

AT A WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF NOTTOWAY COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT THEREOF, ON MONDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN AND IN THE 243RD YEAR OF THE COMMONWEALTH:

PRESENT: STEVE W. BOWEN, CHAIRMAN
GARY L. SIMMONS, VICE CHAIRMAN
NOEL R. SHEKLETON
HELEN M. SIMMONS
SHERMAN C. VAUGHN
RONALD E. ROARK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
JOHN N. PROSISE, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Budget Committee Chair Helen Simmons called the work session to order at 9:00 a.m.

Supervisor Steve Bowen provided the invocation.

Committee Chair Simmons stated the purpose of the meeting is to receive comments from Departments/Agencies on their budget request for the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2019. Committee Chair Simmons clarifies that no decisions will be made by the committee at this time; the committee recommendations will be presented to the full board on March 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

The following Departments/Agencies were in attendance to make a formal presentation of their Budget request to the Board; there are others that submitted a request for funding but did not request a meeting:

1 - Nottoway County Public Schools; request for funding \$24,972,381 (requesting an increase of \$95,874 in local funding): Superintendent of Schools Dr. Rodney Berry, accompanied by School Board members Jackie Hawkes, Chair, Curtis Hurte, Vice-Chair, and Director of Finance Amy Eberly, presents to the Board the Schools proposed budget. Superintendent Berry explains that the Schools' are asking for level funding for an increase in funding for FY20; they plan to provide full-time employees with a 4% raise, provide a raise to part-time staff and offset the increasing costs associated with providing health insurance.

2 - Blackstone Area Bus System (BABS); request for funding \$14,000 (an increase of \$6,000 over FY19): Town of Blackstone Director of Transportation Joshua Worrell provides a brief explanation of BABS routes and further explains of a planned expansion route to accommodate FASTC. Director Worrell explains that there is a planned service day increase for the Crewe-Burkeville Express route (the County's funding goes directly to this route)

3 - Nottoway Sheriff's Office (request for funding for Court Security - \$153,152, request for funding for Sheriff's Office - \$1,253,312, and a request for funding for Central Dispatch - \$489,091): Sheriff Larry Parrish states his Budgets include a funding increase to accommodate a 3% salary increase for all employees, funding two new positions (to accommodate 24 hour coverage), and provide an increase in employer health insurance contribution

4 - Nottoway County General Registrar/Electoral Board (combined request for funding of \$157,172): Registrar Angela Stewart, along with Secretary of the Electoral Board Bobby Wheeler, requests a 15% increase for her Budget and a 9.8% increase for the Electoral Board. Registrar Stewart explains there is a request for a compensation increase for the Officers of Elections, and funding for additional part-time staffing for the office to accommodate absentee voting as well as funding the purchase of a dedicated utility trailer for the purpose of transporting voting equipment.

5 - Piedmont Senior Resources (PSR): Justine Young, Director, joined by Lisa Wallace, Director of Programs, requests funding of \$15,410 (increase of \$14,410) to accommodate an equal request from all participating localities for 10% of the PSR budget. Director Young states PSR now operates 16 programs.


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6 - Blackstone Volunteer Fire Department: Dion Tomer, Chief: Chief Tomer thanks the Board for the continued contributions to the local agencies and especially the additional \$20,000 funding provided for FY19. Chief Tomer further requests that the County commit to any additional funding required to purchase a new aerial ladder above any awarded FEMA grant funding as well as the annual maintenance costs for the truck. Chief Tomer provides a potential source for expanding revenue for Emergency Services through a Virginia State Code (§27-23.1) approved Fire Tax Levy

7 - Commonwealth's Attorney: Assistant Attorney Leanne Watrous: requesting funding of \$356,079 (an increase of 27% to accommodate the funding of two additional attorney positions (if pending State Law takes effect July 1, 2019), a server for the new case management system, and additional office supplies to accommodate new staffing; the Victim Witness Program seeks level funding

Assistant County Administrator John Prosis provides his annual local government comparison data.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Simmons adjourns the work session at 1:11 P.M.



Chairman



Clerk