

VIRGINIA: County of Lee, to-wit:

At the Recessed Meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors in the General District Courtroom of the Lee County Courthouse on May 3, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. thereof.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Slemper, Jr., Chairman
Nathan Cope
D. D. Leonard
Larry Mosley
Robert Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Stacy Estep Munsey, County Attorney
Dane Poe, County Administrator
Jeny Hughes, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS ABSENT: None

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS

Steve Jaynes, Chief of Thomas Walker Fire Department, J.R. Long, Captain of Thomas Walker Rescue Squad, and Brian Skidmore, Chief of Pennington Gap Fire Department, addressed the Board about radio communication issues and the possible need to upgrade all County communications in the coming years. They also asked the Board to consider additional funding for Fire Departments and Rescue Squads.

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Mr. Poe stated that David Ledford, CEO of Appalachian Wildlife Association, had contacted him asking for a letter of support for a 19,000-acre wildlife center located in Bell County, Kentucky. The facility would include a loop trail to view wildlife and could also be used for bird watching. Mr. Ledford is seeking ARC grant funds and is only asking for a letter of support from the County.

It was the consensus of the Board to provide a letter of support to Mr. Ledford for the Wildlife Center.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mr. Poe stated that on the previous budget the School Board's funding of \$4,465,000.00 was based on the State's estimate of enrollment at 2,980 students. The School Board is using a higher projected number of students, which would make the Required Local Effort \$4,542,042.00; however the School Board is requesting the same amount given last year of \$5,040,466.00. Mr. Poe stated that the School Superintendent talked to him about setting up a Capital Reserve Fund, and instead of the unused funds going back into the General Reserve at the end of the year, 2/3 of that money would go into the Capital Reserve Fund and 1/3 would revert to the General Fund.

Mr. Slempp asked what guarantee the County had that the money would not be spent somewhere else once it is given to the School Board.

Mr. Poe stated that the money would still need to be appropriated by the Board, and if it were adopted by an Ordinance, there would be more language on how the money could be spent. He added that the School Board would also like to go back to the lump sum appropriation instead of monthly appropriations.

Mr. Cope asked if that is something that could be changed yearly.

Mr. Poe stated that it could be changed back next year.

It was moved by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to provide lump sum appropriations for the School Board in the next fiscal year. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Cope, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slempp, Mr. Smith

It was the consensus of the Board to hold a public hearing for an Ordinance on the School Board Capital Improvement Fund.

The Chairman called a 5-minute recess.

It was moved by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to budget the School Board \$4,700,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Cope, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Smith

VOTING NO: Mr. Mosley

ABSTAINING: Mr. Slemp

Mr. Poe stated that the deficit would be around \$816,000 with the new School Board total. He added that he could drop County Salaries to what they are now and see where that would leave the budget.

Mr. Leonard stated that he would like to try to help the employees by paying more on the insurance by the County paying 80% on all plans.

Mr. Poe stated that the cost for that would be \$79,000.

Mr. Leonard stated that it does not have to be 80%, but he would like to see the County pay more.

THOMAS WALKER POOL EMPLOYEES

It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mosley, to hire the following employees for the Thomas Walker Pool. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

Manager

\$8.00 per hour

Nichole Brewer

Lifeguards

\$7.75 per hour

Tessa Pittman

Justin Pittman

Tyler Nelson

Tanner Redinger

Danielle Saylor

Concessions

\$7.25 per hour

Jacob Davis

Courtney Edds

Zachery Grabeel

Jordan Hatfield

Hannah Schwartz

VOTING AYE: Mr. Cope, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slempp, Mr. Smith

RESOLUTION AND BOND ISSUE

Mr. Poe reported that at the Regular Meeting the Board would be taking up a Resolution and Bond issue on the New Transfer Station and Extension Office. He stated that the original amount thought to be needed for these projects was \$1,300,000.00 but that the total of both projects was right at \$1,400,000. He would like to know if the Board wishes to increase the loan by \$100,000 or take it out of reserves.

It was the consensus of the Board to make the loan for \$1,400,000.00.

Mr. Poe reminded the Board of the Economic Development training at the Airport on Thursday May 5 at 5:00 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Slempp, seconded by Mr. Cope, to adjourn. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Cope, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Slempp, Mr. Smith