

LUNENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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Minutes of June 6, 2013 Meeting

The budget work session of the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, June 6, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lunenburg District Courtroom, Lunenburg, Virginia. The following members were present: Supervisors Frank Bacon, Alvester Edmonds, Robert Zava, Edward Pennington, David Wingold, County Administrator Tracy M. Gee, and Assistant to the Administrator Nicole Clark. Supervisors T. Wayne Hoover and Charles R. Slayton were absent.

Chairman Pennington called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Beverley Hawthorne, Community Development Director, shared a brochure, "Fish Virginia First", highlighting attractive locations for fishing within the region. She stated that the brochure was developed three to four years ago using grant funds. Grant funds have been exhausted and the brochure is in need of updating. The localities highlighted in the brochure have been asked to assist in the cost of printing new brochures. Mr. Ken Patterson, Victoria Town Manager, is planning to ask Town Council to assist in funding the new brochures as well. Mrs. Hawthorne suggested a \$500 allotment from the county.

Supervisor Zava is concerned about the how often these brochures are used by the public and suggested tabling the request until the next board meeting.

Supervisor Bacon agreed and requested the topic be discussed again at the next board meeting.

Administrator Gee discussed the airport monitoring system that will be placed at the airport in the coming weeks. She stated that the system will be on a beacon near the hanger, close to where the skydivers land.

Administrator Gee noted that six trees need to be removed at the airport as they are close to the runway and could be a danger for airplanes. Due to the fact the tree removal is considered an emergency service, procurement is not required. The removal is also eligible for an 80% reimbursement from the Department of Aviation. Supervisors agreed to move forward with the removal of the trees.

Administrator Gee discussed the School Bond Payoff previously mentioned at a budget work session meeting. The bond is a 1998 early retirement bond acquired by the school and county. If the county chooses to pay off the bond by May 30, 2013 the amount due is \$372,552.79. This would save the schools and county about \$72,000 in interest payments over 5 years. Administrator Gee asked the Board how the schools should reimburse the county for the payoff.

Supervisor Zava, a member of the Finance Committee, suggested that the schools continue to make yearly payments to the county over the next five years for reimbursement at the amount of principal minus the amount of interest. He stated that this payoff would help the county and schools save money over the next five years.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Wingold and unanimously approved, to appropriate the necessary surplus funds of approximately \$372,552 to the debt service line item and payoff the 1998 General Obligation early retirement bond.

Supervisor Zava directed the Board to the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014. He noted that a revision had been made to the debt service line item in anticipation of the school bond payoff. He stated that the budget still represented flat funding.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Wingold and unanimously approved, to enter into public hearing regarding the proposed FY14 budget.

Ms. Roberta Rickers, Branch Supervisor for Ripberger Library in Kenbridge, approached the Board. She stated that the previous week she had a meeting with the Regional Director, Leigh Lambert. Mrs. Lambert informed Ms. Rickers that the Branch Supervisor position at the Kenbridge location was being deleted effective July 1, 2013. Ms. Rickers inquired as to how many other branches would be affected. She was informed that it would only be the Kenbridge branch. She has been in contact with town officials, supervisors, and friends of the library. She is concerned about the future of the library and noted that the Kenbridge branch has drastically grown in her 30 plus years employed there. She attended a Board of Trustees meeting the previous day where three levels of supervisors were discussed. The Trustees also mentioned hiring one supervisor to oversee both Lunenburg branches within the first quarter of FY14. She is worried about the funds for staff salaries, when neither branch in Lunenburg will have a supervisor. Ms. Rickers is confused as to why Boydton with a population of 400 still has a full time supervisor but Lunenburg with a population of 13,000 is now without a branch supervisor at either branch.

Administrator Gee noted that all personnel matters are the decision of the Board of Trustees and not the Board of Supervisors. She has asked Ms. Lambert for additional information and is awaiting her reply. She also stated that she is constantly reviewing the library budget with Ms. Lambert.

Mr. Charles Rickers of Kenbridge applauded Kathy Watson, previous Branch Supervisor of the Victoria Branch, for her work during her many years of employment. He noted the importance of the library systems and the need for citizens to be able to read. He stated that the supervisor at the Boydton Branch has a GED and is receiving full benefits and salary, yet higher educated supervisors are being eliminated. He believes someone told the Lunenburg representatives on the Board of Trustees that the County didn't have the money to sustain two full time supervisors and therefore they voted to dissolve the two positions into one. He stated that a big mistake has been made and Lunenburg will suffer as a result.

There was no further public comment.

Supervisor Zava made motion, seconded by Supervisor Bacon and unanimously approved, to close the public hearing regarding the proposed FY14 budget.

Supervisor Alvester Edmonds arrived at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor Zava commented that Lunenburg's funding to the Southside Regional Library is based on population and is flat funded from last year. He supports the local libraries but added personnel matters are determined by the entity's board, just like the local schools. The biggest concern for the Board of Supervisors is the budget and expenditures. He requested a breakdown of expenditures from Ms. Lambert. He suggested that Administrator Gee assist the Board of Trustees with an overview of how a budget should work and remind them that Lunenburg has contributed their portion of the SRL budget.

Supervisor Zava stated that four years ago the County had to use surplus funds to balance the budget. He noted that flat funding had been requested from departments for the past two years. As a result, taxes have not been raised nor has surplus been used. He added that the sale of the landfill was a huge factor in sustaining a balanced budget for this and future years. Supervisor Zava noted that the budget is financially sound because of flat funding and the sale of the landfill. He said that if land sales increase, in turn creating a greater tax revenue, then even more of a cushion would be included in the budget. Supervisor Zava said it was very important to the Finance Committee not to raise taxes to balance the budget.

Supervisors Pennington and Bacon commended the Finance Committee and Administrator Gee for the excellent work on the budget.

Supervisor Pennington stated that the whole Board supports the library and will do what they can to assist, however, some aspects are out of the Board's control.

Supervisor Zava explained that he had recently visited the landfill. He thanked Beverley Hawthorne for her work as Interim Landfill Liaison and added that the landfill staff highly complimented her. He stated that the landfill is looking much better and no one has reported higher traffic on the road. He added that surrounding counties are starting to ask questions about how Lunenburg successfully sold the landfill.

Supervisor Wingold questioned how many employees the county has maintaining the dump sites. Administrator Gee replied three employees and will interview for a fourth person soon.

Supervisor Edmonds commented that he has been visiting the dump sites and they are looking much better.

Lamont Brand notified the Board that a sign had been knocked down at one of the dump sites.

Mrs. Hawthorne replied that she will check into it and have the sign erected.

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

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Tracy M. Gee, Clerk  
County Administrator

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Edward W. Pennington, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors