

Budget Work Session Meeting, Monday, March 29, 2021, 8:30 a.m., Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Gerald Garber, Chairman
Butch Wells, Vice-Chair
Pam Carter
Michael Shull
Scott Seaton
Jeffrey Slaven
Steven Morelli
Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator
Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
Misty Cook, Finance Director

VIRGINIA: At Budget Work Session Meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, March 29, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 245th year of the Commonwealth....

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FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, discussed the Five Year Financial Plan for Augusta County. The purpose of the Five Year Financial Plan is to allow decision makers to see the areas of need and plan a way for corrective action. Compliance with laws, mandates and policy, the need for additional staffing, continuation of COVID-19 challenges, operation and capital projects, service expansion, proactive communications and long-term funding concerns are all challenges faced with the financial plan. Revenue and expenditure projections were reviewed and the projections are based on average historical growth. Projections are applied to the proposed FY2022 sources and uses in the master schedule. Additions of SAFER, Courthouse debt and MRRJ contribution are made to arrive at the surplus/ (shortfall) in future years. County Administration and Finance balance the budget within policy parameters. Revenue is generated through property taxes, local taxes, the SAFER Grant, licenses, permits and fees. Federal Stimulus funding is a one-time fund and it is important to avoid creating new services, programs or infrastructure that will require an ongoing financial commitment. Ms. Whetzel discussed the strategies to develop fiscal stability.

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FY2021-22 BUDGET

The County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator and Finance Director presented an overview of the FY2021-22 Budget. The Board reviewed projected revenues, capital allocations and expenditures by Departments. The following amendments are to be advertised:

Recommended budget-General Fund \$105,151,468
Work session revisions:

Expenditures

FY22 Budget:		
092020-9997 & 9998	3% Payroll Increase	\$(683,791)
081020-5603	Change in tourism expense, per VA Code	\$(10,314)
92040-9999	Public Safety Contingency	\$(1,253,09)
012200-MISC	PC Tech-IT	<u>\$(54,06)</u>
		<u><u>\$ (2,001,22)</u></u>

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Revenues

Less Transfer from Tourism Capital	(56,526)
Meals increase 4% to 6%	1,250,000
Lodging 4% to 6%	187,500
Board Consensus to advertise the personal property \$2.50 tax rate at \$2.60 per \$100 (\$65,000 x 10=\$650,000 x 96.5% collections rate)	
	<u>\$ 620,298</u>
	<u>2,001,272</u>

Total Advertised budget-General Fund **\$107,152,740**

FY2021-22 SCHOOL BUDGET

The Augusta County Board of Supervisors met with representatives of the Augusta County School Board including School Board Vice Chairman, Nicholas Collins, Dr. Eric Bond, School Superintendent; and Mark Lotts, Finance Director, who presented an overview of their FY2021-22 Budget. The School Board has a balanced budget to present and no additional requests were made. Dr. Bond noted that the increasing minimum wage would become an issue for them down the road.

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CLOSED SESSION

On motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Shull, the Board went into closed session pursuant to:

- (1) the personnel exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1) [discussion, consideration or interviews of (a) prospective candidates for employment, or (b) assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific employees]:

- A) County Administrator
- B) County Attorney

On motion of Mr. Shull, seconded by Mr. Wells, the Board came out of Closed Session.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Carter, Shull, Seaton, Slaven and Morelli
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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The Chairman advised that each member is required to certify that to the best of their knowledge during the closed session only the following was discussed:

- 1. Public business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements, and

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CLOSED SESSION (CONT'D)

2. Only such public business matters identified in the motion to convene the executive session.

The Chairman asked if there is any Board member who cannot so certify.

Hearing none, the Chairman called upon the County Administrator/ Clerk of the Board to call the roll noting members of the Board who approve the certification shall answer AYE and those who cannot shall answer NAY.

Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Garber, Wells, Carter, Shull, Seaton, Slaven
and Morelli
Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Chairman authorized the County Administrator/Clerk of the Board to record this certification in the minutes.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, the Board adjourn subject to call of the Chairman.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Carter, Shull, Seaton, Slaven
and Morelli
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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Chairman


County Administrator