

VIRGINIA:

A FY 2017 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, May 19, 2016.

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

Staff Present: Frank A. Pleva, County Administrator
Don G. Gill, Planning and Land Use Director
Crystal Whay, Building/Land Use Secretary

Mr. Lee called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION

Mr. Lee stated that after a budget meeting on Monday with Treasurer Bonnie Haynie, it was suggested to add \$15,000 to the Board of Supervisors' contingency fund, in case it is needed. He stated that \$14,253 had already been spent in that category for this fiscal year.

Mr. Pleva stated that category is where the revenue anticipation note interest is charged.

Mr. Pleva referred to the Independent Auditor category and stated that it was suggested to add approximately \$3,000 to that category, so it would better reflect what has been spent this fiscal year.

Mr. Lee stated that the other issue discussed on Monday was to get detailed grant figures for page 26 of the budget.

Mr. Jenkins asked if any changes had been made to the Emergency Medical Services categories, based on conversations they had with Chief McGregor.

Mr. Pleva replied that Chief McGregor did reduce the number of full-time employees.

Mr. Jenkins asked about the books category for the Emergency Medical Services department.

Mr. Pleva replied that he was not sure, but would check.

Mr. Lee referred to the tax levy handout that contained the tax levy from last calendar year and the proposed levy for this year.

Mr. Pleva stated that the proposed tax levy is done by ordinance and will have to be advertised twice in the local paper. He stated that after the hearing, the Board has to wait a week before a vote can be taken. He suggested the date of June 9th for the hearings, because that would give them enough time for the required advertising.

Mr. Lee stated that the Board needs to decide what rate to advertise for the tax levies.

Mr. Pleva stated that his handout shows a scenario with no increase in real estate taxes and the elimination of the boat tax and farm equipment tax. He stated that the Board needs to approve something for public hearing purposes and at this time, they are not adopting anything.

Mr. Bellows made a motion to set the public hearings on the FY 17 Budget and the CY 16 Tax Levies for Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Lee asked the Board about the proposed tax levies and what should be advertised.

Mr. Beauchamp stated that he did not think the real estate taxes should increase, because of the elimination of the boat tax.

Mr. Bellows stated that he thought they should advertise what Mr. Pleva's hand out stated.

Mr. Lee stated that he wanted the Board to consider the fund balance.

Mr. Bellows stated that he thought the fund balance would be fine, considering the trend. He stated that the fund balance is there for investing in the County’s future and growing the economy.

Mr. Jenkins stated that the fund balance has been “inching up” every year.

Mr. Bellows made a motion to Advertise the Presented Ordinance for CY 16 Tax Levies, including the reductions in Boat Taxes and Farm Equipment.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Beauchamp to adjourn the meeting.

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