

LUNENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
GENERAL DISTRICT COURTROOM
LUNENBURG COURTS BUILDING
LUNENBURG, VIRGINIA

Minutes of June 1, 2017 Meeting

The continued meeting of the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the General District Courtroom, Lunenburg Courts Building, Lunenburg, Virginia. The following members were present: Supervisors Charles R. Slayton, Frank Bacon, Alvester Edmonds, T. Wayne Hoover, Robert Zava, County Administrator Tracy M. Gee, and Deputy Administrator Nicole Clark. Supervisor Edward Pennington was absent.

Chairman Slayton called the meeting to order.

Administrator Gee directed the Board to the FY2017-18 proposed budget. She noted that the only change made was a decrease of \$3,080 due to a Constitutional Officer's Deputy not needing a certification increase.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds and unanimously approved, to enter Public Hearing for the FY2017-18 Budget.

Mr. Doug Aubel of 415 South Broad Street, Kenbridge spoke in support of the County fully funding the School Board's request of an additional \$795,000 in local funds. Without the full amount, he expects a negative impact to the education of students. Mr. Aubel suggested raising taxes to support the increase in funds.

Mr. Barry Carnes of 1412 11th Street, Victoria also requested support of additional funding for the schools. He is concerned that without additional funding for programs, staffing and facilities, Lunenburg Schools will be considered second rate schools.

Mrs. Brenda Wade of 114 Old Plank Road, Kenbridge spoke in favor of raising taxes to increase funding to the schools. She has been a teacher in Lunenburg for 20 years and sees the education quality decreasing due to lack of teachers. She believes an increase in funding would greatly help the school system overall.

Mrs. Yvette Wilson, with the Virginia Educator's Association, spoke in support of the Board fully funding the school system. She added if the full request cannot be granted, she suggested the two local boards work together to design a plan for future years that will benefit education in the County.

Supervisor Hoover made motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds and unanimously approved, to exit Public Hearing for the FY2017-18 Budget.

Supervisor Hankins stated that he and School Superintendent Charles Berkley had been working with the Commonwealth Regional Council to determine other potential funding opportunities for the school system.

Supervisor Hoover, on behalf of the Finance Committee, noted that the County's budget had been reviewed very closely. He indicated that the committee and Administrator Gee reviewed all funding options and must use funds from reserve to appropriate an additional \$250,000 in funding to the schools in hopes it will be used for personnel raises. Supervisor Hoover also advised that another \$100,000 had been designated for capital improvements at the schools in a separate fund held by the County. As facility issues arise, they should be brought before the Board of Supervisors, for possible use of capital improvement funds.

Administrator Gee advised that the Board repeatedly discussed some type of increase in taxes. However, the County is currently in the middle of a reassessment and it would not be responsible to change the rate now, as a change in rate may be necessary once the reassessment is completed. She added that schools are a main priority to her and the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds and unanimously approved, to adjourn.

Tracy M. Gee, Clerk
County Administrator

Charles R. Slayton, Chairman
Board of Supervisors