

**VIRGINIA:**

A meeting of the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors was held in the Courthouse of said County on Tuesday, May 16, 2000.

Present: B. Wally Beauchamp  
F. W. Jenkins, Jr.  
Donald O. Conaway  
Patrick G. Frere  
Cundiff H. Simmons  
William H. Pennell, Jr.

Others  
Present: Press

Mr. Beauchamp called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**FY 2000-2001 COUNTY BUDGET**

There followed a discussion of budget requests from non-county organizations.

Pete Southmayd, representing Lancaster Community Library, asked for an increase of \$7,000 over last year's budget. They would like to hire additional staff, including a customer service person. They would like to improve their computer equipment with higher speed equipment in order to have interactive access for people with computers at home. They would also like to increase library services for the residents of the west-end of the county, and a teen computer room will be added to the YMCA building.

John O'Shaunessey & Jeannie Nelson, representing the Free Health Clinic, provided the board members with a hand out describing their annual report. They asked that each county donate its share of the operating budget, with Lancaster County having 47% of the patients seen. They have a full-time nurse practitioner who sees 57% of all patients. The grant for that nurse practitioner expires this year.

Susan Tipton of the Northern Neck Tourism Council said they need a full-time person to develop the new tourism packages. They are now located at the Planning District Commission office, which has worked to the benefit of the Council. Ms. Tipton is looking for a total budget increase from \$51,000 to \$85,000. She has asked River Country for \$25,000. The income from members has doubled in last two years. Richmond and Westmoreland counties have already approved an increase to \$7,500 as the county donation.

Ms Tipton also represented the Potomac Gateway Welcome Center. They have done a survey and found that people are using Route 301 more and more, and they want to have a display highlighting the Chesapeake Bay Region at the Route 301 Center. They would also like to create a new video for this region. In April through June of 1999, 180 of those surveyed at the Gateway Center were coming to Lancaster County.

They are also asking the state for operational funds since it serves the Commonwealth as well as the local area.

John Relik of Rappahannock Legal Services, said they have a volunteer panel of 30 attorneys handling cases involving family law, domestic abuse, custody and child support, etc., as well as landlord/tenant cases. They do not handle DUI cases. They give advice in consumer cases or garnishments. They also handle government benefits cases involving Medicaid, Medicare, SSI and welfare, as well as powers of attorney and wills for the elderly and terminally ill younger people. In 1999 they provided services to 98 Lancaster households. Mr. Relik asked for a budget increase of \$396.

Louise Jesse, representing the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, provided the board members with a handout showing budget estimates for the celebration in 2001. Ms. Jesse asked for a budget appropriation of \$30,000 in FY 01 and \$20,000 in FY 02.

Florence Davis, Executive Director of the Mary Ball Washington Museum and Library said they plan to have professionally designed graphics for display at exhibits and shows.

Allyn Gemerek, Executive Director of the Chesapeake Bay Agency on Aging, said the Agency has brought millions of dollars into the region since its inception. He provided information to the board on the services provided by the Agency. He reported that Lancaster County is always 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in the number of meals served through meals on wheels. Also, Bay Transit services are being expanded.

Mr. Conaway asked if Bay Transit could provide service on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Gemerek said he couldn't answer that, but will provide data about costs of providing services on Saturday.

Doug Monroe, representing Virginia Quality of Life, said they have established a fund to build a recreation and health facility, with the participation of the Red Cross, YMCA, Free Health Clinic and Rappahannock General Hospital. Phases 1 and 2 are complete and they are ready to begin phases 3 and 4. Sam Nuchols has donated most of the architectural work. The state has given \$350,000 last year, \$150,000 this year and hopefully \$175,000 next year. They need local support in order to get funding from the Commonwealth .

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Mr. Jenkins to adjourn the meeting until May 23, 2000 at 6:00 PM. VOTE: 5 – 0 Aye.