

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
Budget Work Session
April 12, 2018

Members Present: Morgan Phenix, Chairman At-Large
D. Keith Guzy, District 1
David Wiatrowski, District 2
Mark Stroupe, District 3
Larry Foltz, District 4
Jeff Vaughan, District 5

Staff Present: Amity Moler, County Administrator
Regina Miller, Assistant County Administrator
Dennis Click, Budget Officer

Call to Order:

Chairman Morgan Phenix called to order the budget work session of the Page County Board of Supervisors on April 12, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors Room located in the Page County Government Center, 103 South Court Street, Luray. The Call to Order was followed by the *Pledge of Allegiance* and Invocation given by Donna Whitley-Smith.

Budget Review:

Mrs. Moler reviewed with the Board the cause of the budget shortfall. The proposed budget is \$18,472,475, but the original department's requests totaled \$18,485,218, which reflects an increase of \$12,743. This made the revenue shortfall \$491,029. After the work session on April 5th and the recommendations made, resulted in a proposed budget that is \$29,521 decrease from FY18 to FY19 in the general fund. This makes the revenue \$448,765. She outlined considerations to close the shortfall, which include, removing the 2% salary increases totaling \$135,000, close Compactor Sites totaling \$78,000, eliminate the Recreation Department totaling \$82,797, stagger the courthouse repairs over two years reducing by \$50,000 next year, and eliminate the COPS and SRO positions. She indicated that the budget includes another full-time EMS position, but that can only be achieved is by making changes to the revenue recovery. The budget shortfall, she said, is due to increased funding for inmate incarceration totaling \$193,000, CSA local share totaling \$171,000, loss of SRO funding totaling \$68,967, VRS increase in employer's share totaling \$13,000, health insurance increase totaling \$100,000, reassessment totaling \$80,000, and a loss of PSAP revenue totaling \$270,000. Some of the savings reflected in the budget include, refinancing the debt service totaling \$176,000, reducing the capital leases totaling \$27,000, personal property and public utilities tax increase totaling \$170,000, and the landfill cost reduction totaling \$135,000. She indicated that in order to close the gap, she would need approximately \$0.02 increase on the real estate.

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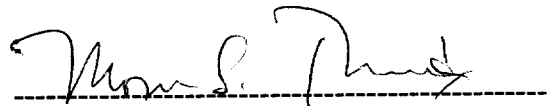
Mrs. Moler mentioned that on April 5th, the Board voted to waive the real estate taxes for Grace House. She has since learned that they do not own the property; they are leasing it.

Motion: Supervisor Vaughan moved not to give an exemption to Grace House for real estate taxes. Supervisor Guzy seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 6-0. Aye: Phenix, Guzy, Wiatrowski, Stroupe, Foltz, Vaughan. Nay: None.

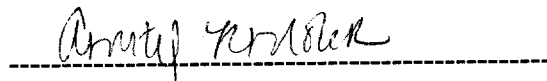
After discussion, the Board directed staff to provide proposed budget options based on a \$0.04 tax rate increase.

Adjourn: 8:50 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Phenix adjourned the meeting.



Morgan Phenix, Chairman



Amity Moler, County Administrator