

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors held a work session on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Administrators conference room located at 153A Morton Lane, Appomattox, Virginia.

**Appomattox County Board of Supervisors**

**Present:**

Samuel E. Carter	Courthouse District, Chairman
Watkins M. Abbitt	Piney Mountain District
William H. Hogan	Appomattox River District
Chad E. Millner	Falling River District, Vice-Chairman
Bryan A. Moody	Wreck Island District

**Also Present:**

Susan M. Adams, County Administrator  
Vicky Phelps, Finance Director

**CALL TO ORDER- Chairman Carter**

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Bruce Jones, Extension Agent**

Mr. Jones asked to speak briefly to the Board about a budget request that he has submitted.

Mr. Jones came forward and provided a report on the Appomattox County 4-H activities for 2018 as provided by Bonnie Tillotson.

Mr. Jones reported that approximately \$10,000 dollars came into the County through Tobacco Commission funds in the past year. He reported that funds have been received again this year and he will be advertising for upcoming projects.

Mr. Jones explained that in the FY-20 budget request; the amount requested for salaries is provided to him from his Supervisor at Virginia Tech. He stated that he would contact his supervisor to get an explanation of the increase in the salary.

Mr. Jones explained that funds would not be used in the intern position until summer. He stated that those funds are used by hiring a summer intern and would be needed in FY-20. He explained that this is a 50/50 match of funds from Virginia Tech.

Mr. Jones stated that he would report to the County Administrator once information has been received from his supervisor.

**Corey Osborn and Jonathon Garrett -AVFD**

Mr. Osborn and Jonathon Garrett submitted a budget request on behalf of the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department and staff invited them to address questions that the Board may have concerning the request.

Mr. Carter welcomed Mr. Osborn and Mr. Garrett.

Mr. Garrett explained that they are present to ask the Board to consider a donation of \$10,000 in extra funds, which would help to replace the breathing apparatus (8 left to replace) and provide one extra bottle for each.

Mr. Garrett also stated that the 1998 Fire Engine needs to be either replaced or refurbished. He stated what they have researched and the cost would be between \$60,000 - \$100,000 to refurbish.

Mr. Garrett explained that they have also made this same request to the Town of Appomattox.

After discussion, Mr. Millner made a motion to add \$10,000 to the Appomattox Volunteer Fire department as a donation. Mr. Moody seconded Mr. Millner's motion. Chairman Carter called for a Roll Call Vote: Chairman Carter, aye; Mr. Abbitt, aye; Mr. Hogan, aye; Mr. Millner, aye; Mr. Moody, aye.

### **Budget Discussion**

Ms. Adams explained that in the Information Technology department she had added \$40,000 in part time salaries. This was added due to the County IT services in the past have been provided by school staff who is no longer employed by the school. Ms. Adams explained that Mr. Lacheney who has been hired part-time by the County and school staff are making assessments as to what services will be needed.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to leave the funds in the IT department for the FY-20 budget.

After discussion of the Clerk of Circuit Court and Commonwealths Attorney, it was the consensus of the Board to give the 2% salary increase on the Compensation Board salary only.

Mr. Hogan provided an explanation as to why Pamplin EMS is asking for an additional \$10,000 dollar donation. He explained that they are currently in the process of hiring a paid service for EMS and the extra funds would help pay the expenses. Mr. Hogan stated that he is in favor of giving the extra \$7000 as requested. After lengthy discussion, Chairman Carter asked the Boards pleasure in giving Pamplin EMS the additional requested funds. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to give the \$10,000 donation, and invite them to the April meeting for further discussion.

Ms. Adams then questioned if the Board wanted to provide an additional increase to 911 employees that receive their EMD Certification. Ms. Adams reported that dispatchers should complete their training for this certification by July 1. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to give each employee a flat salary increase of \$600 for receiving an EMD Certification.

During the discussion of annual County contributions, Ms. Adams suggested taking the \$1000 donation that is usually given to the Chamber of Commerce and combine in the donation to the Appomattox Tourism Committee. She explained that the Chamber of Commerce is part of the Appomattox Tourism Committee. She reminded the Board that the Appomattox Tourism Committee representatives will be at the April meeting to discuss their request for a donation.

During discussion of request of donations, it was a consensus of the Board to not fund the following request for donations: Wolfbane; Roanoke River Basin; and the Arc of Central Virginia.

Mr. Abbitt questioned the County's donation to Virginia Legal Aid Society. After discussion, it was a consensus of the Board to remove the donation to the Virginia Legal Aid Society.

Mr. Moody requested that staff remove the line item BREMS from Contributions and place in the Rescue Squad Budget to give a more accurate account of funds the County provides to the EMS.

It was a consensus of the Board to wait for information from Mr. Jones before making changes to the Extension's budget.

The Board requested that staff invite a representative from Robert E. Lee Soil and Water Conservation to attend the April meeting to provide an update.

### **"Proposed" Fence In Ordinance**

Mr. Hogan stated that he had several issues with the way the ordinance has been written, such as there is no date on offenses and the civil penalty was not consistent.

Mr. Abbitt stated that he discussed the ordinance being per occurrence but the ordinance states per animal.

It was a consensus of the Board to change the advertisement before publishing to say two years from first occurrence.

There was discussion to change the budget work session of April 29, to April 25, 2019.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Abbitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Moody seconded Mr. Abbitt's motion. Chairman Carter called for a Vote: Chairman Carter, aye; Mr. Abbitt, aye; Mr. Hogan, aye; Mr. Millner, aye; Mr. Moody, aye.

The work session adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Samuel E. Carter, Chairman