

VIRGINIA:

A FY 15 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 29, 2014.

- Members Present: B. Wally Beauchamp, Chair
 Jason D. Bellows, Vice Chair
 F. W. Jenkins, Jr., Board Member
 Ernest W. Palin, Jr., Board Member
 William R. Lee, Board Member
- Staff Present: Frank A. Pleva, County Administrator
 Jack Larson, Finance Consultant
 Crystal Whay, Building/Land Use Secretary

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

BUDGET CONSIDERATION

Mr. Beauchamp asked Mr. Pleva for a budget update.

Mr. Pleva stated that the work session was scheduled primarily to set the public hearing on the tax levy. He stated that he would come back to that topic, but wanted to give the Board an update on the County’s health insurance options. He stated that there were quite a few employees present, who are concerned about the upcoming health insurance program.

Mr. Pleva referred to the current insurance company, Optima, and stated that they had experienced a claims paid to premiums received ratio of 260%. He stated as a result of that, there has been as much as a 59% increase in premiums for the upcoming year, depending on the type of plan.

Mr. Pleva stated that the Commonwealth of Virginia has a health insurance program for state employees, their dependents and retirees. He stated that, a few years ago, the state set up a plan called Local Choice for local governments, school systems and similar groups. He stated that the Local Choice plan has approximately 285 local entities with over 48,000 participants. He stated that it was an Anthem plan and that he was meeting with the Anthem representative next week to discuss the Local Choice option.

Mr. Pleva stated that any entity wanting to join Local Choice must have at least 75% of their eligible employees willing to participate. He stated that if the 75% level is not met, the County would have to pay a higher rate. He stated that, assuming the 75% level is met, the Board would have to agree to pay at least 80% of the cheapest single plan. He stated that he had spoken with other localities that participate in the Local Choice program and have found that the fees vary based on the local component of each entity.

Mr. Pleva stated that they will complete the appropriate paperwork next week and there is nothing binding. He stated that he has been told that it would take 7 to 14 days to supply the County's rate, after they have looked at three years of claims history.

Mr. Pleva stated that an advantage of the Local Choice program is that an employee can stay on, at their expense, after they have retired, but before they are Medicare eligible. He stated that the plan also offers a Medicare Supplement Plan, which is optional. He stated that if the Board decides to go with the Local Choice plan, it would take about 30 days to get it in place. He stated that the Optima plan runs through the end of August. He stated that he would be giving the Board an update after the meeting with Anthem and when he knows the proposed rates.

Mr. Beauchamp stated that another aspect of the issue was that the County's contribution of \$450 monthly had not changed in 6 years and they needed to take a look at that.

Mr. Jenkins asked if the state program included a health savings account option.

Mr. Pleva replied either directly or through another program, but he would inquire about it at next week's meeting.

Mr. Beauchamp stated that they needed to proceed with the health insurance issue as quickly as possible.

Mr. Beauchamp referred to the County's tax levy and stated that the Board needed to set a figure for advertising purposes. He reminded the Board, that for advertising, they can set a figure not to exceed, but it can be less.

Mr. Bellows made a motion to advertise the tax levy at 5 cents.

Mr. Lee stated that he had thought about setting the levy at 4 cents.

Mr. Bellows stated he wanted to keep as much money as possible in the taxpayers' pockets and he did not think the 20% reserve is necessary to retain.

Mr. Palin stated that he hated to say "I told you so", but he thought this would happen after they gave taxes back in the past. He stated that he did not know how he

would vote in the future, but for the sake of advertising, he would agree to Mr. Bellows' motion.

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

VOTE: 4-1, Motion carried

Mr. Pleva suggested setting the hearing date for the Capital Improvements Budget public hearing for June 19th, since the Board was already having a meeting.

Mr. Bellows made a motion to set the public hearing for the Capital Improvement Budget for June 19th at 7:00 p.m.

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

BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Beauchamp stated that last month, he had nominated Joe Curry to serve two more months on the Bay Aging Board, because they were in the process of changing their by-laws. He stated that those by-laws have been changed and therefore, he nominated Joe Curry to serve another five years on the Bay Aging Board.

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

William R. Lee

Aye

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Pleva stated that he had been reminded by Jerry Davis of the Northern Neck Planning District Commission that another citizen needed to be appointed to the Public Access Authority.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Beauchamp to enter into closed meeting to discuss matters exempt from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The subject matters to be discussed in the closed meeting are Legal Consultation, § 2.2-3711.A.7 and Real Property, § 2.2-3711.A.3 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended. The purposes of the closed meeting are to discuss the acquisition of real property and legal consultation. The subject and purpose falls within the following exemption(s) under § 2.2-3711.A.7 (consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel) and § 2.2-3711.A.3 (acquisition of real property for public purpose OR the disposition of government owned property where public discussion would jeopardize the County’s or Town’s bargaining or negotiating position.)

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

RECONVENE

Motion was made by Mr. Bellows to reconvene the open meeting.

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

CERTIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors convened in a closed meeting on May 29, 2014 pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote on the motion to close the meeting to discuss Legal Consultation, § 2.2-3711.A.7 and Real Property, § 2.2-3711.A.3 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

WHEREAS, § 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the board of supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting to which this certification applies and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

Motion was made by Mr. Bellows to certify the closed meeting.

Before a vote is taken on this resolution, is there any member who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of number 1 and number 2 above? If so, identify yourself and state the substance of the matter and why in your judgment it was a departure. There was no comment.

Hearing no further comment, Mr. Beauchamp called the question. A roll call vote was taken:

ROLL CALL

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

This certification resolution is adopted.

No action taken on the closed meeting matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Jenkins to adjourn to 7:00 p.m.

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