

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
Work Session
April 6, 2021

Members Present: Morgan Phenix, Chairman At-Large
D. Keith Guzy, Jr., 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
Michael Helm, County Attorney
Janeena Zalipski, Office Aide

Call to Order:

Chairman Morgan Phenix called to order the work session of the Page County Board of Supervisors on April 6, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors Room located in the Page County Government Center, 103 South Court Street, Luray, VA 22835. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person attendance was limited to 10; therefore, the meeting was live-streamed, via YouTube. The Call to Order was followed by a Moment of Silence and the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Budget Work Session:

Mrs. Moler presented the budget worksheet outlining the real estate tax effect on the additional budget requests for operating expenses and capital improvement projects. Mr. Olsen explained the projected revenue stream with estimates for the cigarette tax as well as the one-time radio reimbursement. After the transfer of funds (excluding School's additional request), and the budget worksheet requests, the remaining revenue to be appropriated is \$717,812.08. He continued by reviewing the additional requests for operating expenses and said that if they were all funded it would result in a \$0.1393 tax increase. In addition, if all the capital improvement project requests were funded it would result in a \$0.1620 tax increase. He noted that the capital improvement projects could be funded from the fund balance.

Supervisor Guzy said with the reassessments this year, the citizens do not need a tax increase, but in order to provide the entire funding to all departments, the Board would have to increase taxes. He suggested advertising for a \$0.14 increase in real estate to show the citizens what it would take for the county to fund everything, even though the Board would not vote for it.

Chairman Phenix asked Mrs. Moler her recommendation on a proposed tax increase. Mrs. Moler said that she does not think a tax increase is needed, at this time, during the COVID-19 pandemic. She pointed out that there was over \$700,000 in remaining revenue that had not been applied toward any specific operating expenses. She encouraged the Board to go back over all the requests again and decide from the list of outstanding requests where they would like to apply it.

Motion: Supervisor Vaughan moved to advertise a \$0.14 real estate tax increase. Supervisor Stroupe seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5-1. Aye: Phenix, Guzy, Stroupe, Foltz, Vaughan. Nay: Louderback.

Recess: Chairman Phenix called for a brief recess at 6:46 p.m.

Reconvene: Chairman Phenix reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Landfill Employee Recognition – Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award:

Mrs. Moler said that the Battle Creek Landfill has overcome budgetary constraints and geographic logistical challenges that caused additional obstacles in the spring of 2018, when the recycling market drastically changed. She indicated that the recycling program started with a small, used, vertical baler, and the program has now grown by two horizontal balers and a separator. By switching over to balers instead of loose recycling, they have been able to: maximize the budget, save taxpayers’ dollars, increase the life of the landfill by diverting waste, decrease the carbon footprint, exceed mandated recycling requirements, lower contamination rate and increase labor force. Mrs. Moler read the award from Governor Ralph S. Northam.

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2021 Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award
County of Page – Battle Creek Landfill

Whereas, Article XI of the Constitution of Virginia states that “it shall be the Commonwealth’s policy to protect its atmosphere, lands, and waters from pollution, impairment, or destruction, for the benefit, enjoyment, and general welfare of the people of the Commonwealth”; and

Whereas, the Commonwealth seeks to recognize those who have demonstrated leadership, innovation, and commitment to implement pollution preventions practices to reduce environmental impact and improve our natural environment; and

Whereas, pollution prevention is a cost-effective and environmentally sound approach to environmental management that strives to eliminate or reduce pollution at its source by minimizing the use of energy, water, and other natural resources through increased efficiency and conservation;

Now, therefore, I, Ralph S. Northam, Governor, do recognize the County of Page's Battle Creek Landfill as a Bronze Medal recipient of the 2021 Governor's Environmental Excellence Award for its demonstrated commitment to the stewardship of Virginia's natural resources through its Successful Recycling in a Dying Market project.

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Mrs. Moler asked the Battle Creek Landfill employees to come to the front of the room to accept the award. They were: Jeff Blevins, Toby Longanecker, Jonathan Cox, Greg Lawrence, Jimbo Frazer, Buster Stanley, Travis Addison, Chase Shackelford, Danny Housden, Travis Foster, Ricky Ford, Ryan Addison and Jan Vile.

Chamber of Commerce Update:

Gina Hilliard, Executive Director of the Luray-Page County Chamber of Commerce, said that the new LOVE sign has been placed outside the Chamber Office. She gave an update on new members, events, ribbon cuttings, website stats, and campaigns. The Annual Banquet, she said, is planned for June 3, 2021.

New Employee Introduction (Business Retention & Development Director):

Mrs. Moler introduced Nina Fox as the County's new Business Retention & Development Director. Mrs. Fox thanked the Board for the opportunity and gave a brief description of her past employment and what she has planned for Page County.

All Supervisor's welcomed Mrs. Fox on board.

Resolution – Implementation of the Comprehensive Community Corrections Act for Local Responsible Offenders, the Pretrial Services Act and the Establishment of the Old Dominion Community Criminal Justice Board:

Mrs. Moler said we need to adopt this resolution for our Drug Court Program and Pre-trial Services.

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#2021-01

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ACT FOR LOCAL RESPONSIBLE
OFFENDERS, THE PRETRIAL SERVICES ACT AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
OLD DOMINION COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD

WHEREAS, the Virginia General Assembly has adopted legislation entitled the Comprehensive Community Corrections Act for Local Responsible Offenders, Article 9 (§

9.1-173 et seq.) of the Code of Virginia and the Pretrial Services Act, Article 5 (§ 19.2-152.2 et seq.) of the Code of Virginia, both of which were effective July 1, 1995; and

WHEREAS, §§ 9.1-174 and 19.2-152.2 of the Code of Virginia requires counties and cities approved for a jail project pursuant to § 53.1-82.1 to develop and establish services in accordance with both Acts; and

WHEREAS, §§ 9.1-178 and 19.2-152.5 of the Code of Virginia require that each county and city establishing and operating local community-based probation and pretrial services establish a Community Criminal Justice Board, and in the case of multi-jurisdictional efforts, that each jurisdiction mutually agree upon the number of appointments to said board.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the County of Page jointly agrees with the Counties of Clarke and Frederick and the City of Winchester to implement the services and programs required by the Comprehensive Community Corrections Act for Local Responsible Offenders and the Pretrial Services Act with, pursuant to § 9.1-183, County of Frederick acting as the administrator and fiscal agent on behalf of the participating localities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Page establishes the Old Dominion Community Criminal Justice Board; that said board shall fulfill its responsibilities pursuant to § 9.1-180; and shall be composed of the following members, pursuant to § 9.1-178 of the Code of Virginia.

- One representative of the governing bodies of each participating jurisdiction
- A circuit court judge representing the 26th Judicial Circuit (s) as agreed upon by the judge of said circuit
- A judge of general district court, representing the 26th Judicial District(s) as agreed upon by said judges of the district
- A judge of the juvenile and domestic relations district court representing the 26th Judicial District(s) as agreed upon by the said judges of the district
- The Chief Magistrate
- A Commonwealth's Attorney representing all of the Commonwealth's Attorneys of the participating jurisdictions
- A public defender where available in the participating localities and/or an attorney experienced in the defense of criminal matters who are current members of the Virginia State Bar
- A sheriff or, where available, the regional jail administrator responsible for jail(s) serving the jurisdictions involved in local pretrial and community-based probation services
- A Chief of Police or a Sheriff in a jurisdiction not served by a police department to represent all law enforcement agencies of the participating jurisdictions

- A Community Services Board Administrator representing all agencies providing such services to participating jurisdictions
- A representative of local adult education representing all agencies providing such services to participating jurisdictions

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution supersedes and replaces all prior resolutions approve by the locality relating to the establishment of required services and the formation of the Old Dominion Community Criminal Justice Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Page appoints the Sheriffs designee as its governing body representative to begin April 6, 2021 and extend until further amendment.

This Resolution was adopted by the Page County Board of Supervisors this 6th day of April, 2021.

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Motion: Supervisor Guzy moved to adopt the Resolution for Implementation of the Comprehensive Community Corrections Act for Local Responsible Offenders, the Pretrial Services Act and the Establishment of the Old Dominion Community Criminal Justice Board. Supervisor Stroupe seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Guzy, Louderback, Stroupe, Foltz, Vaughan, Phenix. Nay: None.

Adjourn: 7:34 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Phenix adjourned the meeting.



Morgan Phenix, Chairman



Amity Moler, County Administrator