



COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Greg Cebula, Board Member  
Paul D. Trampe, Board Member  
Larry K. Pritchett, Treasurer  
Debbie Williams, Commissioner of Revenue  
Mary Sorrell, Director of Finance  
Mark Cole, Deputy County Administrator

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Susan Hahn, Bridges Project Manager  
Gail Crooks, Director of Social Services  
Deborah Aylor, Tourism/Special Events Manager  
Annette D'Alessandro, Grants Manager  
Jay Cullinan, Deputy Chief FREM  
Tracy Edwards, Sheriff Program Assistant  
Major Carter Wells, Sheriff

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**Acceptance of Bridges Grant Program Award for July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 Replacement**

Susan Hahn, Bridges Project Manager, explained that Spotsylvania has received a grant of \$177,100 for the Bridge to the Future Grant. The grant is an inter-agency project between the Spotsylvania Department of Social Services and Spotsylvania County Schools.

Ms. Hahn explained that the approved funding was less than requested due to across the board reductions on grant funding for this program. She explained that staff will continue to work with Ms. D'Alessandro to seek other grant opportunities to make up the 20% reduction in funding.

There is no local match requirement and no requirement for the locality to continue to participate in the project beyond the grant award period. Funding from the grant provides intensive services to TANF recipients with multiple barriers to employment.

On a motion by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Pritchett, and passed unanimously, the Finance Committee recommended approval of the budget amendment and appropriation.

**Spartan Pumper Repair – Insurance Claim Appropriation**

Jay Cullinan, Deputy Chief FREM, explained that Engine 4 (2010 Spartan Pumper) was involved in an accident while responding to an emergency call, which resulted in damage that totaled \$10,857.62. Engine 4 has already been repaired due to the importance of this unit's availability for emergency services response to Spotsylvania County. The insurance funds, which were received

March 29, 2016, will cover the cost of the repair and need to be budgeted and appropriated in the FREM budget.

On a motion by Mr. Pritchett, seconded by Ms. Williams, and passed unanimously, the Finance Committee recommended approval of the budget amendment and appropriation.

#### **Allocation of Tourism Funding for Regional Tourism Website**

Debbie Aylor, Tourism/Special Events Manager, explained that the Regional Tourism website is a comprehensive website that Spotsylvania, Stafford, and the City of Fredericksburg have partnered to maintain for about 16 years as part of a Tourism memorandum of understanding. In order to keep up with internet search technology, major upgrades to the website are necessary.

She explained that staff is requesting a budget amendment shifting \$25,000 of the \$50,000 Tourism Reserve to fund the County's share of the regional tourism website upgrade. The Tourism reserve is funded with excess Transient Occupancy revenue. State law requires that 60% of all Transient Occupancy revenue be used for tourism purposes. The FY 2017 Budget includes a reservation of \$50,000 of the Transient Occupancy revenue that could not be attributed to tourism-related expenses at budget time. The reserved funding cannot be used for any purpose other than tourism.

On a motion by Mr. Cebula, seconded by Mr. Pritchett, and passed unanimously, the Finance Committee recommended approval of the requested budget amendment and appropriation.

#### **Grant Application Request for the Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program – Local Solicitation**

Tracy Edwards, Sheriff Program Assistant, explained that Spotsylvania County is eligible to receive \$32,746 from the Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). The JAG program allows local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions.

The Sheriff's Office would like to utilize \$26,670 of this funding to supplement the \$30,000 included in their FY17 budget to purchase a robot. The robot can assist law enforcement personnel in obtaining a view of what is going on in a building during a barricade incident, a search, or other high-risk operations. The robot can enter unsafe spaces and environments during natural and manmade disasters keeping first responders at a safe distance during investigative assessments. The robot will come with a two year warranty.

The Sheriff and Commonwealth Attorney have agreed to use the remaining \$6,076 of the funding for educational outreach efforts addressing elder abuse, frauds and scams targeting the elderly, and opioid abuse to include heroin and

prescription drugs. The grant program does not require a local match and does not allow for supplanting of local funds. The application deadline is June 30, 2016.

The combination of grant and local funding included in the FY 17 budget, is sufficient to purchase the robot, train up to 20 people on the operation of the robot and cover the warranty of the robot for the first two years.

On a motion by Mr. Cebula, seconded by Ms. Williams, and passed unanimously, the Finance Committee recommended approval to submit the grant application.

### **Other Business:**

- Ms. Sorrell distributed a revised version of the SRO/D.A.R.E. Officer cost summary (attached). The summary notes that effective July 1, 2016, there are 19 School related public safety officers - fifteen (15) SRO positions, two (2) current D.A.R.E. Officers and two (2) additional D.A.R.E. Officers that will be funded in FY 2017.

The total first year cost, which includes the purchase of equipment that is not replaced annually, is \$1.8 Million. After the first year, the total annual cost is \$1.5 million, an average of \$78,000 for each SRO or D.A.R.E Officer. County staff reported that the County will likely receive grant funding from DCJS for the SRO requested at Brock road which would bring the total number of School related public safety officers to 20.

There was discussion about the County funding the bulk of the cost of the SRO's, with the school reimbursing the County for one SRO annually. Carter Wells noted that approximately 20% of the SRO duties are related to public safety outside of the school system, with the remaining 80% related directly to schools. It was suggested that future budget documents/discussions include notation that the County funds the bulk of the cost of SRO's in addition to the annual local funding provided to the Schools for operations and debt service.

- Ms. D'Alessandro provided an update on the FY16 Victim Witness grant, the Petco Foundation Grant and the FREM Supplemental Emergency Management Grant (SLEMPG). She noted that staff would be seeking a no cost extension on all three grants and that the extension would extend beyond 6/30/16, requiring the Board's approval to carryover any balance remaining at the close of 6/30/16 to the next fiscal year. She explained that we did not have the final balances available in time for today's Finance Committee meeting, so we would be requesting the Board's approve to carry over any excess grant funding into FY 17 on the consent agenda at the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Sorrell adjourned the meeting.