

At a budget hearing of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, June 16, 2014 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Floor Conference Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski, the following members were present: Joseph Sheffey, Chairman; Charles Bopp, Vice-Chairman; Ranny O'Dell; and Dean Pratt. Also present were Peter Huber, County Administrator; Anthony Akers, Interim Assistant County Administrator; Diane Newby, Finance Director; and Barbara Duncan, Receptionist. Andy McCready joined the meeting late and extended his apologies.

1. Welcome and Introduction

Mr. Sheffey called the meeting to order and welcomed Board members and County staff to the meeting. Mr. Sheffey advised the purpose of the meeting was to conduct a public hearing on the proposed budget for the next fiscal year and address budget concerns and other matters. Mr. Sheffey also advised based on the state code, adoption of the budget would take place only at the June 23rd meeting.

2. FY 15 Budget – Public Hearing

Mr. Huber gave an overview of the proposed budget and gave details on additional school funding.

Diane Newby stated the budget was advertised at \$84,112,681 not including IDA or PSA budgets. She also noted that the advertised budget includes a 1% salary increase for county employees but that specific numbers for state expenditures have not been received. Once the state figures are received depending on more revenue or less revenue from the state, the budget would need adjusting.

Mr. Huber advised of a proposed capital borrowing of \$2.65 million and utilization of \$2.24 million proposed to be spent on various school needs including air conditioning of Dublin Elementary, Dublin Middle and Pulaski Middle schools, partial window replacement, painting, energy efficient lighting and general engineering at these three schools. With County debt service is not expected to decline in the next seven years, this will be a first time the County has used a capital borrowing approach with the focus to be on addressing the school issues. Mr. Sheffey stated this proposal along with the OWPR report have been shared with the school board.

Mr. Huber provided copies of revenues and expenditures. He further stated he appreciated the Board's hard work on the proposed budget.

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Mr. Sheffey opened the hearing for public comments on the proposed \$84.1 million budget. Mr. Sheffey stated no action will be taken tonight and the budget will be voted on at June 23rd Board meeting.

Ms. Brenda Blackburn asked if the expenditures summary of projected expenses could be summarized, specifically the portion budgeted for the county administrator of \$250,697 and further asked that the public be given breakdowns for clarification of where the money goes. She also inquired if air conditioning would be provided for the schools in the budget. She further stated had the maintenance/janitorial services been kept up to date, the schools would not be in the state they are currently in.

Mr. McCready advised the proposed budget had been presented to the school board and if they choose to accept the proposal, updates to the schools would happen.

Mr. Sheffey emphasized that there would be no increase in real estate, personal property or any other county taxes this year and the budget had been developed without any tax increases.

Mr. Allan Jarrells inquired about the Assistant County Administrator position and asked if this position would be advertised. He further stated the county needed to bring in someone well experienced. Mr. Sheffey stated Anthony Akers' position is currently interim and the position would be advertised in the county, state and possibly nationally.

Mr. Huber advised the new Economic Community Development Director would begin July 1st and is moving from Kansas.

Mr. Sheffey spoke to Pulaski County being highlighted in the Virginia Quarterly Magazine and also that former Governor McDonnell spoke highly of Pulaski County's progress at a recent reception Mr. Sheffey attended.

Mr. Scott Peterson advised he concurred with the proposed budget allotments for the renovations/updates of the schools. He further stated with new businesses coming into the county, possibly more revenues would be available to address the school issues.

Mr. Sheffey asked for any further comments. He advised the budget would be voted on at the June 23rd Board of Supervisors meeting and depended largely on the outcome of the General Assembly funding.

Mr. Andy McCready commented he was very pleased and proud of the work the Board of Supervisors and administrative staff had done on the budget

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developing a funding package that addresses the school issues along with the insurance needs for the schools. All this was accomplished without raising taxes and it is hoped the school board will vote to accept. Mr. Bopp stated if the proposal is not accepted by the school, then the funding would be off the table.

Mr. Sheffey closed the public hearing and advised a closed session would be necessary. He thanked the staff and noted that the Board of Supervisors will vote on the budget at the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 23, 2014.

3. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Odell, seconded by Mr. Pratt and carried, the Board adjourned its budget hearing. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday, June 23, 2014 beginning with a Closed Session at 5:30 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., with said meeting to be held at the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW in the Town of Pulaski.

Voting yes: Mr. McCreedy, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt.
Voting no: None.


Peter M. Huber, County Administrator


Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman