

May 6, 2014

Virginia:

AT A CONTINUED MEETING of the Nelson County Board of Supervisors at 4:00 p.m. in the General District Courtroom located on the third floor of the Nelson County Courthouse.

Present: Allen M. Hale, East District Supervisor
Thomas D. Harvey, North District Supervisor
Thomas H. Bruguere, Jr. West District Supervisor
Larry D. Saunders, South District Supervisor – Vice Chair
Stephen A. Carter, County Administrator
Candice W. McGarry, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk
Debra K. McCann, Director of Finance and Human Resources
Shannon Irvin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Kathy Hughes, School Board Clerk
David Parr, Nelson County School Board
Janet Turner Giles, Nelson County School Board
Debbie Harvey, Nelson County School Board
Jane Bibb, Nelson County School Board
Dave Francis, Nelson County School Board

Absent: Constance Brennan, Central District Supervisor - Chair

I. Call to Order

Mr. Saunders called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm, with four Supervisors present to establish a quorum and Ms. Brennan being absent due to illness.

II. FY14-15 Budget Work Session

Mr. Carter noted that staff recommended that the Board work their way through the General Fund Budget, then consider capital outlay items, agency funding, school funding, the other fund budgets, and then the budget public hearing timeline. He added that the budget must be adopted by the end of June.

Supervisors and staff then discussed the following:

- 1) Requested change for Courthouse Security Positions- 3 Part-time to 2 Full-time:

Staff noted that the Courthouse Security officers worked approximately 29 hours per week and the Sheriff's Department had requested that they have two (2) full time officers instead of three (3) part time. Ms. McCann noted that there was a lot of turnover in those positions and money was spent training people that then left. She added that the personnel cost was about the same to make this change. She did note that the two full time positions would not provide as much hourly coverage as three had; however this would provide more stability. Mr. Carter noted that the Captain had

May 6, 2014

assured him that the department would fill in any gaps in coverage as needed. Ms. McCann then noted that they currently only had two people in the part time positions, therefore they would not be letting anyone go and this would not require any more vehicles. Mr. Carter added that he had signed off on a grant applications that would fund the purchase of about ten vehicles with no local match.

Following brief discussion that this seemed to be a reasonable request, the Board agreed by consensus to make this change.

Staff then noted that the part time investigator position remained unfilled and that they were making them aware of it if they wanted to do something different. It was noted that this was not currently in the budget and they could come back to request it later.

2) Requested change- Part-time Dispatchers to Full-time relative to Affordable Care Act:

Staff noted that currently the part time Dispatchers were the only regular part time employees that worked over 30 hours some weeks and the options were to make the three part time employees full time or maintain them as part time and provide them with the option to take health insurance.

In response to questions, staff noted that the part time employees were interested in full time employment. Ms. McCann noted that if they hired for any part time positions, the County would be looking to hire employees who would work less than 29 hours per week generally. Mr. Carter noted that in the past, part time dispatchers have been moved into full time slots when they become available and that Ms. Miller has been filling in when necessary.

Following brief discussion that this seemed to be a reasonable request, the Board agreed by consensus to make this change.

3) Requested part-time help (Finance Dept.)

Ms. McCann noted that the person that filled this requested position would work about 24 hours per week in the Finance Department. Mr. Carter noted that having this position would be very helpful and would be in addition to the two full time positions. It was noted that they would be physically located in the Finance and HR office with the other Finance Technicians as there was another work space there already. Mr. Carter reiterated that staff wanted to be sure the Board was cognizant of the position request.

In response to questions, staff noted that there were currently three full time employees in the Finance and HR department counting Ms. McCann. Ms. McCann noted that the qualifications and pay range would be the same as the full time positions, which were at a pay grade of 14; however they would be paid on an hourly basis. It was supposed that they would potentially be looking for a retiree and the position would do whatever was

May 6, 2014

needed and would possibly pick up some of the grant reporting and the transfer station billing. It was noted that this position would be hired with the understanding that they would not be guaranteed a certain number of hours; however it would be up to 24 hours per week.

The Board agreed by consensus to revisit this request.

4) Emergency Notification System (requires participant sign-up)

Mr. Carter noted that this emergency notification system would notify cell phones and that citizens would have to register to participate. He noted that this would cost approximately \$8,500 used the Verizon database to notify landlines. He added that this item came up last budget cycle and the issue was it was uncertain as to how many citizens would actually register and it could not be assured that the majority of residents would sign up. Ms. McCann noted that there was no cost to the individual to register with the system. Mr. Carter added that the County had rarely used the current notification system to date.

Following brief discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to not fund the cellular phone based emergency notification system.

5) Mileage Payments for vehicle rotation for Paid EMS program

Mr. Carter advised that this request was for approximately \$67,173 per year. He suggested that since the Board was now paying for ambulances or sharing the costs, they should consider using these funds for that instead of making mileage payments to the squads.

Supervisors noted that the County also pays for the insurance; however does not pay for tires and other vehicle maintenance. Mr. Harvey suggested that the Board needed to get further into the vehicle program before eliminating the mileage payments.

Mr. Carter noted that the request was for \$16 per mile and Ms. McCann noted that the contracted mileage rate was increased; however she would have to check. It was noted that if a squad responded to its first due area, then they did not receive mileage reimbursement; however if they responded outside of their first due area, they did.

Following this brief discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to review this at a later time once they had several ambulances purchased by the County/Grant to evaluate. Mr. Harvey noted that the volunteers were working well with the paid crews and did answer calls.

6) Request for additional radio project funds in FY14 to include tower alarms for public safety towers (\$45,000).

May 6, 2014

Staff suggested that this be done as part of the radio project in the current year and that a budget amendment could be done to facilitate this. Ms. McCann added that the requested generators were included on the broadband side of the budget and that this was strictly on the public safety side. She noted that the only change required would be that staff would bring forward a budget amendment.

Following this brief discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to pay for this in the current year using contingency funds.

7) Capital Outlay

Courthouse Renovation Planning:

Ms. McCann noted that staff had moved money for AE services for the old Courthouse renovation to the Courthouse Project fund budget which was a reduction of \$50,000. Mr. Carter noted that the procurement of these services would be through a competitive negotiation process in which the qualifications of the respondents was the basis for selection and then the fee was negotiated with the top ranked company. He added that staff had allocated \$600,000 in the Courthouse Project fund for the planning and design.

Blue Ridge Railway Trail (Grant):

Ms. McCann noted that this grant would be completed in this fiscal year and was a 100% reduction in the FY15 budget.

Crozet Tunnel (grant):

Ms. McCann noted that the \$494,344 balance of grant funds was carried over to FY15.

Animal Shelter Improvements:

Ms. McCann noted that staff had reduced this by \$24,600 as previously directed by the Board in order to remove funding for outside kennel runs and office additions at the Shelter. The funding for acoustic pads and kennel run doors was moved into the Animal Control departmental budget.

Broadband Network Improvements:

Staff noted that it was hopeful that ATT would split the cost of paving at the Martin's Store tower site. It was noted that it may cost more than the \$10,000 that was allocated for that in this budget line. Mr. Saunders agreed and noted that the road may need reshaping etc. now.

Massie's Mill School Demolition:

May 6, 2014

Staff noted that the Massie's Mill School demolition would likely be done in the current fiscal year; however they may have to roll some costs over to next year. It was noted that the contract end date was July 7, 2014.

Maintenance Equipment:

Staff noted that the \$82,000 requested was for a bucket truck, boom lift, and a truck with a plow and spreader. Staff noted that the County would do its own snow removal if a truck with plow/spreader was purchased. Mr. Carter noted that during the last snow, the County had problems with the snow removal contractor and used Solid Waste staff to help clear snow. He noted that there was \$35,000 allocated for a boom truck and bucket truck, \$15,000 for a boom lift, and \$32,000 for the truck with spreader and plow.

Ms. McCann reported that they had paid out \$5,000 last time for contracted snow removal and that one company had the contract and this was problematic because they could not dedicate enough time to the county with their other business. It was noted that the Contractor cleaned walks and did not come out unless called. Staff noted that the purchase of the truck with plow and spreader may not pay for itself but the County would be in control.

Mr. Hale noted that all of the places contacted for were places utilized by the public and he thought they should do this as they would be in a stronger position if it were done by the County. Ms. McCann added that it was Mr. Truslow's preference that the County staff do it themselves.

Supervisors and Staff discussed the need for a bucket truck and boom lift and noted the amount of time they would be sitting. Mr. Carter noted that he thought staff would use a boom lift often and it would come in handy. He added that it could be stored inside between uses.

The Board then agreed by consensus to purchase the inside boom lift and second snowplow and spreader; however they did not want to purchase a third truck right now. They agreed that they were not removing the funding for this; however they were not authorizing it to be purchased at this time. The Board then authorized staff to purchase the genie lift in this fiscal year. They noted that staff needed to show more use for a third truck than just pushing snow and that the truck would need prior approval before it was purchased. Mr. Harvey suggested that they consider purchasing a used vehicle for this.

Glass Recycling Containers:

Mr. Hale stated that he thought the Board had already decided to do this and the \$20,000 funding should be left in. He added that they had looked at the numbers and transport costs would be saved. He noted glass recycling was highly requested by citizens and the County should try it at two sites and see how it went.

May 6, 2014

Mr. Carter reported that staff had contacted other companies and were assessing if it was feasible to take recyclables elsewhere and would go back to the current recycler to see what their best offer would be.

Mr. Hale noted he would be surprised if the County found someone to take glass without charging for it. Mr. Carter noted that Sonoco charged a fee that was less than the tipping fee at the landfill. He noted that if they wanted to do glass, the County would need more containers. He noted they would be open top containers with metal tops and plastic doors.

Mr. Bruguire asked what the difference was between the tipping fee and disposal fee for glass. Mr. Carter noted he was not sure of the exact number; however there would be some difference and there would be a savings for hauling less distance. Mr. Hale added that this would be saving space in the landfill. Mr. Carter concurred that the County could potentially save money and that the containers would cost \$6,000 to \$8,000 each. It was noted that if at some point, this was not feasible the containers could be used in the system as backups. He added that staff should possibly have a recycling report by next week.

Supervisors agreed by consensus to leave this funding in for now.

Emergency Services Vehicles:

Supervisors noted that they were already committed to this. It was noted that the amount of \$330,000 may be high and any excess could be carried over.

Dixie Youth Field Improvements:

Mr. Carter noted that the \$20,000 for this had been backed out after the retreat. He noted that Ms. Harper had reported that the volunteers were stepping up to make improvements there. Mr. Carter reiterated that the County should not spend public money to improve private property and that the lease for the property was a year to year lease deal. Mr. Bruguire noted that if the County secured a longer term lease, he would not be opposed to putting some money there. Mr. Carter noted how great working with the Holland's had been; however he would rather the County work on the fields at the schools and use those.

Mr. Saunders suggested that timbering funds from the Sturt property could fund field improvements; however Mr. hale noted that those funds were to be used to establish a parking area and signs at the Sturt property.

Staff noted that Ms. Harper had equipment money in her budget and that the kids paid a fee to play and it ran through the County now.

The Board agreed by consensus to leave the \$20,000 in funding out; however they would like to find out the amount allocated for equipment in the recreation budget.

May 6, 2014

They added that anything done with the fields should be done through the Recreation department. Supervisors then noted that they would like to come up with a plan to establish nice fields on both sides of the county.

Voting Equipment:

Ms. McCann noted that staff had removed the \$133,721 in requested funds for voting equipment. She noted that the State was in transition and had outlawed some of the touchscreens but had not made this official. She noted that the thought of staff was to wait a year until the state had fully decided what kind of machines should be used. She added that the touchscreens met ADA requirements and that the Registrar has noted that a person is not considered to be independent in the eyes of the law when they get help to do paper ballots. It was acknowledged that in lieu of voting in person, the handicapped could do absentee voting.

The Board then agreed by consensus to wait on this and leave out the \$133,721 in funding.

Economic Development Planning Studies:

Mr. Carter noted that the \$20,000 requested would include some assessment of Service Authority capacities being done with the Roseland PER update. Mr. Harvey noted that the County should go through the Service Authority for this and Mr. Carter noted that he did not think the analysis to be done would substantially change. He added that it also included a market analysis of the best businesses that the County should try to attract.

Supervisors and staff briefly discussed the water and sewer connection fees being a deterrent to new businesses. Mr. Carter noted that unless a business could put in a complicated sewer system on the property, there was not enough public system capacity to serve anyone. Mr. Hale noted that he thought a business could find this type of property; however expanding the public system with the current customer base was not feasible to him.

Mr. Carter then noted that he thought the County could not grow without that being part of the process and he thought the County needed to look at this before doing a market analysis. He added they needed to have the infrastructure and then they could market the county. Mr. Harvey noted he was not sure growth would be good in the County.

Mr. Saunders noted he would be looking for businesses that would hire local people that were already here. He added that he thought the County needed to keep people employed in Nelson rather than just being a bedroom community. Mr. Harvey noted he thought the biggest thing would be to make internet more widely available and Mr. Hale agreed that would help home based businesses. Mr. Carter added that the Board needed to look at creating diversity in the tax base and Mr. Saunders reiterated that he would love for Nelson County graduates to be able to stay and work in the County.

May 6, 2014

The Board agreed by consensus with removal of the \$20,000 in funding for this.

Public Radio Safety Project:

Ms. McCann noted that the \$920,824 amount budgeted was carry over funding to complete the project in FY15.

Transfer to Capital Fund (School Reserve):

Ms. McCann noted that there were no funds budgeted for transfer in FY15. She noted that the fund contained an FY12 transfer of \$300,500 for the building envelope monitoring at Tye River Elementary.

8) Agency Funding

Staff noted that the funded Agencies had been level funded in the budget. It was noted that the new funding requests of Children Youth and Family Services, Open Knowledge Collaborative, Piedmont Workforce Network, Rockfish Valley Community Center, BRMC – Latino Outreach, and Legal Aid had all not been recommended by staff and were not currently funded. Ms. McCann noted that an increase for meals for the Rockfish Senior Center had been backed out of their request.

Supervisors and Staff then reviewed the following agency funding:

Volunteer Coalition (RHOP) Transportation Services:

It was noted that the Volunteer Coalition was paying a business to provide transportation services now since they no longer had the volunteers to do this. Ms. McCann noted that they had shifted the way they did business and were paying a coordinator to coordinate transportation and now were paying a provider to do transports.

Supervisors agreed by consensus to remove this funding in the amount of \$5,100.

Dental Health Program RHOP:

Mr. Bruguiere noted he was against continuing to fund this since they now had a dental clinic with a sliding scale. Ms. McCann reported that this program funded dental services for adults and the Health Department program funded services for children.

Supervisors agreed by consensus to remove this funding in the amount of \$6,000.

Rockfish Senior Center Meals:

May 6, 2014

Ms. McCann noted that they had reported 81 participating seniors, they served lunch once per week and served 2,430 meals. She noted that 1620 meals were donated - 40%.

Mr. Harvey noted he would like to come back to this and find out why they asked for such an increase and if it is in fact meal costs. He added that they were meeting at the Rockfish Valley Fire Department now and were not paying any overhead building expenses.

Region Ten CSB:

Mr. Hale confirmed that they requested the same amount as this fiscal year and staff noted that the previous year, the Board had funded a significant increase.

No Change was made to this budgeted funding in FY15.

Economic Development Authority:

Ms. McCann noted that their request went from \$5,000 to \$8,400 on the premise that they would meet monthly instead of quarterly.

Supervisors agreed by consensus to level fund this request at \$5,000.

There were no other changes made to agency funding.

Prior to meeting with the Nelson County School Board, Mr. Carter that Ms. McCann had prepared a running average of annual growth in revenues, which showed it being 1.8% based on five years of history. He noted that the Board could not count on other revenues ticking up significantly going forward.

9) School Funding:

This item was deferred until after the joint meeting with the School Board.

10) Other Fund Budgets:

Ms. McCann reviewed the non-General Fund budgets as follows:

Debt Service Fund

Debt service expenditures relative to the General Fund total \$1,053,039 and include debt service and trustee fees for the following:

- 1) Convenience Centers/Construction & Equipment
- 2) Courthouse Judicial Center (15 Yr. Refinancing, May 2013)
- 3) Radio Project

May 6, 2014

Debt service expenditures relative to the School Fund total \$2,213,521 and include debt service payments and trustee fees related to the following:

- 1) There is no outstanding debt for Bus leases or Tye River Elementary.
- 2) Rockfish River Elementary (Literary Loan refinanced 5/13)
- 3) Early Retirement Incentive (Refinanced in FY2000)
- 4) NCHS Renovations/ New Middle School (Lease Revenue refinanced in FY12 & VPSA)

All debt is supported by a transfer from the General Fund in the amount of \$3,266,560.

Capital Fund

Expenditures reflect funding in the amount of \$300,500 that was allocated in FY12 (remains unspent) as a Capital Reserve for the School Division (TRE). Also included is an unallocated Capital Reserve in the amount of \$597,440.

Revenues generated include only a small amount of interest earnings. The remainder of revenue reflected is the existing fund balance.

Courthouse Project Fund

The Courthouse Project Fund expenditure budget for FY15 includes the \$100,000 anticipated expense for exterior renovation of the Jefferson Building and \$5,000 for replacement of 3 courthouse doors. This budget assumes that the retainage for Blair Construction will be released and paid out before the end of the current fiscal year. Also included is \$600,000 for planning & architectural design relative to renovation of the existing courthouse.

The revenue to support the anticipated FY15 expenditures is fund balance. There is approximately \$20,000 of fund balance not allocated within this budget.

CDBG Fund

No active grants are anticipated at this time for FY15. The Dental Center grant and the Broadband CDBG grant were closed in FY14.

Piney River Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund

In FY15, the budget reflects increases in electrical expense. The budget assumes a 3% increase based on current year anticipated electric expense. The water and sewer treatment expense reflects an increase of \$7,000. This expense is variable from year to year and can be impacted by the amount of rain and snow received. Water and sewer expense in the current year is anticipated to exceed the FY14 budget by \$5,000. The budget for maintenance supplies reflects a decrease based on historical expense for grinder pumps and generator fuel.

May 6, 2014

Receipts for water and sewer fees are projected to be approximately \$110,270—the same as in the current year. Fees for connection and installation are projected to be \$42,000 (\$12,000 Connection Fees and \$30,000 installation expense). In FY15 expenses are anticipated to exceed revenues by \$61,091. This shortfall is covered by a transfer from the General Fund in the amount of \$40,000 and \$21,091 in anticipated fund balance at year end.

Broadband Project Fund

This budget will be presented to the Broadband Authority at a later date.

III. Joint Meeting with the Nelson County School Board (6:00 pm)

Mr. David Parr, Chairman of the Nelson County School Board called their meeting to order at 6:02 pm with all members present to establish a quorum.

Mr. Harvey:

Mr. Harvey noted that the Board was in a difficult year and that tax increases were affecting a lot of people and hitting those that could least afford it. He added that the Board was following through on level funding and was not giving County employees raises.

He noted that they were proud of the school system and wanted to keep it going in the right direction; adding that they wanted to discuss the good and bad and what was really needed.

Mr. David Parr (NCSB):

Mr. Parr thanked the Board for meeting and for the support they have given the school system over the years. He noted that the schools had benefitted from nice increases over the years and the Board had been more than fair to them. He noted that they understood the position the Board was in and acknowledged that they did present a budget with some add-ons and wishes; realizing that these may not happen. He noted that they wanted to make Nelson County schools and the County in general look good and be attractive. He added that he did not want them to think that because they were asking for extra that they did not respect the position they were in.

He then noted that he understood that the Board wanted a return on investment and he noted the following highlights: County schools were fully accredited and were listed in the top 100 High Schools in Virginia, there was increased participation in advanced studies and placement, they had retained 96% of teachers from last year and ---% held a Master's Degree . He added that the schools have had extracurricular success over the years and the buildings and grounds had been well maintained. He concluded by noting that they were prepared to work within what funding was allowed by the Board.

May 6, 2014

Ms. Jane Bibb (NCSB):

Ms. Bibb noted that she had been around a long time and had seen much improvement in the rapport between Boards. She noted that the citizens and parents would have to realize that cuts would need to be made and that they were working hard to do this.

Mr. Hale:

Mr. Hale noted that from the Board's point of view, they had made every effort to increase school funding even though it was due to less funding from the state. He noted that this year they were faced with an overall reduction in real estate values and faced with holding its own and substantial increases in the real estate tax and personal property taxes. He noted that many citizens would be paying more than last year. He noted that personally, he was self-employed and was dependent on Social Security and many were having a difficult time. He noted that his reason for saying that even though he had the highest respect for employees, he felt it was not a good time for an increase in compensation. He noted that County employees were better off financially than many citizens in the county and this seemed to be the big increase in the presented school budget and they were not in a position to do it this year. He added that possibly next year they would be; however the Board had capital expenses that they were looking at, such as school security, and renovation of the historic circuit courtroom and clerks space.

He added that he had gone through the budget and he complimented the summary document that the schools had put together. He noted that the anticipated increase in state funds of \$500,000 was gratifying to see. He added that he hoped as the year went on that that they could have some more conversations between the two Boards.

Ms. Janet Turner Giles (NCSB):

Ms. Giles noted that she loved the collaboration between the Boards and would love to see more. She noted that they all had the same charge and were well vested in Nelson County and the school system and wanted the best for both. She added that she felt the time spent in meeting together was invaluable and she wanted them all to feel comfortable about the challenges they were all are facing. She added that she would like to see them meet jointly on a quarterly basis.

Ms. Debbie Harvey (NCSB):

Ms. Harvey reiterated Ms. Giles comments and noted that she thought it was important that ongoing collaboration occurred at all levels; as it was important to build relationships. She noted that she understood where they were this year and also thought

May 6, 2014

it was important that the school system was the engine of the county. She noted they had an excellent school system and she had worked with others who questioned why she sent her kids to Nelson County schools and she noted that they did not know how good these schools are. She noted that she thought this should be advertised so it could foster growth in the county and increase the tax base. She noted that understanding challenges was important and noted that the demands were ever increasing.

Mr. Dave Francis (NCSB):

Mr. Francis reiterated the sentiments of Ms. Harvey. He noted that they have had excellent leadership and were excited about the new leadership coming in. He noted that he was confident that Dr. Comer would want to develop strong relationships with Supervisors and the Board. He noted he was excited about the future; noting that they had a good school board and hoped to accomplish some good things.

Mr. Bruguere:

Mr. Bruguere noted that the Board's had a good working relationship and he attributed this to staff. He noted that he thought that educationally if kids were getting into the schools of their choice, this was a good thing. He noted that they were accomplished if kids were going on to college and they were preparing them for the future and he thought they were doing that. He noted that it was unfortunate that the Board could not give them all of the desired funding. He added that the property values in his district went up and their taxes went up. He noted that the county's economy had not recovered like Lynchburg's had and this was affecting a lot of folks.

Mr. Harvey:

Mr. Harvey then noted that not every kid was cut out for college and the schools needed to maintain programs that prepared kids for life. He described the Board's decision to build new schools and the way that had worked out. He added that he thought the greatest investment was in the kids. He noted that they had done a lot and needed to thank the taxpayers who had footed the bill on this. He noted that the schools needed to deal with security improvements and noted that the Board was prepared to do that and this was a priority for them.

Mr. Saunders:

Mr. Saunders noted he had been pleasantly surprised at how well the Boards got along and tried to work together. He noted they had the same goals and was pleased to hear they understood the budget situation and realized that there were things that could not be done this year. He added that he agreed with everything else that had been said already and he would also like to meet more during the year to plan ahead and discuss things as they came up.

Mr. Hale:

May 6, 2014

Mr. Hale suggested that once the new Superintendent got settled in, maybe they could have another joint meeting so they could meet with him to hear his ideas.

Mr. Harvey:

Mr. Harvey noted that it was important for Mr. Comer and Mr. Carter to get together. He noted that the Board understood the School Board's job was to ask for the best for the kids and the Board's job was to fund it. He noted that he appreciated the help that working together provided and that it came with having good employees. He added that the county had been fortunate to have the right Superintendent in place for every phase that they were going through. He noted that the last big project for the County was renovating the Circuit Court. He noted that Judge Gamble had been very patient and had noted he would wait until the new schools and new Courthouse was done and the Board wanted to do accommodate him this year before he retired.

He noted that he thought it was also important to work hard on marginal students so that they could also reach their full potential.

Mr. David Parr (NCSB):

Mr. Parr noted that there was a requested program that allowed students to get an Associate's degree at the same time as they got a High School diploma. He noted that this was a \$60,000 program and would likely be on the School Division's wish list every year. He noted that they would love to have this for Nelson County. He noted that they had also requested funding for new athletic programs such as wrestling and a feeder program for football in the Middle School. He noted that he thought they would get there eventually and that they did understand the position of the Board.

Mr. Harvey:

Mr. Harvey noted that the County was fortunate to have Piedmont Virginia Community College nearby and was fortunate to get the value gotten for the money provided to them. He noted that the Board was shifting focus on the Broadband Authority to step up deployment of wireless internet in the county so that the majority of kids in the county would have internet access.

It was noted that the County was handicapped by not having widely accessible broadband. It was also noted that with the rising cost of college, the Early College Program would enable those less fortunate to get an Associate's degree who may not otherwise.

Ms. Janet Turner Giles (NCSB):

Ms. Giles noted that in her work at UVA, she hired people and that the children were starting to compete for jobs and other area schools were providing these programs. She noted that some applicants would be overlooked because of not having these types of credentials. She added that she was in favor of providing for athletics and other things

May 6, 2014

that encouraged marginal kids to go to school as she believed that children needed to be well rounded in order to compete.

Mr. Dave Francis (NCSB)

Mr. Francis added that this was about creating opportunity for the kids.

Mr. Harvey:

Mr. Harvey noted that having champions set the tone at school and made for a positive environment.

Ms. Debbie Harvey (NCSB):

Ms. Harvey related that kids did carry with them the things they learned from teachers and coaches in school and related a personal example of this.

Ms. Shannon Irving (Assistant Superintendent):

Ms. Irvin noted that they were waiting for the General Assembly to finish their work and questioned if there were salary adjustments that came out of their final actions, how they would communicate that. She noted she was referring to any raises that they may give school employees.

Mr. Saunders noted that he thought they would wait and see what happened and then take a look at it.

Ms. Irvin then supposed they would go ahead with the status quo contracts and then would reissue contracts if adjustments were made.

Mr. Hale:

Mr. Hale noted that the Board had to have a public hearing on the budget and that they would go with holding the public hearing on May 29, 2014 and adopting the budget on June 10, 2014. He added that the Board could make adjustments after the public hearing if necessary up to a 1% increase in the budget. He noted that anything over that and they would have to have another public hearing per state law.

Mr. Harvey:

Mr. Harvey noted that he has had little complaint about taxes but has gotten them on the \$38.75 per car license fee.

Mr. Saunders:

May 6, 2014

Mr. Saunders reiterated that he felt that County employees did not get a raise then School employees should not either and if they did then he would fight for the County to get one. He added that it was not that it was not deserved by all; he just did not like raising taxes and then giving raises.

Ms. Irvin noted that the local match would be about \$30,000 for a 2% state raise given in April. She noted that they could do a half % all year rather than 2% in April.

Mr. Harvey:

Mr. Harvey noted that in terms of capital items, the Board would like to build an aquatic center and this ranked high on their priority list. He noted that they had discussed doing this in phases and acquiring additional land for this.

Ms. Shannon Irvin (Assistant Superintendent):

Ms. Irvin noted that a smaller capital project would be replacement of the flat roof at Tye River Elementary. Board members noted that the budget already included funding for this.

Mr. Harvey inquired as to whether or not all of the bathrooms had been redone at Tye River and Ms. Irvin noted that most of them had been done; however there were still handicapped ones to do.

Mr. Harvey noted that the Board was happy to have paid off the school buses now and noted that the Board was trying to eliminate debt as fast as possible. He noted that the Middle and High School deb were what was left for the most part.

Mr. Saunders:

Upon concluding there were no additional comments, Mr. Saunders thanked everyone for meeting and Mr. Bruguire and Mr. Hale agreed with having a meeting with the new Superintendent in September. Mr. Harvey noted that they would like to get together before their budget process started and Ms. Harvey noted they would like to have a joint meeting once their budget document had been put together.

Mr. Parr then adjourned the School Board meeting at approximately 6:55 PM and the Board continued work on the FY15 Budget.

9) School Funding:

Mr. Saunders noted he would like to see if the Board could find \$60,000 to fund the Early College Program and Ms. McCann noted that they had the funds to do this if they wanted.

May 6, 2014

Mr. Saunders noted that he felt like the Early College Program would benefit kids and he would like to see this done and designated as such. Supervisors agreed and the Board agreed by consensus to level fund the schools plus the \$60,000 for this program.

10) Other Fund Budgets:

This item was considered prior to the joint meeting with the School Board.

11) Budget Public Hearing Timeline:

Mr. Carter noted the proposed schedule for the budget public hearing and noted that the Board needed to set the date. Staff noted that there was no way to avoid having an extra meeting for the public hearing in order to comply with notice requirements. Supervisors then agreed by consensus to hold the public hearing on the budget on May 29, 2014 and potentially adopt the budget at the June 10, 2014 regular meeting.

Other Budgetary Discussion:

Ms. McCann noted that the Governor and the Senate were proposing a 2% increase in April 2015 and she would assume this would carry forward into next year.

Staff then revisited the requested Part Time Finance position. Ms. McCann noted that another consideration of this was that Linda Staton and her experience was walking out the door and that the new hires would have a large learning curve and would not be able to carry the same load that Linda was carrying.

Mr. Saunders then inquired if the Commonwealth Attorney's and General District Court Clerk's part time help funding in this fiscal year was carried over to next year. Staff noted that the Board had agreed to the Circuit Court Clerk's and Commonwealth Attorney's positions and funding for this was carried forward to next year. It was noted that the General District part time funding was approved for the current year but was not reinstated for next year. It was noted that the General District Court Clerk's office was making up a backlog and did receive some Part Time help from the state.

In response to questions regarding the cost of funding the Finance Department part time position, Ms. McCann noted this cost to be approximately \$26,000.

The Board then agreed by consensus to save the decision on this request for the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

IV. Other Business (As May Be Presented)

There was no other business considered by the Board.

May 6, 2014

V. Adjournment

At approximately 7:20 PM, Mr. Harvey moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Hale seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Supervisors voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the motion and the meeting adjourned.