

**PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FINANCE COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020, MEETING**

VIRGINIA: The Finance Committee of the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, March 5, 2020, in the Main Conference Room of the County Administration Building in Chatham, Virginia 24531. Ronald S. Scarce, Chairman, called the Meeting to Order at 4:00 PM. The following Committee Members were present:

Joe B. Davis
William (“Vic”) Ingram
Ronald S. Scarce

The following Board Members were also present:

Timothy W. Dudley
Robert (“Bob”) W. Warren
Ben L. Farmer (joined the Meeting at 4:12 PM)

David M. Smitherman, County Administrator; J. Vaden Hunt Esq., County Attorney; Richard N. Hicks, Deputy County Administrator; Kimberly Van Der Hyde, Finance Director; and Kaylyn M. McCluster, Deputy Clerk, were also present.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Ingram, to approve Agenda, which was unanimously approved by Committee Members present.

New Business

(a) FY2021 Proposed Budget Presentation

Mr. Smitherman presented the proposed Budget to the Committee (can be found on the County’s website). The Budget highlights are as follows: \$650K additional School Division appropriation, Gretna Library renovation, Wayside Park upgrade, 2.1% Cost-of-Living adjustment, \$195,000 for Sheriff’s Department vehicles, 4.0 FTE’s; PR Manager, EMS Coordinator, Pet Center, Permitting (.5), Payroll Specialist (.5), and Community Based Correction Plan (\$100,000). There is no tax increase proposed in this Budget and more than half of the Budget goes to Public Safety and Education (56%). Economic Development has been successful in the last thirty (30) months. There has been \$466M of investment and 1,509 new jobs, with an average salary of \$41,050. The Pet Center has raised \$202,000 in cash and in-kind donations in the first eight (8) months of FY2020. There is a new position proposed for Community Engagement. The Friends of the Pet Center, an IRS 501(C)(3) entity is being formed and the Thrift Store is scheduled to open in two (2) weeks. The Landfill forecast is a one-hundred and fifty (150) year lifespan with only County trash. Tripling that flow with outside trash will net an eighty (80) year lifespan and \$8.7M in profit. Without the new revenue, County citizens will bear these costs alone. The Convenience Centers have had improvements that include cameras at eleven (11) sites, which have made the sites much cleaner,

better lighting, reduced out-of-County trash collection, and a reduced amount of Contactor use. There are nine (9) approved Solar Projects within the County valued at approximately \$40M. The current Solar Project Permit Fee is \$195. These Permits take approximately thirty-six (36) to forty-eight (48) hours of Staff review time. Mr. Smitherman proposed increasing this permit fee to \$5,000.

Mr. Warren stated there was mention of a Lease Program for the Sheriff's Department vehicles. He stated this has proven to be beneficial to the School Division on their Bus Lease Program, and he believes it would be beneficial for the Sheriff's Department as well. Mr. Smitherman agreed and would like to get the road cars on the Lease Program to get rid of those maintenance costs needed on those vehicles. The Sheriff is also on board with this idea. Mr. Warren also asked if the position ever filled for Medicaid assistance in the County Jail. Mr. Smitherman stated it has not been filled, but he did receive an update recently. The Sheriff desires someone to investigate that and has sent an MOU for Mrs. Van Der Hyde and Mr. Smitherman to review. There was also discussion about making the Landfill an Enterprise with accepting out-of-County trash. There could potentially still be over one hundred (100) years of life left in the Landfill and it would also be set up by contracts. If the time were to come where the County was producing more trash than usual due to business coming into the Industrial Parks, the current contracts would not have to be renewed.

(b) Direction from Committee

Motion made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Davis, to advertise the Budgets as presented, which was unanimously approved by Committee Members present.

(c) Future Committee Meeting Dates

The Finance Committee will meet again on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 2:00 PM in the County Administration Conference Room

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Ingram, seconded by Mr. Davis, to adjourn the Meeting, which was unanimously approved by Committee Members present.

Mr. Scarce adjourned the Meeting at 6:06 PM.