

**CITIZENS BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES – October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hansen at 6:40 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT:    Jeremiah Hansen            Livingston District  
                                 Tim Bryner                    Berkeley District  
                                 Dawn Napper                Battlefield District  
                                 Shawn Davis                Salem District  
                                 Les Inbody                 Courtland District - Alternate  
                                 Kathryn Dennis            Chancellor District  
                                 David Troyer                Chancellor District – Alternate

MEMBERS ABSENT:    Greg Bell                      Lee Hill District  
                                 Lisa Phelps                 Courtland District  
                                 Reese Lesko                Salem District – Alternate  
                                 Kim Pomatto                Battlefield District – Alternate

COUNTY OFFICIALS:    Mary Sorrell                CBRC Liaison, Spotsylvania County  
                                 Mark Cole                  Deputy County Administrator  
                                 Jay Cullinan                Chief, Spotsylvania County Fire-Rescue  
                                 Dawn Shelley                Vice-Chair, Spotsylvania County Public Schools

The pledge of allegiance was led by Les Inbody. The invocation was given by Shawn Davis.

It was determined a quorum was present.

Corrections were made to September minutes. Tim Bryner asked that the discussion concerning after hours false alarms be added and Dawn Napper asked that a correction to a name be made. A motion was made by Tim Bryner and seconded by Shawn Davis to approve the minutes as amended.

Chairman Hansen reviewed the Code of Ethics with the Committee.

Mary Sorrel briefed the Committee on the costs associated with Video Stream/Recording of CBRC meeting. She said the cost to record and broadcast was \$695.00 per meeting or \$8,340.00 per year for 12 meetings. She also noted that the CBRC met more often during proposed budget analysis, and if the Committee met 16 times in a year the cost would be \$11,000.00. She also stated this meeting would be recorded and placed on the web and future meetings would be streamed live and placed on the web..

Les Inbody questioned about servers and number of customers watching live streams.

Shawn Davis expressed concern about the cost of televising CBRC meetings as the purpose of the committee was to cut cost.

Chairman Hansen polled the Committee about reviewing the answers provided by Spotsylvania County Public Schools (SCPS) to the questions submitted by Dr. Meyer for the CBRC. It was noted that the number of nonresident children of SCPS employees attending SCPS tuition-free had increased to 225; 27 more than the 2016-2017 school year. It was also noted that both the state and federal payments per student had increased; \$5,776 and \$640 respectively. Mrs. Shelley confirmed that the cost per student had risen to +/- \$11,700 per year.

Chairman Hansen calculated the new county taxpayer share had increased to \$1,188,900.00

Shawn Davis gave a SCPS revenue projections review. He stated the total revenue had increased each year and the expectation is revenue would continue to increase in following years.

A review of the school budget done so far was discussed. Tim Bryner commented on the enormity of the school budget causing so much time to review it. The Committee felt they learned a lot about the school budget.

The Committee discussed the upcoming CBRC Quarterly Report to the Board of Supervisors and budget suggestions. Some of the suggestions were:

- Continued phase-in of pay adjustments for Spotsylvania County employees as suggested by the Evergreen study.
- New initiatives should be accompanied by finding some savings in existing budgets.
- Consideration of the SCPS Evergreen implementation plan.
- Compare the benefits packages offered by SCPS and the County.

Kathryn Dennis stated that Mr. McLaughlin had questions about the first quarterly report submitted to the Supervisors in written form. Shawn Davis asked to have some of these questions before the next Quarterly Report is presented. The Committee thinks the November 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting date would be the earliest it would be ready to present the report.

Tim Bryner made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 PM.