

LUNENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GENERAL DISTRICT COURTROOM
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Minutes of April 26, 2013 Meeting

The continued meeting of the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors was held Thursday, April 26, 2013 at 6:00 pm in the General District Courtroom, Lunenburg Courts Building, Lunenburg, Virginia. The following Board of Supervisors members were present: Supervisors T. Wayne Hoover, Alvester Edmonds, Robert Zava, Edward Pennington, Charles R. Slayton, Frank Bacon, David Wingold, County Administrator Tracy M. Gee, and Assistant to the Administrator Nicole Clark.

Chairman Pennington called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Supervisor Zava delivered the invocation.

Administrator Gee distributed a spreadsheet, per request by the Finance Committee, which was distributed to all Supervisors. Line items within the budget were reviewed amongst the Supervisors and Administrator. The proposed budget shows a surplus use of \$315,000.

Supervisor Edmonds inquired as to whether the county would be able to give a bonus. He referenced a recent issue in Brunswick County with bonuses. Administrator Gee noted that the Board merely needs to vote publicly to give an increase or bonus to the employees.

Supervisor Hoover replied that the Finance Committee is reviewing several options and will know more once they can discuss them in more detail.

Supervisor Edmonds stated that he would like to ensure any bonuses given out are legal.

Supervisor Bacon noted that Brunswick County gave their Administrator an increase in her yearly bonus that was not made public. This caused the issue for Brunswick.

Supervisor Edmonds questioned when the budget needed to be finalized.

Administrator Gee replied that the State requests that the school budget be approved by May 1st each year. The County budget must be adopted by June 30th, following two weeks of public advertisement, public hearing and adoption at least 7 days later.

Supervisor Zava, a member of the Finance Committee, commented that this was their first opportunity to see the proposed budget numbers. He stated that the committee would need more time to review the figures in more detail.

Administrator Gee and Supervisors discussed the Piedmont Regional Jail costs. Conversation included the large monthly payment, the possibility of joining another jail and potential management problems at PRJ. Administrator Gee added that she met with other Administrators recently to discuss the PRJ budget. The counties will be paying PRJ quarterly for housing inmates, according to the original agreement for the Jail in 1986.

Supervisor Zava noted some avenues the Finance Committee may take when working on the budget figures. He said there may be line items that will be adjusted. He suggested that no additional school resources officer be added as the grant funds will soon run out.

Administrator Gee reported that as the numbers are presented now, the County is paying all debt service payments for the schools and courthouse and not transferring in any funds from the School Board. Traditionally, the Board of Supervisors requests that the School Board either utilize savings from the prior year in their budget and their current budget appropriation to submit \$300,000 in debt service for the school bonds.

Supervisor Zava mentioned that although the state is funding raises for some employees, that funding does not cover the additional cost of fringe benefits.

Administrator Gee stated that the 12% increase for health insurance and 3% increase in salaries was included in the spreadsheet presented. There is a \$273,000 increase in the Jail appropriation. The finance committee also indicated budgeting for the personnel costs for nine manned convenience sites in the Solid Waste Management fund.

Supervisor Zava and Hoover agreed that the Board should vote to flat fund the school budget now so that the School Board may continue planning their budget. The rest of the budget would be reviewed by the Finance Committee and discussed again.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Wingold and unanimously approved, to flat fund the appropriations for the school's budget.

Administrator Gee reminded the Board of Student Government Days on May 8th and 9th. The monthly board meeting will be held on the 9th at 10:00 a.m. at Central High School. A tour of the new classrooms will be given at 9:15 prior to the meeting for those Supervisors who would like to attend.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Hoover and unanimously approved, to adjourn.

Tracy M. Gee, Clerk
County Administrator

Edward W. Pennington, Chairman
Board of Supervisors