

CITIZEN'S BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes – 4-19-2021  
Holbert Building – Board of Supervisors Meeting Room

**Members present:**

Kathryn Dennis, Chairperson (Chancellor)  
Nicole Cole (Salem)  
Dawn Napper (Battlefield)  
April Gillespie (Berkeley)

**Call to order:** 6:37 PM

**Pledge:** April Gillespie

**Moment of Silence**

**Determination of Quorum**

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

Updates regarding the FY 2022 Budget development:

- Half (\$22,500) of the state grant for domestic violence assistance is not available for 2022.
- Clerk's deputy clerk position is moving from part-time to full-time.
- County absorbing CPI adjustment to retiree HR stipend
- A Health and Safety Officer position was added to the Sheriff's Office at a cost of \$74,500.
- The State has mandated the Registrar's salary match the Treasurer's salary. This is a cost of \$34,645.
- The Meals Tax was raised to 4.5%. This reduction in the proposed rate resulted in a net reduction of \$1.7M in projected revenue within the FY 2022 Budget.
- The Personal Property Tax rate was reduced from \$6.55 to \$6.35 per \$100.
- Concerns were addressed about the VRE budget for potential for federal funding to offset FY 2022 and FY 2023 VRE operating subsidies.
- There were no changes in general government or school capital projects.
- The committee was reminded that the Capital Improvement Plan, CIP, is a five-year plan with the exception of Year-One which is the actual budget year being budgeted.
- Special Service Tax Districts were discussed and they help with transportation projects.
- Schools may receive more federal stimulus funding on a reimbursement basis.
- Questions were addressed regarding grass cutting at schools in comparison to the county.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion passed unanimously.