

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

April 4, 2012

At a budget worksession of the Orange County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, April 4, 2012, beginning at 5:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Gordon Building, 112 West Main Street, Orange, Virginia. Present: S. Teel Goodwin, Chairman; Lee H. Frame, Jr., Vice-Chairman; Shannon C. Abbs; Grover C. Wilson; and James K. White. Absent: None. Also present: Julie G. Jordan, County Administrator; Glenda Bradley, Finance Director; Ashley Jacobs, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Connie Clark, Accountant.

**Supervisor White entered the meeting at 5:08 p.m.*

RE: CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Goodwin called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

RE: BUDGET WORKSESSION

The budget worksession began with a review of the agenda items and discussion on the Strengthening Families grant and the position changes under consideration. Discussion ensued regarding E911 Center staffing and Fire and Rescue staffing and their respective proposed FY13 budget figures compared to the amended FY12 budget figures.

The Board discussed the Finance Director's recommendation for inclusion of language regarding budget authorities of the County Administrator with regard to the Contingency Fund and inclusion of language regarding the expectation of reimbursement for original expenditures for such acquisition from the proceeds of a lease-purchase obligation.

Julie Jordan, County Administrator, explained the chart illustrating the potential savings if employees pay for all or a portion of the single subscriber health insurance increase. Discussion ensued regarding various sample employee net income scenarios for consideration. The Board requested the total cost of the dental insurance plans. By consensus, the Board decided that they would like to consider a 3.5% cost of living increase for employee salaries and a fixed fee of \$20 per pay period to be paid by each employee receiving health insurance in an effort to contribute to the employer's portion of the health insurance increase.

Discussion ensued regarding potential cuts to the budget in an effort to reduce the advertised tax rate. Discussion continued among the Board including: existing cuts as proposed in Option Five (5), such as the proposed increase in the School Capital Improvement Plan funding and the proposed second investigator position at the Sheriff's Office; staffing at the Commonwealth's Attorney Office and the desire to eliminate the fourth Assistant to the Commonwealth Attorney position and create a Deputy Commonwealth Attorney position with a salary of \$85,000; the Board of Supervisors budget; whether or not to fund a new website for the County; whether or not to fund the Assistant to the County Administrator position, and funding for the Animal Shelter and Libraries. Several members of the Board decided to consider a \$0.72/\$100 real estate tax rate for adoption at its April 10, 2012, meeting.

RE: ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Abbs moved, seconded by Mr. Frame and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. Ayes: Abbs, Goodwin, Wilson, Frame, White. Nays: None.

S. Teel Goodwin, Chairman

Julie G. Jordan, County Administrator

