

At a budget work session of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, March 21, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Training Room/Emergency Operations Center of the Pulaski County Information Technology Offices located in the Maple Shade Plaza, 89 Commerce Street, S.W., in the Town of Pulaski, the following members were present: Andy McCready, Chairman; Charles Bopp, Vice-Chairman; Ranny O'Dell, Joseph Guthrie and Dean Pratt.

Present from county staff were Peter Huber, County Administrator; Anthony Akers, Assistant County Administrator, Human Services; Karen Thompson, Assistant County Administrator, Management Services; Diane Newby, Finance Director; Brad Vaught, Staff Accountant; Josh Tolbert, Emergency Management Coordinator; Joe Trigg, REMSI Director and Ashley Edmonds, Clerk to the Board.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

A. Welcome and Call to Order

Mr. McCready called the meeting to order and welcomed Board members and County staff at 6:00 p.m.

2. Citizen Comments

A. Public Comments

There were no citizen comments.

3. Action Item

A. Correction to Minutes: October 28, 2013, and December 15, 2014

Mr. Huber explained errors had been found in the minutes on October 28, 2013, and December 15, 2014, where the file inserted into the minutes did not match the budget numbers approved by the Board.

On a motion from Mr. Pratt and seconded by Mr. Bopp and carried, the Board accepted the corrections to the October 28, 2013, and December 15, 2014, as presented.

Voting Yes: Mr. Pratt, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. McCready, Mr. Bopp.

Abstain: Mr. Guthrie

4. Follow – Up Items

A. Bob White Building

Mr. Huber spoke with the Board regarding the Bob White Building roof and advised repairs had been completed last year with funds from the IDA. The remaining roof repairs will be considered for review and no money is needed at this time.

B. REMSI Staffing Proposal and Draft FY 2017 Budget

Three staffing proposals were presented to the Board for consideration by Joe Trigg, REMSI Director, for increased staffing hours at the Fairlawn station. Mr. Trigg also discussed the need for an ambulance in fiscal year 2016 -17 with a fifty percent grant possible for the following year. Revenue streams, such as increased efforts to bill health insurance companies, hard billing for out of county individuals who use REMSI services and an increase in REMSI memberships were discussed with the desired outcome for REMSI to become self – sufficient. Mr. Trigg advised there would be a meeting to discuss hard billing options with the REMSI Board and REMSI's billing company representative. Mr. Huber recommended staffing proposal two to the Board and Mr. McCready expressed the Board's desire to assist REMSI and advised Mr. Trigg that the Board continues to work on the budget and asked Mr. Trigg, on behalf of REMSI, to return any surpluses (if any) back to the County. Mr. Trigg thanked the Board for their support and consideration. The consensus of the Board was to consider staffing proposal two.

#### C. Health Insurance Update

Mr. Huber reviewed the health insurance update with the Board. Mr. Guthrie expressed funding both plans equitably but not absorbing the entire cost. The consensus of the Board was to make no changes to those on the HSA plan and increase the employee contribution for those on the Choice plan by \$5 a pay period/\$10 a month.

#### D. Vehicle Evaluation

Mr. Huber spoke to the Board regarding conducting an overall evaluation of the County's vehicles as he felt it would be helpful, especially at budget time, to have the information when discussing replacement of vehicles.

### 5. Operational Budgets

#### A. Budget Statements

The Board reviewed budget statements submitted by departments and agencies.

#### B. Departmental Budgets

The Board reviewed the departmental budgets and made the following requests/revisions:

- Add proposal two to the REMSI budget
- Level funding for New River Valley Regional Jail
- Review Free Clinic of the New River Valley's budget request for impact of increase on funding given last year (reduced waiting times)
- Reduce funding to the Fine Arts Center to \$5,000
- Level funding for the Crooked Road
- Check on the ability to reduce payment to the Interstate Corridor Coalition by \$1,000
- Confirm staff transfers

- Invite School Board members to April 4, 2016, Budget Work Session

#### C. VRS Contribution Rates

The Board deferred and requested this item be placed on the April 4, 2016, Budget Work Session.

#### D. Administrative Expenses

The Board deferred and requested this item be placed on the April 4, 2016, Budget Work Session.

### 6. Real Estate Rate Change

#### A. Sales Tax Receipts

The Board reviewed and discussed the most recent sales tax receipt information.

#### B. Real Estate Rate Change

The Board discussed current capital improvement needs, including schools. Mr. McCreedy felt there was not enough information to provide the public to raise taxes at this point and Mr. Guthrie stated the Board should go to the public with specific needs and plan and now was not the time to raise taxes, especially after a reassessment period. Mr. Pratt spoke of the time being now to raise taxes as the County cannot continue to push needed items to another time for completion. Mr. O'Dell spoke of his concern of the impact of a higher tax rate on those with a fixed income. The consensus of the Board was to advertise a flat real estate rate.

### 7. Future Budget Considerations

#### A. School Expenditures

The Board deferred and requested this item be placed on the April 4, 2016, Budget Work Session.

#### B. School Board Funding Request

The Board deferred and requested this item be placed on the April 4, 2016, Budget Work Session.

### 8. Other Matters

#### A. Email Notifications when Agenda is Modified in BoardDocs

Mr. Huber discussed with the Board what method of communication should be used when the agenda is modified in BoardDocs. Staff will continue to place (\*) on new or modified agenda items and revisions will be placed in bold.

## C. Expansion of MPO

Mr. Guthrie informed the Board on the possible expansion of the MPO to include Dublin and the Interstate 81 interchange.

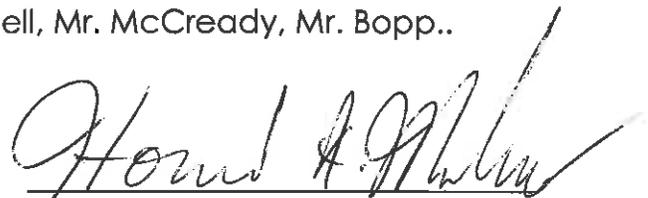
## 8. Adjournment

## A. Adjournment

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board adjourned its budget work session. The next regular meeting of the Board is to be held on Monday, March 28, 2016, beginning with a closed session at 6:00 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. with said meeting to be held at the County Administration Building, Board Room, located at 143 Third Street, N.W. in the Town of Pulaski. A meeting of the Joint Boards will be held on Thursday, March 31, 2016, at 6p.m. at the IT Training Center, 89 Commerce Street, S.W.

Voting Yes: Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Pratt, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. McCreedy, Mr. Bopp.  
Voting No: None

  
Peter Huber, County Administrator

  
Howard A. McCreedy, Chairman