

HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

April 16, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

The Henry County Board of Supervisors met on April 16, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Summerlin Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, King's Mountain Road, Collinsville, Virginia. The purpose of the meeting was to hold public hearings on the FY '18-'19 School Budget and Total County Budget. The following Board members were present: Chairman Jim Adams, Vice Chairman Debra Buchanan, Tommy Slaughter, Joe Bryant, David Martin, and Ryan Zehr.

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

Members of the School Board present were Superintendent Dr. Jared Cotton; Dawn Lawson, Chief Financial Officer; and Chairman Joseph DeVault.

Ben Williams of the Martinsville Bulletin was present. Also in attendance were Sheriff Lane Perry, and Lt. Steve Raines from the Sheriff's Office.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Bryant gave the invocation and Ms. Buchanan led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone present and stated there are two public hearings scheduled; the first public hearing is on the FY '18-'19 School Budget and the second public hearing is on the FY '18-'19 Total County Budget. He stated if anyone wishes to address the Board to come to the podium, state your name and the district in which you live. He stated those who wish to speak will agree to exhibit respect to the Board and they would receive the same level of respect.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED FY '18-'19 SCHOOL BUDGET

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Superintendent Dr. Jared Cotton and School Board Chairman Dr. Joe DeVault spoke to the board, thanking the supervisors for fully funding the school budget request and especially for funding for the new Meadow View Elementary School, which will open this fall.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROPOSED FY '18-'19 BUDGET

Mr. Hall presented highlights of the proposed total county budget of \$143,588,566 which is an increase of 1.6 percent from the current year's budget. Mr. Hall said three items are driving that increase. The school system is projected to get \$1,944,948 in additional funding. The school cafeteria fund is projected to go up to \$719,925 and the county is projecting an increase in housing inmate costs of \$797,007. Otherwise the proposed budget is less than last year.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED FY '18-'19 TOTAL COUNTY BUDGET

Mr. Adams opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Dr. Mark Crabtree representing the Piedmont Virginia Dental Health Foundation thanked the board for their continued support. Dr. Crabtree said the Clinic scheduled over 5,000 appointments last year for citizens of Martinsville and Henry County.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:13 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES

Mr. Hall said at the conclusion of tonight's meeting, staff will need any changes the Board wishes to make to the proposed FY '19 budget, as it will be included in the Board package for adoption at the April 24 meeting. It is scheduled for appropriation at the May meeting.

Mr. Adams asked Board members for comments and suggestions on the FY '19 Budget.

The Board did not recommend any changes to the proposed budget.

CONSIDERATION OF EASEMENT FROM CITY OF MARTINSVILLE FOR SECTION 6 B OF THE DICK AND WILLIE PASSAGE

Mr. Hall said County staff has worked with many partners for more than 10 years to build and enhance the Dick and Willie Passage. The most recent activity has concentrated on Section 6B, which will connect the trail from Spruce Street in the City of Martinsville to the Smith River Sports complex in Henry County. After much discussion among City Council members, City staff, and some residents in the City of Martinsville, the City has agreed to issue an easement to Henry County for the construction of a trailhead adjacent to the Spruce Street trail area. The easement has several conditions in it that normally are not included in such documents; however, County staff has negotiated these conditions with City officials and we are confident that we can do so without any negative impact to the project or to the County's property rights concerning the corridor of land the County owns within the City.

On a motion by Mr. Bryant and second by Ms. Buchanan, the Board unanimously approved the easement.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Slaughter moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Zehr and unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.