

CITIZENS BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 17, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Owens at 7:02 PM.

ATTENDEES: Ron Owens Berkeley District
Kathryn Dennis Chancellor District
Shawn Davis Salem District
Jeremiah Hansen Livingston District

ABSENT: Greg Bell Lee's Hill District
Lora Pierce Battlefield District

GUESTS: Roger L. Harris, Sheriff, Spotsylvania County
Carter Wells, Major, Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Harris and Major Wells answered the questions posed by the Committee from the September meeting.

ATTACHMENT 1 - QUESTIONS FOR SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

1. Are Compliance Officers part of the Sheriff's Department?
 - **No.**
2. What does the Virginia Sheriff's Association do for Deputy Sheriffs and how much does it cost?
 - **\$30.00 per employee/per year.**
 - **Advocates for salary increases from the state.**
 - **Advocates for fines collected to stay in the respective localities.**
3. What are the 26 vehicles needed for? Is the cost for these provided for by bond money (borrowed money)?
 - **Cyclic replacement. There are 41 police vehicles with over 140,000 miles. The Department has over 215 vehicles. The average lifespan of these vehicles is 6 years.**
 - **The vehicles are purchased under state contract using General Funds.**
4. How many SCSO vehicles are driven home by employees that live out of the county? What is the approximate total annual mileage?
 - **Less than 5 vehicles. Special teams such as SWAT, K-9, and Accident Reconstruction must have access to their vehicles at all times.**
5. What is Business Watch and how much did it cost in FY2016?
 - **Metal Signs that businesses post. The cost of \$30.00 each is covered by grant money.**

6. What is the purpose of the Bicycle Team and how much did it cost in 2016?
 - **The Bicycle Team is utilized in large county events such as Stars and Stripes. They can get through the crowds easily in case of emergency.**
 - **They are also utilized in night surveillance of neighborhoods that have suffered vandalisms. Most of the expenses were covered by grants.**

7. Does the SCSO incur expense in providing probation officers in schools? If so, is it covered by grant funds?
 - **Probation Officers in schools are employees of the courts, not the Sheriff's Office.**

8. What is the purpose of the Equine Unit and how much does it cost? How many actual Search and Rescue missions did this unit participate in for FY 2016? Where were the missions?
 - **The Equestrian Unit is used for large community events. The visual range of a mounted officer is of great help in looking over crowds. They are also used in Search and Rescue missions.**
 - **6 Search and Rescue Trainings**
 - **Total cost per year is approximately \$3000.00.**
 - **Public relations.**

9. What is the minimum staffing required by the Commonwealth of Virginia for each division?
 - **The Commonwealth requires 1 deputy for 1500 residents. There are no dictates as to Divisions.**

10. For FY 2016, the amount received for Grants is \$318,325; for FY2017, the amount listed is \$34,225. Why the difference?
 - **Only grants that have been offered and approved can be reported.**

The next meeting of the CBRC will 11/21/16 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Dennis
Secretary, CBRC