

LUNENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GENERAL DISTRICT COURTROOM
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Minutes of April 4, 2013 Meeting

The continued meeting of the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors was held Thursday, April 4, 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.

Chairman Pennington requested additions to the agenda from the Board and the public.

There were no additions.

Administrator Gee shared an invoice from the Piedmont Regional Jail (PRJ) for Lunenburg's Inmate Days for March 2013 and requested permission from the Board to appropriate funds and pay the invoice. Administrator Gee noted that this invoice was about double the normal invoice because PRJ didn't request funds for the month of February.

Supervisor Zava commented that February didn't require a payment due to available federal funds but the March payment doubled. He questioned what amount the Board should expect in future months.

Administrator Gee replied that it would be difficult to determine due to undetermined medical contract expenses. The PRJ has been reviewing medical requirements with the Department of Justice and is in the midst of issuance of an RFP for contract for medical services. Medical provider cost and medical treatment is the most fluctuating expense for PRJ.

Supervisor Zava asked if PRJ has a monthly expense report.

Administrator Gee stated yes and she will begin to provide the Board with a copy in their board packets. According to the agreement from 1986, all member jurisdictions are to pay their share of expenses on a quarterly basis, prior to the beginning of that quarter. She added that quarterly payments will commence in April; therefore those would be listed on the monthly expense report as well. Administrator Gee commented that approximately 13% of the member population at PRJ is Lunenburg County inmates.

Supervisor Wingold made motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds and unanimously approved, to appropriate funds and pay the invoice from Piedmont Regional Jail in the amount of \$36,620.28.

Supervisor Hoover questioned if PRJ would send inmates to the courthouse to assist in lawn maintenance. He stated that with spring weather coming, there will be plenty of work that needs to be performed on the complex.

Administrator Gee responded yes; she will contact them to request assistance.

Beverly Hawthorne, Community Development Director, welcomed community organization representatives in attendance and informed them there would be a ten minute limit on speaking when making request presentations.

Mr. Will Rogers, of Crossroads, stated that the agency is a non-profit and is working on its 40th year in operation. He cited Virginia Code sections 37.2-504 and 37.2-508 mandating counties to establish community services boards. Mr. Rogers stated that Lunenburg and the other 6 counties which established Crossroads are required by state code to provide local tax dollar match. Mr. Rogers informed the Board that local tax match is only in the mental health portion of their services. All other services are self sufficient. Local funds are used in two categories, emergency/crisis services and psychiatric/medication management. Without the local tax match, the agency would reduce psychiatric services. This would be problematic as many individuals need their medication to maintain themselves in the community and not become an emergency requiring community interventions and possible psychiatric hospitalizations. Mr. Rogers stated that Crossroads is requesting an increase of \$11,000 for FY2014. The total request for FY2014 is \$62,000.

Mrs. Emily Marshall, Director of Madeline's House, and Attorney Tessie Bacon, Board Member for Madeline's house, were in attendance. They thanked the Board for their monetary contribution towards the down payment of their new residence. The down payment was fully funded by participating counties. Attorney Bacon explained that the Capital Campaign will continue as they are still in need of office space. Mrs. Marshall requested that the Board continue funding her organization as they are in continuous need of supplies and services for the victims that they assist.

Mr. David B. Neumeyer and Kate W. Sigler were present to represent Virginia Legal Aid Society. VLAS is a non-profit law firm that provides free legal information, advice and representation in civil cases to low-income individuals and families. VLAS was able to close 45 cases last year, helping 110 people in Lunenburg County. Due to cuts from other avenues, VLAS is seeking additional local funds for FY2014. They are requesting \$4,713.

Mrs. Leigh Lambert, Director of Southside Regional Library, was present and requested level funding at an amount of \$150,274. She stated that they are anticipating a slight reduction in State Aid and have asked each of the towns to increase appropriations to help offset the reduction. She explained that SRL may have some tough decisions to make soon, which may include reorganization of staff.

Supervisor Hoover asked if flat funding would also ensure level services.

Mrs. Lambert replied that there would be no reduction in hours, services, or resources. However, a reduction of staff may be considered at a later date.

Mr. Ryan Follett, of STEPS, Inc., requested to have the 3% reduction applied in FY2012 be reinstated this fiscal year, equating to a total allocation of \$36,200. He stated that the STEPS, Inc. office located in Victoria has been in operation for 16 years. They employ 59 Lunenburg County residents. He

stated that due to this fact, a large portion of those wages are placed back into the local economy. Mr. Follett thanked the County for funds provided in the past and assistance from the IDA. He also thanked the county for their support in using their new shredding services.

Mrs. Justine Young with Piedmont Senior Services, spoke to the Board. She shared the statistics of the number of seniors served in Lunenburg. The unduplicated number of clients served was 73 and the total units of service equaled 15,909; providing meals, hours of service, trips and sessions. Mrs. Young is fairly new to the organization and plans to maintain the relationship and communication with Lunenburg County. There will be numerous new programs coming to the area. She welcomed a Supervisor to join the Piedmont Senior Services Board. Meetings are held once a quarter. She requested a slight reduction in funding for a total of \$1,488.

Mrs. Mary Hickman of the CRC requested that Lunenburg County continue its membership in FY2014. Local dues remain at \$15,700. She previously attended the Board meeting in February to share the CRC's annual report. Mrs. Hickman stated that she appreciated the opportunity to serve and assist the County. The CRC currently encompasses five county members and has five staff members.

Supervisor Hoover inquired about the redistricting files that the CRC assisting in creating. He would like the map to show district boundaries at the street level and asked if Mrs. Hickman could provide that.

Mrs. Hickman replied that it was dependent on the software's capability. She will look into it and respond back with additional information.

Chairman Pennington spoke on behalf of H.O.P.E. Community Services. They are requesting funding for the first time in many years. The organization has requested \$5,000 for FY2014.

Supervisor Zava asked how the organization obtains its funding.

Administrator Gee stated that much is provided by federal funds and the county has not provided funding in two years. She has requested an itemized breakdown of expenses and how those funds are used in Lunenburg. The director has yet to send any information other than the request letter that includes figures for Head Start, which H.O.P.E. has not provided in over a year.

Mrs. Beverley Hawthorne spoke on behalf of Virginia's Retreat. The annual membership fee is \$4,500. Membership enables the County to accomplish more with 11 other member Communities, than it could on its own. Mrs. Hawthorne explained that many good events and ideas are coming in the near future. She would like to see the County benefit from these services with continued membership.

Mrs. Hawthorne directed the Board to information in their packet provided by Longwood Small Business Development Center and Lunenburg Literacy. The representatives for these two programs could not be present for the meeting.

Supervisor Slayton asked the Board to continue funding the Old Dominion RC&D. The Old Dominion RC&D initiated the region's Buy Fresh Buy Local program. He stated that many good projects are coming soon. Their new website was recently launched and the spring newsletter will be available at the end of April or first of May.

Supervisor Zava explained that requests tonight represented an approximately \$21,000 increase. The only additional funds will come from landfill operations, some of which had already been earmarked. He stated that the finance committee is still working on budget numbers and there isn't much extra. Supervisor Zava said that increases have not been given to employees in five years. He would like to see an increase for employees this year.

Supervisor Hoover stated that increases for employees would be a top priority for the finance committee.

Supervisor Zava commented that amounts for the Piedmont Regional Jail would need to be captured.

Supervisor Edmonds suggested that the Board move forward with plans for a convenience site in the Rehoboth district. He also stated that additional personnel is needed.

Supervisors Zava added that hiring people now would give the county the man power needed to operate manned sites in the future. He also stated that the community would need to be educated on proper disposal of trash.

Mrs. Beverley Hawthorne, Interim Landfill Liaison, stated that she has begun reviewing and comparing the plans of the Ward's Corner site.

Supervisor Zava requested a list of the landfill equipment still owned by the County and fair market values.

Supervisor Edmonds made motion, seconded by Supervisor Slayton and unanimously approved, to adjourn.

Tracy M. Gee, Clerk
County Administrator

Edward W. Pennington, Chairman
Board of Supervisors