

VIRGINIA:

A FY 2018 Budget Work Session of the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors was held in the Administrative Building Board/Commission Meeting Room of said county on Thursday, April 27, 2017.

- Members Present: William R. Lee, Chair
Ernest W. Palin, Jr., Vice Chair
F. W. Jenkins, Jr., Board Member
Jason D. Bellows, Board Member
B. Wally Beauchamp, Board Member
- Staff Present: Frank A. Pleva, County Administrator
Don G. Gill, Planning/Land Use Director
Crystal Whay, Building/Land Use Secretary

Mr. Lee called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION

The Youth Club of Lancaster County (Dreamfields)

Mr. Welby Saunders thanked the Board for their past support. He stated that there is a lot going on at the ballpark and opening day was April 8th. He stated that the ballpark is very well attended almost every day and night. He stated that they have had to shut their bathrooms down three times in a month, but are working with local contractors on a solution.

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Patrick McCranie referred to line item 1100 and stated that he was asking for a three percent raise for his staff. He referred to line item 1200 and stated that was for overtime expense for the deputies. He referred to line item 1300 and stated that he was going to be over on this item because they hired two full-time employees who had to work part-time due to VRS issues from another state agency. He stated that they also had a deputy injured on duty and was out for two months and one of the part-time deputies filled in for many of those shifts to provide coverage. He stated that the part-time bailiffs are working more because the circuit court is in session every Friday now. He referred to line item 6010 and stated that he had two deputies retiring on June 30th and will need to

replace their weapons. He referred to line item 8205 and stated that a vehicle payment was made in full when it should have been treated as a lease payment. He stated that he had just heard from Ford and his department will be receiving a \$34,851 credit so that line item will be reduced. He referred to line item 8207 and stated that they had to change vendors for their computer services and that will be an increase in costs.

Sheriff McCranie referred to the jail account and stated that the medical and dental reimbursement category is hard to predict and they have gone over in that category every year. He stated that last year's amount was \$44,280. He stated that many prisoners have medical issues.

Mr. Beauchamp asked what the Sheriff's total increase would be.

Sheriff McCranie replied that he would have that information before the next work session.

Sheriff McCranie thanked retiring Supervisors Jenkins and Beauchamp for their service to the County.

Lancaster Community Library

John Cann, Treasurer of Lancaster Community Library, stated that he was in attendance with Cassie Thompson, President of the Board of Directors for the library. He stated that they are requesting an additional \$10,000 for the next fiscal year. He stated that the library currently receives almost \$103,000 each year from the County. He stated that since they have moved into the new facility, there is increased usage and more programs. He stated that the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce has moved its office there as well.

Mr. Cann stated that the additional \$10,000 request was to help defray costs of hiring an assistant children's librarian to help Tonya Carter, who is the children's librarian. He stated that the library must meet state mandated requirements for local government per capita support in order to receive commonwealth support. He stated that they currently receive about the same amount from the state as they do from the County.

Mr. Cann stated that the library offers the community many benefits. He mentioned free wi-fi, free computer use, free computer classes, copy, fax and notary services, community meeting rooms and three different reading programs as well as many other services.

Cassie Thompson, President of the Board of Directors, stated that the library was the heart of the community and it had good staff and volunteers. She thanked the Board for its support.

Mr. Lee stated that the library was a valuable asset to the community.

The Haven Shelter

Sarah Weakley of The Haven thanked the Board for its past support. She stated that The Haven is the sole provider of sexual and domestic violence services to individuals in Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, Westmoreland and Essex Counties. She stated that her organization provides safety, support and solutions to people who have experienced violence and includes a twenty-four hour crisis hotline. She stated that The Haven provides shelter for people who are in need of housing due to violence in the home or homelessness. She stated that, last year, ten citizens from Lancaster County received emergency shelter for 249 nights. She stated that the total cost per person for Lancaster County residents exceeds \$32,383, of which \$13,600 is not covered by grants. She also spoke of the advocacy services, prevention programs and many other services provided by the organization. She thanked the Board for its past support.

The Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Neck

Mr. Phillip Mumford, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club, stated that he wanted to thank the Board for its past support. He stated that with that support, his organization has been able to continue to assist in the educational needs of over 400 youth each year between the ages of 6 and 18. He stated that the organization provides homework assistance, leadership opportunities, provides healthy after school snacks and meals when the schools are closed. He stated that the club continues to grow each year and the current daily attendance ranges from 125 to 135 children.

Mr. Mumford stated that his organization is requesting \$60,000 this year. He stated that the \$5,000 increase from prior years would help with a new program designed to help teens get and keep their first job.

Rappahannock Community College

Mr. Bill Doyle, Vice President of Finance at Rappahannock Community College, thanked the Board for its past support. He mentioned the awards that RCC had earned in the last two years, including, Great College to Work For –2015 and Top 10 Tech Savvy Community College –2016. He stated that fifty-two percent of Lancaster County residents who are engaged in higher education in the state are students at RCC. He stated that RCC is asking for a modest increase in their request to the County for the upcoming year. He stated that state mandated salary increases will need to be funded and the enrollment at the college has decreased. He stated that the school has a capital project underway and they are working with VDOT on the design and development of an expansion of the entrance at the Glens campus.

Bay Aging

Mr. Tinsley Goad, Chief Financial Officer for Bay Aging, stated that his organization was requesting level funding of \$15,600. He stated that their services

include meals delivery to home bound seniors, skilled nursing care to seniors in their homes, energy conservation measures for more comfortable housing, emergency home repairs and an indoor plumbing program.

Bay Transit

Mr. Ken Pollock of Bay Transit stated that the organization began in 1998 and offers rides to all people for all reasons. He stated that, last year they provided 13,946 rides to residents of Lancaster County. He stated that they are requesting level funding for fiscal year 2018.

Emergency Medical Services

Chief Terry McGregor stated that there was a modest increase request for the volunteer fire departments of five percent as well as the volunteer rescue squads. He referred to the paid rescue services and stated that there was a total increase of \$84,137 and \$79,739 are personnel costs. He stated that increase is reflective of the cost of living increase and overtime costs. He stated that there are no new positions proposed.

Mr. Lee asked what the increase in personnel was.

Chief McGregor replied \$79,739.

Mr. Jenkins asked if overtime was a problem.

Chief McGregor replied yes, especially when there is a lot of turnover. He stated that employees leave for better paying jobs.

Legal Aid Works

Ms. Ann Kloeckner, Executive Director of Legal Aid Works, stated that her organization was formerly Rappahannock Legal Services. She stated that they have been serving Lancaster County since 1979. She stated that her organization was asking for level funding. She stated that Legal Aid Works covers seven counties, including Lancaster County. She stated that they represent low income people in civil matters. She stated that they help county government in three ways-they take the strain off of the Social Services safety net by lifting clients out of poverty within enforceable court orders for child and spousal support, social security disability benefits and unemployment benefits, help the county court system run efficiently by helping people who cannot afford an attorney and support local law enforcement by obtaining civil protective orders for domestic violence victims. She stated that 53 Lancaster County residents were helped in the last fiscal year.

Lancaster Social Services Department

Mrs. Edna Davenport, Director of Social Services, stated that her department has completed the automation phase for the benefit programs, but has found that most clients

prefer to meet in person versus applying on-line. She stated that her department has provided assistance for 2,907 residents in Lancaster County in 2016 and over 17 million dollars in social services spending. She stated that one of the department's current challenges is the need for an assisted living facility that is not private pay. She stated that there are also staffing issues with vacancies due to retirement and turnovers. She stated that her department, at this time, is not asking for an increase in local funds, but they have not received the budget from the state yet.

Information Technology-Administration

Mr. Glenn Rowe, Information Technology Director, stated that he had two items to address. He stated that he was requesting \$2500 for BAI support software and \$10,000 for contract services for the enhanced emergency telephone system, which deals with 911 calls.

Greenvale Creek Maintenance Association

Mr. Eddy Whichard stated that the Coast Guard removed the navigation aids a few weeks ago. He stated that the application for the replacement of the navigation aids has been submitted. He stated that his organization wants to increase the length of the jetty by another 500 feet and that will cost approximately \$23,600. He stated that they also want to dredge the creek to restore what is shown on the Coast Guard charts. He stated that the navigational aids will be replaced after the dredging is completed. He stated that they have begun fund raising efforts in the community. He stated that they estimated raising between \$20 and \$25,000 of the estimated \$132,500 total cost.

Northern Neck-Middlesex Free Health Clinic

Ms. Jean Nelson stated that since its opening, the clinic has provided \$33,000,000 in health care to Lancaster County residents. She explained all of the functions at the clinic. She stated that her organization was requesting less money this year.

Commonwealth Attorney's Office

Mr. Jan Smith, Commonwealth Attorney, stated that he has asked for an increase in salary for his secretary, Lynn Moubray. He stated that Ms. Moubray has been in that position for over 28 years and is very knowledgeable.

SETTING NEXT FY18 BUDGET WORK SESSION DATE

Mr. Bellows made a motion to have the next FY18 Budget Work Session on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

VOTE:	William R. Lee	Aye
	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye

F. W. Jenkins, Jr. Aye

Jason D. Bellows Aye

B. Wally Beauchamp Aye

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lee made a motion to adjourn.

VOTE: William R. Lee Aye

Ernest W. Palin, Jr. Aye

F. W. Jenkins, Jr. Aye

Jason D. Bellows Aye

B. Wally Beauchamp Aye