. Adams moved at 5:25 pm to continue the meeting to April 19, 2010, at 7:00 pm, second by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.