

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
Budget Work Session
March 30, 2021

Members Present: Morgan Phenix, Chairman At-Large
D. Keith Guzy, District 1
Allen Louderback, District 2
Mark Stroupe, District 3
Larry Foltz, District 4
Jeff Vaughan, District 5

Staff Present: Amity Moler, County Administrator
Regina Miller, Assistant County Administrator
Tyler Olsen, Budget Officer

Call to Order:

Chairman Phenix called to order the budget work session of the Page County Board of Supervisors on March 30, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors Room located in the Page County Government Center, 103 South Court Street, Luray. The Call to Order was followed by a Moment of Silence and the *Pledge of Allegiance*. With in-person attendance limited due to COVID-19, the meeting was live-streamed via YouTube.

School Budget Presentation:

Wendy González, School Superintendent, presented the FY22 School Board approved budget to the Board. She said the budget highlights are: Operating budget of \$43,480,258, with Fund 1 at \$41,758,058 (removes debt service) and Fund 2 at \$1,722,200; increase in Fund 1 is 3.28% over FY2021; funds each of the operating priorities; reflects an increase in Worker's Compensation; and funds FY2022 - 2031 Capital Improvement Plan. The budgeted ADM (average daily membership) for FY22 is 3123 students. The operational budget priorities include: 5% raise, school counselors (5), middle school Spanish teacher, VPI teacher & assistant, bus garage mechanic, maintenance worker, Director of Accountability, reading specialist, updated desktop computer (25), Lexia Power Up (middle school), middle school math textbooks, work truck (garage), and implementing per pupil, school-based allocations.

Recess: Due to technical difficulties with the audio on the YouTube live-stream, the Board took a brief recess at 7:15 p.m.

Reconvene: Chairman Phenix reconvened the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Motion: Supervisor Vaughan moved to reschedule the School Board budget presentation until April 6, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., due to technical difficulties with the YouTube stream. Supervisor Guzy seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Guzy, Louderback, Stroupe, Foltz, Vaughan, Phenix. Nay: None.

Discussion then turned to the school's request for a re-appropriation from the fund balance from the FY20 school budget. The request was for \$309,009 for three school buses and \$547,000 for the purchase of a new English Language Arts curriculum. Mrs. Moler indicated that a public hearing on a budget amendment would need to be held since the amount is part of the total cumulative amount that exceeds 1% of the total budget. However, the Board can decide if they are going to approve the school's request and it can be ordered before the money is appropriated. It was agreed that the County would purchase the buses and curriculum, due to the timeframe for ordering and receiving the materials.

Motion: Supervisor Guzy moved to because of time sensitive purchases for the school system appropriate \$547,000 for instructional material and \$309,009 for buses and those purchases will be handled through the County budget and the budget amendment will be advertised. Supervisor Stroupe seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Louderback, Stroupe, Foltz, Vaughan, Phenix, Guzy. Nay: None.

Motion: Supervisor Vaughan moved to rescind the previous motion to reschedule the school budget presentation since the YouTube stream was resolved and resume the presentation this evening. Supervisor Guzy seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Stroupe, Foltz, Vaughan, Phenix, Louderback, Guzy. Nay: None.

Dr. González resumed the budget presentation by explaining the rationale for the operational budget priorities. Regarding the debt service change, she said the County communicated that there was a recommendation from the auditors to remove debt service from the school division general ledger to the county ledger. This change is in accounting only; it has no impact on funding. She reviewed the expenditure categories for the school division proposed for FY22 as compared to FY21. The change for FY22 was for an additional \$1,326,183 or 3.28%. The additional local funds requested totaled \$1,018,405, which reflects a 9.84% increase covering operations. She noted that 71% of the school budget goes to instruction. Lastly, she outlined Fund 2, which is the capital improvement plan. The requests for the CIP for FY22 totaled \$1,722,200.

Budget Review and Discussion:

Tyler Olsen, Budget Officer, outlined the proposed additional revenues and expenses for FY22. The additional revenues are coming from a cigarette tax and radio reimbursements from the towns for a grand total of \$293,172.27. The additional expenses include: 5% pay increase for employees, increase in school operating fund transfer, increase in school capital fund transfer, three full-time EMS employees to provide 24/7 coverage in Stanley, 1 full-time ECC employee for a grand total of \$3,202,437.32. It was noted that there was \$420,410 that has not been allocated toward expenses that remains. He then reviewed the jail housing comparison and Sheriff's vehicle list.

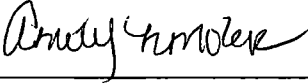
It was consensus that the Board will have a budget work session at 6:00 p.m. on April 6, 2021, prior to the monthly work session.

Adjourn: 10:07 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Phenix adjourned the meeting.



Morgan Phenix, Chairman



Amity Moler, County Administrator