

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 4, 2015

At a special meeting of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Information Technology Training Room located on Commerce Street in the Town of Pulaski, the following Board of Supervisors members were present: Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman; Charles Bopp, Vice-Chairman; Andy McCready; and Dean Pratt. Supervisor Ranny O'Dell was absent from the meeting.

County staff present included: Peter M. Huber, County Administrator; Karen Thompson, Assistant County Administrator for Management Services; Diane Newby, County Finance Director; and Gena Hanks, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

1. Dinner, Welcome and Call to Order

Mr. Sheffey welcomed those in attendance and advised the purpose of the meeting was to allow for department/agency presentations on the FY 16 budget, as well as to conduct a budget work session.

2. Department Presentations

A. Fine Arts Center

Ms. Judy Ison, Executive Director of the Fine Arts Center (FAC), described in detail a Power Point presentation related to the services provided by the FAC. Ms. Ison requested the Board consider funding the requested \$23,000 and described the negative impact on the FAC, should the Board reduce the requested funding.

Meredith McGrady spoke as a volunteer of the FAC and provided a brief summary of the volunteer services provided to the FAC.

By consensus, the Board set the proposed funding for the FAC at \$15,000, with the understanding that additional cuts will likely be made in FY 17 as a result of concerns over the lack of funding from other local governments/agencies, as well as due to anticipated health care costs for county employees.

B. NRV Cares/Child Advocacy Children's Trust

Mr. Guy Smith, Social Services Director, described the relationship between the Children's Advocacy Center and NRV Cares and the services provided by both. The Board of Supervisors considered funding NRV Cares in an amount of \$683, based on the number of clients served in Pulaski County.

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C. NRV Senior Services

Ms. Tina King, Executive Director, New River Valley Agency on Aging and Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) described the services provided by both the Agency on Aging and RSVP. Ms. King also provided a summary of the services provided by the New River Valley Disability Services Board.

Ms. King provided a breakdown of the funding received by both the Agency on Aging and the RSVP, as well as matching and other funds received.

Ms. Monica Musick also provided a summary of the services provided by RSVP.

Board members discussed funding provided to the Agency on Aging by other localities, the Caregiver Conference sponsored by the Agency on Aging, and the potential for renaming the NRV Disability Services Board.

3. FY 16 Budget Review

A. FY 16 Budget

Board members reviewed with staff the previously discussed line items in county departments and agencies, with discussions and action (by Board consensus) as follows:

- Staff to provide Board with information that shows department/employee supplements provided by the Board;
- Concerns related to actual services provided by the local Health Department and potential for transferring \$50,000 from Health Department funding to the Free Clinic to allow for the Free Clinic to provide increased services due to the volume of clients. Staff was requested to contact the Free Clinic and obtain the number of clients that could be served, based on potential for increased funding by the Board of Supervisors;
- Staff to contact Dr. Molly O'Dell to receive feedback as to the Board of Supervisors intentions to reduce funding provided to the Health Department and provide said funding to the Free Clinic; also share with Dr. O'Dell concerns by the public over the lack of services provided by the Environmental Health Department as it relates to septic tank permitting and determine what services are provided;

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- Request response from School Finance Director to following questions:
 1. How much would it cost for each percent of pay increase to fund additional increases for school bus drivers;
 2. What does each percent of pay equate to for administrative staff making in excess of \$60,000; and
 3. What are the results of open enrollment for new employees eligible for coverage under the ACA.
- Staff to follow-up on waterline issues related to Dublin Elementary School (DES), as well as determine if fire hydrant(s) exist at DES;
- Provide funding to Library for back porch repairs;
- Requested update as to purpose of request for replacement of IT network switch;
- Request county staff to check on a reported burst pipe at old Riverlawn Elementary School and provide update via weekly update;
- Staff to provide summary of costs associated with Randolph Park pool repairs (slide), the addition of dugout roofs and extra fencing;
- Request Spectrum to outline costs associated with renovation of CAB for School Board occupancy;
- Remove three items listed on Expenditure Summary under "proposed reallocation of previously committed reserves";
- Request staff look at Snowville Fire Department, specifically as it relates to repairs/maintenance and determine most cost effective method for addressing issues; and
- Consider overall policy on addressing maintenance on fire departments.

Mr. McCready thanked Ms. Newby for reorganizing the Debt Service items on the Expenditure Summary.

B. Treasurer's Office Security System

Ms. Newby advised quotes had not been received to date. Mr. McCready advised quotes were expected to be between \$12,000 and \$15,000. Staff was requested to add this item to the May 11, 2015 budget work session.

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C. General Fund Health Insurance Increases

Mr. Huber advised a spreadsheet showing the General Fund Health Insurance increases for the past five fiscal years had been included as an attachment in the BoardDocs agenda.

D. Town Dispatch Transfers

Mr. Huber the transfer of the six dispatchers from the Town of Pulaski to the Joint 9-1-1 Communications Center had occurred and that the Joint 9-1-1 Committee had approved a \$384 annual supplement to offset the cost of health and vision insurance for these employees due to the fact that the County does not cover these benefits at 100%. Further, the Committee did not want the transferred employees taking home less pay. Lastly, the Committee also agreed to a 5% increase following a six month probationary period for four shift supervisors.

On a motion by Mr. McCready, seconded by Mr. Bopp and carried, the Board of Supervisors concurred with action by the 9-1-1 Committee related to the \$384 annual supplement.

Voting yes: Mr. McCready, Mr. Sheffey, Mr. Bopp, Mr. Pratt.
Voting no: None.

E. Joint Agreement for Garage Operation

No action was taken on this matter. Staff was requested to place this matter on the May 11, 2015 agenda.

4. Others Matters

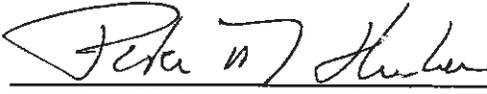
Mr. McCready described concerns related to the lack of reporting/accounting by the Twin Communities Fire Department. Mr. Sheffey requested a copy of the letter from the Federal Communications Commission that was sent to the Board via recent weekly update, be provided in the next update.

Board held discussions related to consideration to asking the Fire Protection Committee to consider rotating the chairmanship or possibly have the Emergency Management Coordinator serve as chair of the committee.

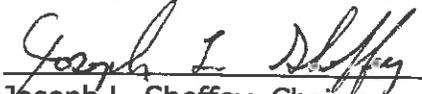
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5. Next Meeting and Adjournment

By consensus, the Board adjourned its budget work session. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is a special joint work session with the Planning Commission to be held at 5:00 p.m. in the IT Training Facility, followed by a budget work session of the Board of Supervisors beginning at 6:30 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, May 18, 2015 beginning with a Closed Session at 5:30 p.m., followed by a regular meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. with said meeting being held in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street, NW, in the Town of Pulaski.



Peter M. Huber, County Administrator



Joseph L. Sheffey, Chairman