



MINUTES
BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BEDFORD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
MARCH 13, 2017

5:00 P.M. BUDGET WORK SESSION

Board of Supervisors: Curry Martin, District 2; Bill Thomasson, District 1; Steve Wilkerson, District 3; John Sharp, District 4; Tommy Scott, District 5; Andy Dooley, District 6; and Kevin Willis, District 7

Staff: County Administrator Carl Boggess, Assistant County Administrator Reid Wodicka, County Attorney Patrick Skelley, Fiscal Management Director Susan Crawford, Assistant Director Ashley Anderson, Lieutenant Kevin Adams, and Executive Assistant Brigitte Luckett

Chairman Martin opened the meeting and turned it over to Assistant County Administrator Reid Wodicka.

Dr. Wodicka began his presentation with an overview of the draft CIP, which was first presented to the Board in October 2016. He noted that consideration given to the amount of staff and management available to complete the projects, creating a joint CIP with the School Division, and revising a long-term CIP after approving this year's budget. Dr. Wodicka briefly touched on operating revenue projects, which included repairs and improvements to the Bedford Museum, the Health Department, the Storage Building, the Burks-Scott Building, and fire hydrant installations. Recommended reserve funding included future Fire and Rescue Station development and truck replacements, county-wide flooring replacement, financial management and IT Service Management Software, the Nursing Home sewer pump station, tractor replacement (for landscaping maintenance), voting equipment replacement, and landscape plans for Moneta and Montvale parks were also covered in his presentation.* He stated that the projected total for these projects is approximately \$714,250.

Dr. Wodicka then moved on to a review of Fund Balance projects, which included the Falling Creek Center Renovations; repairs to the red barn at Falling Creek Park, the Administration building, the Courthouse, the Public Safety building, and the Central Library heat pumps; air pack replacements; and replacing the access controls in the County buildings located in the downtown area. He stated that the projected cost for these items is approximately \$4,798,800.*

Throughout his overview Dr. Wodicka, Mr. Boggess, Ms. Crawford, Chief Jack Jones, and Mr. Cash and answered clarifying questions from the Board.

Dr. Wodicka stated that staff is projecting \$22,289,049 in unassigned fund balance for the end of fiscal year 2017, and \$17,490,249 projected for the end of fiscal year 2018 (after the CIP use of the unassigned fund balance this number assumes balanced revenues and expenditures. Any positive balance at the end of the year would affect that amount.

*(*A hard copy of the slide presentation with greater detail for each project covered in this portion of the work session is on file in the Bedford County Administration Office.)*

The Board took a dinner break at 6:26 pm, and returned to the work session at 6:45 pm.

Dr. Wodicka began the second portion of the work session with a review of the Enterprise Funds, noting that the Nursing Home fund will be reduced to accommodate the sewer pump replacement. In the vehicle replacement fund there are a total of 21 new vehicles requested (15 of which are for the Sheriff's Office), for a total of \$874,000. He stated there is no significant change to the Law Library and then reviewed the question and answer sheet that was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting, which answered questions the Board had asked in the week between the March 6 meeting and this evening.

Dr. Wodicka requested further direction from the Board on the County's proposed budget. A discussion followed between Board members and staff regarding the School Divisions proposed budget, with a consensus eventually being reached to move \$530,000 from the School's operation budget to their maintenance budget. Funding for the Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance was also discussed, with the Board reaching a consensus to fund the County's portion at 75% of the requested amount.

Supervisor Sharp requested a decision from the Board on the tax rates, as he will not be attending the next meeting; the Board directed staff to keep all the tax rates the same.

Supervisor Thomasson stated there are more jobs now, so less people will need entitlement programs, and asked if the Department of Social Services will still need two new positions. Mr. Boggess replied that the new positions are not for entitlement programs, but rather for drug addiction issues, etc. He also briefly explained the Economic Development Authority's performance based initiatives and contributions.

Chairman Martin asked staff to look into supervisor salaries in surrounding localities, as he would like to address increasing the Board's compensation.

Supervisor Willis asked that the County consider picking up the employee's portion of the insurance increase in order to not negate the impact the pay increase in December had for the employees. A brief discussion followed, with Ms. Crawford clarifying that it's been the County's past practice to split insurance increases 50/50 with employees; this not, however, an actual policy of the County.

Supervisor Dooley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott,
Mr. Dooley and Mr. Willis**

Voting no: None

Motion passed.