

VIRGINIA:

A Budget Work Session meeting of the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors was held in the courthouse of said county on Thursday, May 3, 2007.

Present: Peter N. Geilich, Chair
B. Wally Beauchamp, Board Member
F.W. Jenkins, Jr., Board Member
Ernest W. Palin, Jr., Board Member
William H. Pennell, Jr., County Administrator

Others

Present: George "Sonny" Thomas, Commissioner of the Revenue; Charles Costello, Friends of Lancaster County; Jack Larson, Planning/Land Use; Randolph Latimore, Lancaster County Schools; Joan McBride, Rappahannock Record; Starke Jett, Northumberland Echo and others.

Mr. Geilich called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

FY08 Revenue

Mr. Thomas, Commissioner of the Revenue, said expected revenue projections would be an increase of \$35 - \$40 million in assessed property values over last year. Wal-Mart will pay \$3,000 in real estate taxes for land only and next year Wal-Mart expected to do business \$1 - \$1.25 million range with an estimated \$8 million in real estate and improvement values.

Mr. Thomas said farm annuals are very difficult to assess and the county receives very little tax funding from farm machinery.

Mr. Thomas stated there are about 40 elderly/disabled who take advantage of the reduced real estate taxes on these citizens.

Mr. Thomas said the general reassessment currently underway will be effective in the tax bills receive on December 5, 2008.

Lancaster School FY08 Budget

There was some discussion by the Board of Supervisors and they gave their personal overview on the school budget.

Mr. Pennell presented a chart showing what a 3% increase in the school budget would cost.

Mr. Beauchamp made a motion to approve the local contribution to the Lancaster County School Division in the amount of \$450,000 additional funds for FY08.

VOTE:	Peter N. Geilich	Nay
	Jack S. Russell	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Nay
	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Nay

The motion failed 2 -3.

Mr. Palin made a motion to Approve the local contribution to the Lancaster County School Division in the amount of \$600,000 additional funds for FY08.

VOTE:	Peter N. Geilich	Nay
	Jack S. Russell	Nay
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Nay

F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Nay
Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye

The motion failed 1 – 4.

Dr. Russell made a motion to Approve the local contribution to the Lancaster County School Division in the amount of \$500,000 additional funds for FY08.

VOTE:	Peter N. Geilich	Aye
	Jack S. Russell	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Nay
	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Nay

The motion passed 3 – 2.

Mr. Palin made a motion to appropriate a “bottom line” amount to the Lancaster County School Division.

VOTE:	Peter N. Geilich	Aye
	Jack S. Russell	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye

Courtroom Security Fees

Mr. Pennell said recent legislation by the Virginia General Assembly permits counties to increase courtroom security fees from \$5.00 to \$10.00. He asked the board to authorize him to advertise this amendment for public hearing.

Mr. Beauchamp made a motion to Authorize the County Administrator to Advertise for Public Hearing to Amend the Ordinance to Increase Courtroom Security Fee at the regular May 31, 2007 Board of Supervisors meeting.

VOTE:	Peter N. Geilich	Aye
	Jack S. Russell	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye

Future Budget Work Session

By consensus of the board, the next budget work session would be scheduled for Monday, May 14, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. in the General District Courtroom.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Jenkins to adjourn the meeting to May 14, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at the courthouse in the General District Courtroom for a Budget Work Session.

VOTE:	Peter N. Geilich	Aye
	Jack S. Russell	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye