

VIRGINIA:

A FY12-13 Budget Work Session of the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors was held in the Administrative Building Board/Commission Meeting Room of said county on Thursday, April 19, 2012.

Members Present: B. Wally Beauchamp, Chair
 F.W. Jenkins, Jr., Vice Chair
 Ernest W. Palin, Jr., Board Member
 Jason D. Bellows, Board Member

Staff Present: Frank A. Pleva, County Administrator
 Jack D. Larson, Assistant County Administrator

Mr. Beauchamp called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Beauchamp asked everyone to keep Dr. Russell in prayer after undergoing surgery and paused for a moment of silence.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION

Virginia Quality Life

Tom Richardson stated Virginia Quality Life (VQL) campus has brought to our community and continues to maintain the Northern Neck YMCA, American Red Cross, Northern Neck Free Health Clinic, and Rappahannock General Hospital. He asked the Board for level funding in the amount of \$10,000.

Chamber of Commerce

Tom Richardson, President of the Chamber of Commerce, stated they are requesting that the county consider joining the Chamber of Commerce as they seek to grow the economy,

promote our community, and be competitive in our region. The business community wants to work closer with local government for economic development. They would like the county administrator and/or a member of the Board on the Board of Directors of the Chamber. The request of \$2,600 would include the membership for two members to join the Chamber. They have met a number of times about a proposed Tourist Welcome Center, but they have not completed the discussion. They would like to withdraw this request of \$2,600 and bring it back in the future.

Community Library

Lindsay Gardner discussed the new and old services they provide to the county and stated they are requesting level funding this year. The library has two new services available to members, which is free Mango language instruction from home and a site to download free music. She stated the county contribution funded a new technology position late year and this person teaches others as the library is trying to move in the direction that is “tech savvy.”

The Haven Shelter & Services, Inc.

Ellen Yackel, Executive Director, stated the Haven is more than just a shelter, and they are requesting \$4,000 for FY 2013. There has been a significant demand for services across the five county service areas. The majority of their clients do not come to the shelter, but they provide support, needs assessment, case management services, safety planning and crisis intervention, etc. They have someone at the Juvenile Domestic Relations Court to provide support to victims of domestic violence. She said in 2011 the Haven provided support services to 53 adults and 4 children in Lancaster County which was a 70% increase over 2010. Also in 2011 they receive 568 calls through the toll free hotline with 68 identifying themselves as Lancaster County residents, an increase of 15% from 2010. Shelter services shows a significant increase in bed nights, not necessarily all Lancaster County. The total bed nights in 2011 for Lancaster residents were 967 at a rate of \$3.61 per night making that a 159% over 2010. She explained there was a partial grant funding for 37% of the total service budget.

Virginia Cooperative Extension

Kathleen Watson, Agent for Virginia Cooperative Extension discussed services they provide and said they now have a 4-H Agent, Tara Brent. They serve both Lancaster and Northumberland. She thanked the Board for the additional office space and the conference room used for a number of different meetings. The Master Gardeners started a new program called Integrated Shoreline Evaluation Assistance (I-SEA) which amplified efforts to address shore line erosion and storm water run off. She conducted a Drinking Water Quality Clinic that served 46 households with a future clinic slated for July 2012. She hopes to be offering ServSafe classes this summer. She requested level funding.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Tony Callaghan discussed services provided to the children, stated funding was cut from DCJS, and asked for level funding in the amount of \$3,000. Currently, CASA is serving 46 children and 20 are from Lancaster County. They had an excellent year with fundraising and will continue to provide great service with the twenty dedicated volunteers.

YMCA

Mark Favazza, Executive Director, Northern Neck Family YMCA discussed the services they provided to their members and requested level funding. There are programs that cater to all ages and they currently serve 3,820 in this community. He stated there are 269 volunteers that give of their time freely.

MP-NN Community Services Board

Charles Walsh, Executive Director thanked the Board for their continued support and asked for level funding. He discussed the services they provided to Lancaster residents, their staff, and the benefits to the county. He gave a brief history of the Community Services Board and said that Lancaster County has been contributing since 1974. Lancaster County has

excellent representatives on their board. He asked to Board to consider giving the Community Services Board a tax break on their facilities.

Mr. Jenkins said the county can not give a tax break on the facilities to the Community Services Board because the employees and clients use county services such as Sheriff's Office and Emergency Services.

Boys and Girls Club of the Northern Neck

Larry Long, President, introduced board, staff and youth members of the club. He described the services provided to the children registered in the program. He said the Boys and Girls Club currently serves 400 children with a budget of \$554,000. They serve 125 students per day during the school year and 175 per day during the summer. They have a program called "Power Hour" which is after school tutoring and 88 students are on the honor role. They asked the Board for funding in the amount of \$75,000.

Rappahannock Legal Services

John Rellick stated they provide free legal services to individuals with low incomes and in these economic times that number has increased. He said they have provided services to 7 counties with 44 Lancaster households. They have served the Northern Neck for more than 30 years and requested level-funding in the amount of \$5,600.

Department of Social Services

Edna Davenport, Director said because of a program mandated by the State they were requesting a \$1,800 increase. She discussed the programs and wide range of services that they provide. Because VRS has a new mandate she stated social services would follow whatever the county plans to approve.

Northern Neck Free Health Clinic

Jeannie Nelson, Executive Director said over the last year the clinic has served 10,700 individuals, 100,000 hours at a value of \$2 million. They do eligibility every six months and the pharmacy companies provide the clinic with some free medicines to their licensed pharmacy. She stated they are about to celebrate their 20th year of service to the community and thanked the Board for their continued support. There are a number of different programs offered thorough the clinic such as the diabetic group, pharmacy tech program, and OSHA training for volunteers. She described the work of the clinic and requested an increase in funding by \$5,326.

Mr. Palin asked why the increase was necessary.

Ms. Nelson said because one third of the patients served live in Lancaster County.

Consideration of FY 2013 Lancaster County Schools Budget

Mr. Larson stated the Lancaster County School Budget was not being presented but he has spoken to Sue Salg and there was nothing said about them not attending. He said the State, Senate, and House of Delegates passed a budget on April 18, 2012. However, that budget has not been signed by the Governor. At this point, everything is moving ahead, the numbers and guidance are coming out which should reflect an increased contribution from the State to the schools. After talking with Ms. Salg she indicated it would take one or two days for Department of Education to get the final numbers. They will then come forward with a revised budget. Should the board have additional concerns he would certainly pass that information on to the School Board to address those issues.

Mr. Beauchamp said he would like Mr. Larson to continue to work with the school budget to get answers on life insurance with a 300% increase in almost every department. He stated on one line item it reads nurse salary at \$137,000, however; that is for three nurses. There should be better explanations. Also, there is concern about the Assistant Superintendent salary.

Mr. Jenkins said there is also additional funding added in the school administration.

Mr. Larson said the Board is ahead of schedule for the budget work session and the school board budget can be considered at any of the future budget work sessions.

FY 2013 Lancaster County Budget Concerns

Mr. Beauchamp stated he had a budget concerns on the Animal Control budget, proposed salaries were increased by \$11,299.

Mr. Larson said the Board approved a part time position to maintain the facility at the Animal Shelter in this fiscal year that is proposed as continuing in the budget year.

Mr. Larson suggested a budget work session to have Christina Hubbard, Chief of Emergency Services who is proposing seven new positions, Registrar Office with an additional cost for poll workers, and Circuit Court Clerk for a part time position and new equipment, to give presentations and explain why their budget requests have increased.

By consensus of the Board of Supervisors the next budget work session will be held on Monday, April 30, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board/Commission meeting room.

BOARD REPORTS

Appointment

Mr. Beauchamp made a motion to appoint William H. Pennell, Jr. to the Rappahannock Community College Board for a four year term beginning July 1, 2012 ending June 30, 2016.

VOTE:	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye

Mr. Palin asked Mr. Pleva to prepare a resolution or plaque for Timothy White who served on the Building Code Appeals Board.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Water Line to County Water Tank

Mr. Larson said sprinkler system in this building and the water line that feeds the tank that in turn feed the sprinkler system. The lines were put in with substandard materials and keep collapsing which is very expensive to continue repairs. He stated the alternative would be not having that water line functional and we could not say we have a sprinkler system. According to the Building Official we are not required under the code to have a sprinkler system. We would continue to keep water in the tank, so if there was a fire in this building the responding units would have access to that in addition to the water they bring. The county staff recommends that we do not put the money into the water line

Mr. Bellows asked how old the water lines are.

Mr. Larson stated they are older water lines on the court lawn.

Mr. Palin asked on an average what was the cost for repair and/or cost to replace.

Mr. Larson said the last repair cost \$5,000 and the cost to replace would be approximately \$10,000 - \$11,000.

Mr. Beauchamp asked what that would do for insurance cost.

Mr. Larson said nothing but he would double check and confirm.

Mr. Palin would like to know the true cost to replace the system.

Mr. Jenkins asked about drilling a dedicated well to feed that system which would cost less money.

Mr. Larson said that would certainly be an option if we need to look at other alternatives.

By consensus of the Board, a bid for the replacement of the water line and cost to drill a well shall be obtained.

Juvenile Domestic Relation Court Clerk Retirement

Mr. Pleva stated Dorothy Mathers will be retiring as the Juvenile Domestic Relation Court Clerk after 34 years of services on May 1, 2012. We will present her with a plaque or resolution at a future board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Beauchamp to adjourn the meeting to Monday, April 30, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board/Commission meeting room for another Budget Work Session.

VOTE:	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye
	Jason D. Bellows	Aye