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District 5

MINUTES

March 15, 2022

Meeting Convened - 5:00 PM

County Administrator
Dean C. Rodgers

County Attorney
Mark Popovich

I. Call to Order

At a Budget Workshop meeting of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors held on March 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Tom Martin, Vice-Chair
L. J. Ayers III, Supervisor
Drew Wade, Supervisor

ABSENT:

David W. Pugh, Jr., Chairman
Claudia D. Tucker, Supervisor

STAFF:

Dean C. Rodgers, County Administrator
David R. Proffitt, Deputy County Administrator
Regina M. Rice, Clerk

Vice Chair Martin called the meeting to order at 5:24 p.m.

NOTE: All Board of Supervisors' meetings are now being streamed live on Facebook and on YouTube.

II. Discussion

A. Davenport Presentation

Mr. R. T. Taylor of Davenport presented the Board with an update on the VPFA financing for the high school renovations. He advised that since December 2021, the project amount has been narrowed down to \$19.6M.

There was a Board discussion regarding the three funding scenarios that would be the most advantageous to the county for borrowing those funds.

Vice-Chair Martin supported "Scenario 3" that would reduce borrowing by \$6.65M; debt service to 20 years; use \$1.35M of reserves; and with three years capitalized interest.

By motion of Supervisor Wade and with the following vote, the Board adopted Funding Scenario 3 related to the County's new School Project.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Wade

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Pugh and Mrs. Tucker

B. Revised Proposed Budget

Finance Director Stacey McBride presented the proposed budget changes as follows:

CIP - The recreation projects were moved from ARPA to CIP and it was agreed to pay for a portion of the fire engine from ARPA.

Supplemental - Removed the Mill Creek survey from the Supplemental budget for payment through current year's funding; removed the Grants Administrator and Deputy Fire Marshal below the red cut line; increase of the personal property tax revenue because of increased values; VRS increase has been included; new debt service based on Scenario 3; janitorial contract incorporated; \$100,000 for fuel cost increases; Humane Society debt payment revenue; and Amherst County Fair funding \$30,000.

Mrs. McBride provided a proposed "Cut Analysis" regarding the personal property tax devaluation between 25%, 23% and 20%.

Vice-Chair Martin said any type of cut should be revisited on an annual basis as the market may stabilize, and he would be comfortable with 20%.

Supervisor Ayers agreed and to revisit this yearly.

Supervisor Wade had no objections.

The next discussion was regarding the proposed 5% COLA. It was the consensus by the Board to increase this at 1.5%, which would bring it to a total of 6.5% and in line with the Schools' COLA.

Vice-Chair Martin said at the last meeting, the Board voted against the Grants Administrator position; however, he would be willing to reconsider this position.

Mrs. McBride provided the Board with a job description, the cost of this position at \$67,000 with benefits, and a one-time expense of \$20,000 to create space in the Finance Department.

Supervisor Ayers requested the Board be provided with information to see what this position produces regarding the grants. Mrs. McBride said she would keep a database to track that.

Vice-Chair Martin then withdrew his previous motion and said he would combine everything into one motion.

By motion of Vice-Chair Martin and with the following vote, the Board directed staff to use the budget modifications agreed to today, which include a 6.5% total COLA; a 20% reduction in the vehicle and motorcycle valuations; \$67,000 in recurring costs for a Grants Administrator; and a one-time cost of \$20,000 for office space.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Wade

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Pugh and Mrs. Tucker

III. Adjournment

By motion of Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

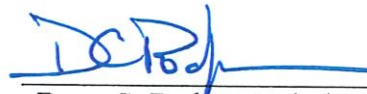
AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers and Mr. Wade

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Pugh and Mrs. Tucker



David W. Pugh, Jr., Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk