

CITIZEN'S BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – 03-04-2019
Holbert Building – Board of Supervisors Meeting Room

Members present:

Richard Thompson (Courtland)
Kathryn Dennis (Chancellor)
Samuel Johnson (Alt. Berkeley)
Tim Bryner, Secretary (Livingston)
Shawn Davis, Vice Chair (Salem)
Dawn Napper (Battlefield)
Karen Adams (Alt. Lee Hill)
Scott Phelps (Alt. Courtland)
Greg Bell, Chair (Lee Hill) (arrived 1849 hours)

Call to order: 6:46 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Kathryn Dennis

Invocation: Richard Thompson

Determination of Quorum: Yes

Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2019:

Kathryn Dennis motioned to approve and Richard Thompson seconded. Approval of the meeting minutes passed unanimously.

New Business:

Shawn Davis spoke on the March 12 CBRC presentation.

Greg Bell, Chairperson arrived.

Discussion continued on the proposed CRBC presentation.

Dawn Napper and Kathryn Denis spoke some on the school budget. Mary Sorrell clarified some information on this.

Greg Bell wanted some guidance from CBRC on slide 2 of the draft presentation. This brought on discussion of this slide.

This led into Greg Bell wanting to drill down on specific departments within the school budget. Dawn Napper felt that the school budget has been looked at enough.

Richard Thompson brought up school enrollment and a discussion on this occurred.

Dawn Napper had questions about the hybrid Evergreen study and Dawn Shelley spoke on this. Mary Sorrell also spoke on this some.

Kathryn Dennis had a question for Mark Taylor (County Administrator) about the budget approval last year and he clarified the budget was approved for last year, there were no promises, can only forecast.

Further discussion ensued on the school budget and then moved into a discussion on the county budget also.

The discussion then went back to the CBRC presentation and Greg Bell acknowledged that there may not be a consensus from the CBRC.

The topic of a minority report came up. Mary Sorrell did confirm one could be done if two or more CBRC members did not agree with the rest of the board.

Mary Sorrell further spoke some more on the county budget and local funding that is transferred to the schools.

Discussion further occurred on how to word presentation slide 2 comments.

Discussion moved on to slide 3 (CBRC recommendations).

Greg Bell specifically spoke on Parks and Rec sponsorships and opened up discussion on this.

Samuel Johnson and Kathryn Dennis spoke on Parks and Rec fees.

Samuel Johnson did mention sponsorship didn't work well for Parks and Rec, but liked Greg Bell's idea.

Mary Sorrell didn't feel there was an issue with mentioning this proposal and also spoke more on Parks and Rec fees.

Greg Bell got further clarification on Blue Beam from Mary Sorrell.

Discussion moved on to the slide regarding County Administration.

Discussion moved on to slide 4 of the draft presentation (Additional CBRC Recommendations).

Greg Bell discussed broadcasting of CBRC meetings and the wording on this topic.

Greg Bell discussed catalogue findings of reviews.

Greg Bell moved on to slide 5 (Future Plans) of the draft presentation.

A discussion on the Public Safety Compensation plan topic occurred.

Greg Bell moved on to discussing review and catalogue of school departments. This opened up a discussion on departments to look at in the future.

Greg Bell also mentioned he would ask Board of Supervisor's if they have any projects they want CBRC to look at.

Shawn Davis then spoke some on the schools.

Greg Bell brought up a statement Karen Adams had on slide 2 (CBRC review of budget) and CBRC was in agreement on this.

Greg Bell is going to have a draft presentation out by Thursday and Mary Sorrell clarified needs to be to County Administrator by Friday.

Kathryn Dennis wanted a statement on supporting the Public Safety Compensation Plan.

Kathryn Dennis wanted a motion for statement of support on a proposed Public Safety Compensation Plan as soon as feasible. Dawn Napper seconded. Shaun Davis and Greg Bell voted no. Tim Bryner abstained. Richard Thompson, Kathryn Dennis, Samuel Johnson, and Dawn Napper voted yes.

Mary Sorrell brought up they have been tasked to look into this further. Mary Sorrell questioned whether a stand could be taken at this point.

Mark Taylor spoke on perhaps CBRC doing deeper dive into the compensation philosophy and then spoke on the Public Safety Compensation plan. He spoke on time in service, time in grade, and performance based compensation.

Greg Bell wanted the motion brought up again (regarding support of Public Safety Compensation plan). Samuel Johnson motioned to reconsider, Dawn Napper seconded and then eventually rescinded the second. There was no second so the motion died.

Greg Bell reviewed his comments in the draft presentation on Future Plans and discussion happened on this.

Greg Bell said at a minimum need more information to support (this was in reference to support of the Public Safety Compensation plan). Dawn Napper made a suggestion on wording.

Discussion occurred on parliamentary procedure from Richard Thompson.

Tim Bryner brought up as a reminder that the CBRC needs to seat the new board officers and that those new officers should be from those whose Board of Supervisors members are not up for re-election this fall. This is so there is not a potential for having to change Secretary, Chair, and Vice Chair right before next year's budget.

Kathryn Dennis made a motion to make tonight's CBRC meeting the March meeting. Shawn Davis seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn:

Shawn Davis motioned to adjourn and Richard Thompson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:43PM.