

VIRGINIA: County of Lee, to-wit:

At the Recessed Meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors in General District Courtroom of the Lee County Courthouse on April 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. thereof.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dane Poe, County Administrator
Jeny Hughes, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS ABSENT: Stacy Estep Munsey, County Attorney

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

Mr. Poe reported that he met with Southwest Insurance regarding their attempts to obtain health insurance quotes from other providers to compare with The Local Choice. Not only did they not find a better premium, most vendors providing coverage in this area would not even provide a quote as they believed they could not compete with the rate the County has with The Local Choice.

That leaves The Local Choice as our only viable option at this time. Mr. Poe provided a breakdown of their rates and stated that a decision needs to be made before April 28 as to what coverage the County wants to provide. He added that there is also the option of offering two different policies.

Mr. Cope stated that there was a big increase in the premium.

Mr. Poe stated this has been the first increase on the health insurance in three years.

Mr. Leonard stated that if the County were to pay a higher percentage and go with the Key Advantage 250 plan that it would help the employees out tremendously. He suggested changing the County's participation rate to 85% for single plans and 75% for dual and family plans.

Mr. Poe ran the updated figures and stated that the change in participation rate would cost the County an additional \$14,600 per year.

It was moved by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Cope, to select The Local Choice Key Advantage 250 plan with a County participation rate of 85% for single plans and 75% for dual and family plans. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

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

It was moved by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to give employees the option of upgrading to the Key Advantage Expanded plan, with the employee paying the total cost difference in the premiums. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

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

BUDGET WORKSHOPS

Mr. Cope asked about budget workshops.

Mr. Poe stated that he could have a preliminary budget ready by the end of next week and suggested meeting at the beginning of the following week.

Mr. Cope stated that the School Board had already passed their budget; they are just waiting on the Board of Supervisors to approve it.

Mr. Poe stated that the School Board could go ahead and start offering contracts to their teachers as soon as the County approves the budget.

It was moved by Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Leonard, to approve the School Board's local funding for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 based on the minimum Local Required Effort of \$4,515,273.00. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Mr. Poe stated that applications had been sent to the Board and asked if there was anyone that the Board wanted to interview or if they wanted to advertise in more newspapers.

Mr. Mosley stated he would like to have the position advertised in the Bristol and Ashville newspapers.

It was the consensus of the Board to advertise in the Bristol Herald Courier and the Ashville Citizen's Times.

It was moved by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Cope, to recess until May 9, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

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

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