

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

April 4, 2013 – 5:00 pm

The Henry County Board of Supervisors met on April 4, 2013, 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 '13-'14 Total County Budget. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams, Vice Chairman Tommy Slaughter, Debra Buchanan, and Joe Bryant. H. G. Vaughn and Milton Kendall were absent.

Staff members present were Tim Hall, County Administrator; Dale Wagoner, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Michelle Via, Administrative Assistant; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance; and Susan Reynolds, Director of Human Resources.

Debbie Hall of the Martinsville Bulletin was present. Sheriff Lane Perry, Lt. Colonel Steve Eanes, and Maj. Ricky Walker of the Sheriff's Office were also present.

Ms. Dawn Lawson of the School Board was present.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. He stated the meeting is a continuation of its April 2, 2013 meeting.

WORK SESSION ON FY 2013-2014 PROPOSED HENRY COUNTY BUDGET

Mr. Hall opened by announcing that Commonwealth's Attorney Bob Bushnell was appointed juvenile and domestic relations court judge by the General Assembly today. Mr. Hall said Mr. Bushnell will continue to serve as CA until July 1 and he has appointed Andrew Nester to take over as acting CA until a special election is held.

Mr. Hall reviewed the budget by category and asked the Board to intervene if they had any questions.

Ms. Buchanan inquired about several revenue line items, including the decrease in miscellaneous revenue, \$300,000 in reserve funds and the increase in revenue from use of property. Mr. Jones explained the decrease in miscellaneous revenues was due to the drop in prices of recyclables; the \$300,000 in the reserve funds category is shown as a decrease in the budget because it is earmarked for the installation of a water tower at Commonwealth Crossing; and the increase in the use of property is due to rentals of cell towers in the county and increased bank interest.

Mr. Bryant commented that travel expenses seemed to be rather high. Mr. Hall said the only real increase in travel is in the Planning, Zoning, and Building Inspection budget mainly due to the addition of one staff member during the current year and the need for training and certification classes.

Mr. Hall noted that the judicial administration category may change slightly because of changes in the Commonwealth's Attorney's office resulting from Bob Bushnell being named judge.

Mr. Hall also said he had hoped to be able to fund the last unmanned convenience center site but was unable to do so in FY 2014; the County spends approximately \$40,000 to staff each site.

The Board discussed possibly using some of the remaining money in the Contingency Fund for unsafe structure removals but decided to wait until May in case the funds were needed elsewhere.

Mr. Bryant wanted to know if the Board and staff were going to address the guidelines for the capital improvement program for the rescue squads and fire departments. Mr. Hall said he agrees that the process needs to be reviewed but staff is hopeful that once the newly established Emergency Services Advisory Council has had time to fully assess the needs of the agencies, they will have a recommendation moving forward on capital purchases.

Mr. Adams asked approximately how many employees in the various constitutional offices are state funded vs. county funded. Mr. Jones said in the Sheriff's office, approximately 95 state, 35 locally funded; Treasurer's office, only two locally funded; Commonwealth's Attorney's office, entirely state funded; Clerk's office, 1-2 locally funded; and in the Commissioner of the Revenue's office, 3-4 county supplemented employees.

Mr. Adams asked if staff currently has any recommendation concerning the joint capital improvement plan with the School Board. Mr. Hall explained how Roanoke County manages its joint capital program and said he is very hopeful that he and Dr. Cotton can craft a similar plan although probably not on the same scale as Roanoke.

There being no further business to discuss, Ms. Buchanan moved to adjourn at 5:41 p.m., seconded by Mr. Slaughter and unanimously carried.