

VIRGINIA:

A meeting of the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors was held in the Administrative Building Board/Commission Meeting Room of said county on Thursday, June 9, 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 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Proposed FY 2016-17 Lancaster County Budget with Capital Improvements

Mr. Lee opened the public hearing.

Mr. Charlie Costello, a District 2 citizen, stated that after attending most of the budget work sessions, he thought the budget seemed reasonably put together. He stated that, in the future, he thought the Board needed to take a closer look at the paid rescue services. He stated that the budget for that department has been increasing every year for services that used to be by volunteer only, with this year's budget over a million dollars.

Mr. Costello referred to the Capital Improvement Budget and stated that the EMS Department is also asking for \$2,050,000 for a new building. He stated that was a lot of money for this County. He stated that it seemed excessive to him. He stated that the maternity center may be sold, but it could be modified to work if it is available. He stated that, in the future, a school building that is no longer being used may be an option as well.

Mr. Joe Urban, a District 2 citizen, stated that he was still opposed to the elimination of the boat tax and had spoken about it at last year's hearing. He stated

that he thought the County was subsidizing one area of business. He stated that there will never be enough economic activity generated to get back that half million dollars. He stated that he thought the government should be doing what is best for the majority of the citizens.

Mr. Urban stated that if the County was going to subsidize something, it should be for a much greater need in the County, which is internet infrastructure. He stated that the County is way behind and it is hurting local business. He stated that people who move into the area expect and need internet service and he thought, in time, it may affect real estate values. He stated that the County should try to build a fiber optic infrastructure and forego taking a half million dollars out of the budget for the elimination of boat taxes.

Mr. Lee closed the public hearing.

Mr. Lee asked about setting a time and date for adoption of the proposed budget.

Mr. Jenkins suggested that they consider the budget adoption at the regular June meeting.

Mr. Beauchamp asked if there would be a benefit to the department heads if the budget was considered sooner than the date of the regular meeting.

Mr. Pleva replied that the date of the regular Board meeting is literally the last day of the fiscal year and it would be beneficial to the departments if the adoption was earlier in the month. He suggested waiting the mandatory week and then meeting again on June 16th for the adoption.

Mr. Bellows made a motion to consider adoption of the FY 2016-17 Proposed Budget with Capital Improvements on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 5:30 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. Bellows made a motion to adjourn to the next public hearing.

VOTE:	William R. Lee	Aye
	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye

F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
Jason D. Bellows	Aye
B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Proposed CY 2016 Lancaster County Tax Levies

Mr. Lee opened the public hearing.

Mr. Charlie Costello, a District 2 citizen, referred to the elimination of the boat tax and stated that he was concerned about the fund balance with reduced revenues. He stated that real estate taxes will have to eventually be increased and each year that goes by, the County will be deeper and deeper in debt. He stated that there is a school facilities committee that is studying new schools because of the condition of the County's schools and asked where will that money come from. He stated that housing growth is stagnant in the County and mentioned subdivisions like Grace Hill and Hill's Quarters.

Mr. Costello stated that the Board could readvertise the tax levies to show a tax increase and correct some of the problem. He presented Mr. Pleva with a check for his portion of the boat tax and stated that he will continue to pay his portion of the tax for as long as he owns it. He stated that the boat does not get him to work, but only provides recreation for him and his family.

Mr. Bruce Sanders, a District 5 citizen, stated that he thought the elimination of the boat tax has been and will continue to be successful and will stimulate economic activity in the County. He stated that he is looking to expand his business by adding an extra pier that is needed. He stated that he thought the Board had made the right decision by eliminating the tax on all boats.

Mr. Ken Knull, a District 1 citizen, stated that he had seen significant improvement at Yankee Point Marina. He stated that they have hired one employee and are looking for another one. He stated that if the Board eliminates the boat tax on all boats, he thinks it will translate into additional slip rentals for his business. He stated that his customers are using local hotels, stores and restaurants, so other businesses are benefiting.

Mr. Scott Vail, a District 5 citizen, stated that he owned a yacht brokerage in the County. He stated that the boat tax reduction is working. He stated that he is experiencing an increase in his listings and wants to see the momentum keep going. He stated that the Board made a good decision eliminating the boat taxes.

Mr. Lee closed the public hearing.

Mr. Bellows made a motion to consider adoption of the CY 16 Lancaster County Tax Levies on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 5:30 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. Beauchamp made a motion to adjourn to the next public hearing.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Proposed Real Property Lease Agreement with Virginia Broadband

Mr. Lee opened the public hearing.

There was no public input.

Mr. Lee closed the public hearing.

Mr. Bellows made a motion to execute the lease agreement with Virginia Broadband.

VOTE:	William R. Lee	Aye
	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye

Jason D. Bellows Aye

B. Wally Beauchamp Aye

CLOSED MEETING

Mr. Lee made a motion to enter into closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, for the discussion and consideration of prospective candidates for the Building Inspector position and the discussion and consideration of the employment of the same.

VOTE: William R. Lee Aye

Ernest W. Palin, Jr. Aye

F. W. Jenkins, Jr. Aye

Jason D. Bellows Aye

B. Wally Beauchamp Aye

RECONVENE

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

VOTE: William R. Lee Aye

Ernest W. Palin, Jr. Aye

F. W. Jenkins, Jr. Aye

Jason D. Bellows Aye

B. Wally Beauchamp Aye

CERTIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712.D of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, requires a certification by the Lancaster County 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 by the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors, 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 closed meeting by the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors.

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. Lee called the question. A roll call vote was taken:

ROLL CALL

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

This certification resolution is adopted.

No action taken on the closed meeting matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bellows made a motion to adjourn.

VOTE:	William R. Lee	Aye
	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye

Jason D. Bellows Aye

B. Wally Beauchamp Aye