

CITIZENS BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – July 17, 2017

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeremiah Hansen Livingston District  
Lisa Phelps Courtland District (arrived 6:42)  
Kathryn Dennis Chancellor District  
Dawn Napper Battlefield District  
Tim Bryner Berkeley District  
Shawn Davis Salem District  
Greg Bell Lee Hill District  
David Troyer Chancellor District Alternate

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim Bryner Berkeley District

OTHER ATTENDEES: Mary Sorrell Liaison, Spotsylvania County Government  
Jay Culinan Chief, Spotsylvania County Fire-Rescue

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Greg Bell. The Invocation was given by Shawn Davis.

A motion was made by Shawn Davis and seconded by Dawn Napper to approve the June minutes.

Jeremiah Hansen passed out copies of the County Administrator's FY2018 Approved Budget.

The adopted SCPS FY 18 Budget is now posted on the SCPS website. Chairman Hansen asked members to consider the context (financial/policy) of budget items as well as the dollars. A discussion was held about trying to determine what will bring the most benefit to the county.

The Evergreen Study for Spotsylvania County Public Schools was discussed. It was noted that teacher pay was comparable to the comparison districts but compression issues between steps were a frustration of licensed and unlicensed staff. It was also noted that both the Evergreen Study and the VA Department of Education found school administrative salaries to be approximately 20% higher than state average and comparison districts.

There was also further discussion concerning the financial impact of SCPS retirement eligibility at the current 15 years of service and employer health insurance contributions remaining the same as an active employee until the retiree reaches Medicare eligibility. It was suggested that SCPS review this policy and bring it in line with the County Government policy of minimum of 20 years and only 50% employer contribution to retiree health coverage.

Chairman Hansen stated the CBRC was due to present a quarterly report to the Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors and an August to September timeframe was given.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:26 PM.