

CITIZEN'S BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES 07/20/2020
HOLBERT BUILDING – BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kathryn Dennis, Chair (Chancellor)
Karen Adams, Vice Chair (Lee Hill)
Richard Thompson (Courtland)
Dawn Napper (Battlefield)
Phillip Scott (Chancellor Alt)

County Representative: Bonnie Jewell

Call To Order: 6:34 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Richard Thompson

Moment of Silence: Kathryn Dennis

Determination of Quorum: Yes

Old Business:

Motion made by Mr. Thompson and a second by Mrs. Adams to approve the meeting minutes from December 16, 2019 with recommended changes. The motion passed 4-0.

Motion made by Mrs. Adams and a second by Mrs. Napper to approve the meeting minutes from February 19, 2020 with recommended changes. The motion passed 4-0.

Motion made by Mrs. Adams and a second by Mrs. Napper to approve the meeting minutes from May 18, 2020 with recommended changes. The motion passed 4-0.

Mrs. Dennis asked Ms. Jewell about scheduling a representative from the school board to address the CBRC about how they form their budget and possibly what cuts can be expected in non comp. Mrs. Adams inquired about follow up from the February meeting regarding the huge increase in our Special Ed population as to why we are seeing such a huge increase.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Jewell provided an update on the financials from FY 2020 which ended June 30. She stated the numbers will continue to fluctuate until the books are closed and that the FY 2020 budget is not finalized as of yet.

When the pandemic began, her office tried to predict how this was going to affect revenues for the county. The preliminary EOY status is looking better than predicted. Consumption revenues (meals tax, sales tax and transient occupancy tax) are all better than the expected projection made when this began.

The county, in an attempt to manage the decreased revenues, implemented a hiring freeze, discretionary funds freeze and a temporary halt to cash-funded CIP's. All of these proactive measures are indicating that FY 2020 will end well, overall.

Mr. Thompson asked if all CIP's were put on hold and Ms. Jewell said the hold is temporary and for cash-funded (not bond-funded) projects until they see if the good revenue news holds.

Mrs. Napper questioned the CARES Act Money the county is receiving from the federal government. Ms. Jewell stated Spotsylvania County received \$11.9 million and the decision on how all the money will be spent will be revealed at the July 28th BOS meeting, but she did illustrate a few of the areas where the money will be spent.

The funds must be used for costs incurred as a direct result of the pandemic from 03/1/2020 through 12/30/2020. It cannot be used to backfill revenue losses but may be used for:

- Unforeseen financial needs as related to public safety payroll costs
- Technology and building access control improvements to limit access from the general public to buildings
- Improving teleworking capabilities
- Hiring of DSS case workers due to increased caseload
- PPE for fire and rescue and fire station improvements

Mrs. Napper asked if the CARES Act Money was going to be shared with the schools and Ms. Jewell was unable to answer that question until after the BOS meeting.

Mr. Scott thought maybe CARES Act dollars could be spent to install Wifi and hotspot access to rural residents.

Motion to Adjourn: Richard Thompson 7:35 p.m.