

CITIZEN BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2019

Attendees: Kathryn Dennis – Chancellor District
Richard Thompson – Courtland District
Scott Phelps – Courtland District (Alternate)
Karen Adams – Lee Hill District
Dawn Napper – Battlefield District
Tim Bryner – Livingston District

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM

Pledge of Allegiance – Karen Adams

Invocation – Richard Thompson

It was determined a quorum was present.

The Secretary was asked to send the minutes to members so they could be approved at the next meeting.

A copy of the proposed department presentation to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) was given to members for review, comment, and proposed changes. Chief Cullinan was asked to review the Volunteer Fire Department report for accuracy. He made the following corrections:

The City of Fredericksburg does have an active Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Hardship loans to Spotsylvania Volunteer Fire Departments have been discontinued.

Bonnie Jewell wanted to verify the status of IRS Form 990s submissions with Becky Forry.

A discussion was held on the need to add personnel to the Animal Shelter due to increased capacity, additional cage fencing needed on the inside, and the poor signage on Route 1. Mrs. Blalock has not submitted her report on Human Resources so that part of the presentation was left blank.

Meeting date changes were discussed for January and February due to holidays. Kathryn will send out possible dates.

Discussion was held about proposed changes to the CBRC Bylaws and submission to the BOS. The following changes were discussed:

1. CBRC to review the School Board's approved budget instead of the Superintendent's Recommended Budget.

2. CBRC to allow officers to serve a second term.

A motion was made by Karen Adams to send the suggested changes to the BOS. It was seconded by Dawn Napper and approved unanimously.

A discussion was held about the proposed CIPs for both the schools and general government. The Board unanimously agreed that neither should include indoor swimming complexes. Tim asked inquired about

new high and middle schools. An outside GIS firm was hired by the schools to determine enrollment projections and space needs. Working with the Planning Department, the firm projected additional schools would not be necessary for the foreseeable future.

Additional discussion was held about school salary decompression. Tim suggested the schools make this a priority instead of across-the-board raises.

Kathryn brought up about the need for CBRC appointees as there are many vacancies on the board

Richard Thompson made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.