

King and Queen County
Board of Supervisors Budget Workshop – Misc. Discussion

Monday, April 15, 2013
6:00 P.M.
2nd Floor Conference Room
King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building

“Minutes of the Meeting”

Chairman Morris opened the work session on the proposed FY14 budget, and asking if there were any changes that have been made since their last workshop.

County Administrator Thomas Swartzwelder advised that the only thing different, was a change in the Wetlands Employee Salary, being a reduction of approximately \$7,000 than what was budgeted.

Mr. Milby questioned if anything had been received from Arts Alive. Mr. Swartzwelder advised that he did not know of anything. After discussion, Mr. Milby asked the Board if they would consider making a donation of \$500.00. It was the consensus of the Board to add the \$500.00 donation to Arts Alive.

Mrs. Morris expressed that the major item is the School’s budget and if there were any comments. Mr. Swartzwelder advised that he has not received any feedback. Mrs. Morris expressed that she knows that there has been some discussion of positions picked up from a grant, and that grants are not always a 100%, and does not think they have thought this through on how it would affect the budget.

Mr. Swartzwelder also mentioned an e-mail relating to the School Superintendent leaving and that the School Board has decided to give a year of severance pay.

Mr. Milby expressed that he would like to know what the school’s direction is relating to the School Superintendent. They just gave him a four (4) year contract and now they are giving a one year severance payout.

Ms. Alsop questioned if anyone knew why he was leaving. Mr. Swartzwelder advised that when speaking with Mrs. Sears, Chairman of the School Board, she commented that they want to go in a different direction, and that he has not been given the full briefing about why he was leaving.

Mr. Swartzwelder further commented that the Principal at Central High School and the Assistant Principal were leaving as well.

After further discussion, Mr. Swartzwelder advised that as he recommended, \$100,000.00 has been removed from the School's Budget due to the debt service payment being paid off and the credit that they have, which needs to be switched over to the Emergency Services. The Board never took a straw vote on that because Mr. Claire came back and did a second presentation. Instructions were to advertise as he recommended and that was what we did.

Mr. Bailey commented that the Board gave back approximately \$66,000 last year, then they bought computers, ipads and laptops that are still in the closet. The debt service is no longer there, so to him it looks like there is a couple hundred thousand dollars there.

After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to reduce the school's budget as recommended by \$100,000.00.

Mr. Swartzwelder further commented that due to the reduction change in EMS, it resulted in \$100,000.00 being pulled out of the General Fund.

Mr. Swartzwelder further advised that in another request, for an online GIS system, the cost would be approximately \$7,000.00, plus \$2,500.00 a year and questioned if the Board was interested in implementing at this time. At this point there is a fund balance reduction of \$6,500.00 (taking into account the \$7,000 reduction in Wetlands Employee salary and adding \$500.00 for Arts Alive) bringing the total to \$93,000 from the general fund rather than the \$100,000.00. Mr. Swartzwelder advised that later on, this feature may be more of a use, but he was not pushing it at this time.

General Discussions:

The Board discussed the following:

INTERNET

- Internet and placement of a microcell to deliver internet to King and Queen Elementary at a cost of approximately \$12,000, which would cover the tower and equipment.

EXERCISING OF DEER DOGS OUT OF SEASON

- The Board discussed the concern of exercising deer dogs outside of hunting season being illegal and would like to know what the law is. It was the consensus of the Board to have the Game Warden at the May meeting to discuss concerns of citizens and explaining the laws.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – REQUEST IN USAGE OF FULL-TIME LINE ITEM FUNDING TO BE USED FOR PART-TIME

- Mr. Swartzwelder advised that the Sheriff could not be here tonight, and explained that the Sheriff has 2 full-time slots open and would like to try some new hires on a part-time basis, as he has not had any to apply that has already been to the Academy. The Sheriff would like to get the Board's permission to pay the new part-time employees out of the regular Salary line item, until he decides which two should go on full-time, in which to send to the Academy.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

- County Administrator Thomas Swartzwelder advised of a situation where a Doctor in the Aylett area had a patient whom he wanted emergency transport to the hospital. Because the Aylett Rescue Station is closed, and Mr. Mason was out on a call here in the County, they called Hanover and they could not come. After that they called and asked if King and Queen County drop tones for Rescue 5. Our EMT did not want to go, as if they marked up, and there was a call in the county we would not have a squad outside of Lower in the County.

Mr. Swartzwelder expressed that he felt we need to send a polite letter to King William explaining that outside of a major emergency, that we could not provide mutual aid as they have no aid to supply.

Mrs. Morris commented that she would like for Mr. Hunter to follow through with finding a way to track the number of calls lost in King and Queen due to being in King William.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to send a letter to King William County.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Milby to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: D. H. MORRIS, R. F. BAILEY, JR., J. L. SIMPKINS, J. M. MILBY, JR., S. C. ALSOP
NAYS: NONE

Doris H. Morris, Chairman

Thomas J. Swartzwelder, Clerk