

April 27, 2010

County of Greene, Virginia

THE CONTINUED MEETING OF THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2010 IN THE RAYMOND C. DINGLEDINE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT WILLIAM MONROE HIGH SCHOOL.

Present were: Steve Catalano, Chairman
Clarence Peyton, Vice Chairman
Jim Frydl, Member
Carl Schmitt, Member
Mike Skeens, Member
Ray Clarke, County Attorney
Patti Vogt, Deputy Clerk
Tracy Morris, Finance Director

The Chairman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED FY 2010-2011 COUNTY BUDGET AND TAX LEVIES

The Chairman opened the public hearing.

Mrs. Gail Berry, Treasurer, asked the Board to reconsider the proposed cut of \$9,000 to her budget. Tax collections are better than ever and the delinquency rate is low. Any reduction will affect personnel and the office will not be as effective. The work load has not decreased just because they do not sell county stickers.

Ms. Cartie Lominack, Shelter for Help, asked the Board to fully fund their budget request of \$10,000 and read a short story to illustrate the services offered.

Ms. Sandra Davis, JABA, also asked the Board to fully fund their request. The proposed reduction will decrease the hot lunches that are provided for seniors at the Senior Center and other programs.

Ms. Dottie Scott, Case Manager for JABA, spoke on the effect of the proposed reduction to hot meals for seniors. The home delivered meals allow seniors to stay in their homes.

Ms. Barbara Berger spoke on services provided to seniors. One of the biggest emergency admissions for seniors is medication mismanagement. The nurse filled over 200 med boxes for seniors last year and also does home visits.

Mr. Troy Harlow, School Board Member, expressed appreciation for the additional \$411,000 in funding while noting there is still a deficit of \$145,000. The Schools have made improvements and introduced programs to reduce costs. The School Board is looking out for the

best interests of students and community and this deficit will affect the students. He asked the Board to consider the allocation of the additional \$145,000 to maintain standards.

Ms. Cindy Knight said school employees need their salaries. We need to raise productive citizens in the County and reductions will impact the children. Doing a good job with children keeps on paying and we need to do best job we can for the citizens of this county.

Mr. Eugene Sullivan, JABA representative, urged the Board to reconsider the proposed allocation for JABA.

Ms. Michelle Flynn, School Board Member, formally requested the Board to consider the additional allocation of \$145,000. Funding proposed by the County does not begin to make up for State cuts. She felt the Schools is absorbing expeditiously more of the burden based on their percentage of the County budget. (70% of budget)

Ms. Flynn said two of the possibilities faced will directly affect salaries for teachers. She asked the Board to set aside less money for the reserve to allocate additional funds for the schools, JABA and Shelter for Help, among others.

Ms. Joann Woods spoke in support of JABA. She commented on the combined efforts of the School Board and Board of Supervisors on the budget. She asked where the fluff is in the schools. She felt the Board could dig deeper to find additional funds for the Schools, JABA, etc.

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Mr. Catalano said the Board will vote on the budget at the meeting on May 11.

Mr. Peyton said the shortfall from the State has been a big let down. Painful adjustments will have to be made and everyone must deal with the shortfall. He said he would be disappointed if teacher salaries are cut. The County has frozen hiring, is not filling vacant positions, and this is the second year for no pay increase for employees.

Mr. Peyton noted the school budget has decreased by \$9 million during the past five years and the County budget also decreased \$15 million over the same time period.

He suggested the County continue with the aggressive plan to "catch up" by staying the course to encourage growth in commercial business base to increase local revenue. He said it is pretty obvious that Greene County will continue to see a downward trend in State revenue and the tax burden will be placed on the citizens.

Mr. Schmitt said the country, this state and many individuals have been spending beyond their means for far too long. There is a commitment of the Board to remain solvent despite falling revenues. He said he found it amazing the way citizens in the County respond in troubled times. The government is not going to be able to do it all and not should have to. This is a far better community because of the tremendous outpouring of help from citizens which is one of our great strengths. He expressed his appreciation to citizens for all they do for the betterment of the community.

Mr. Frydl said this has been a difficult time. He noted State funds decreased but County funds increased for some departments. The \$1.2 million allocated to the reserve are not "hard" dollars. The projected revenue is dependent upon the fickleness of Richmond. There will be an opportunity to look back at the budget if the situation improves.

Mr. Skeens said citizen comments gave him "food for thought". The Board has had to make hard decisions and there are still a couple of weeks to review the budget before voting.

Mr. Catalano said the level of funding proposed does not reflect feelings about quality of services the agencies provide. This budget has been a series of hard compromises. The County is under attack by the Commonwealth of Virginia. The County has received many letters from

the State that reimbursements are being reduced. Citizens are seeing a conservative approach to a very fluid situation. No one is pleased with cuts that had to be made.

The Board knows the County will eventually end up with huge responsibilities, especially in the area of constitutional offices. There is a little hope on the horizon with strong economic development in Ruckersville. The Board anticipated a little extra revenue this year to try to help the schools.

The Board needs to develop an action plan to manage the State and a policy regarding constitutional offices. A review of all ordinances and policies regarding the generation of revenue will be conducted. The County will continue with restrictions on hiring, salaries, etc.

The Chairman noted the Board will take action on the budget at the May 11 meeting.

RE: TAX LEVIES FOR FY 2010-2011

Upon motion by Carl Schmitt and unanimous vote, the Board adopted the following levies for FY 2010-2011:

Levies on \$100 assess valuation:

Real Estate	\$0.69
Public Service Corp	\$0.69
Personal Property	\$5.00
Except Farm Machinery & Livestock	\$0.00
Industrial Machinery & Tools	\$2.50

Recorded vote:	Steve Catalano	-	Yes
	Clarence Peyton	-	Yes
	Jim Frydl	-	Yes
	Carl Schmitt	-	Yes
	Mike Skeens	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: RESOLUTION – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT OF 1998 (PPTRA)

The Chairman read the resolution as proposed.

Upon motion by Clarence Peyton and unanimous vote, the Board approved the resolution to reduce the percentage of tax relief for FY 2010-2011 as authorized by the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998 as amended by the 2005 Appropriation Act. (See Attachment "A")

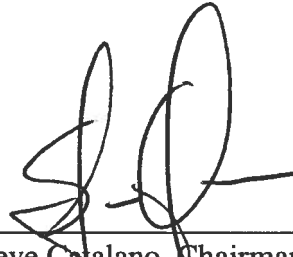
Recorded vote:	Steve Catalano	-	Yes
	Clarence Peyton	-	Yes
	Jim Frydl	-	Yes
	Carl Schmitt	-	Yes
	Mike Skeens	-	Yes

Motion carried.

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RE: ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned.

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Steve Catalano, Chairman
Greene County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, VA Code Section 58.1-3523 et. seq. (“PPTRA”), has been substantially modified by the enactment of Chapter 1 of the Acts of Assembly, 2004 Special Session I (Senate Bill 5005), and the provisions of Item 503 of Chapter 951 of the 2005 Acts of Assembly (the 2005 revisions to the 2004-06 Appropriations Act, hereinafter cited as the “2005 Appropriations Act”); and

WHEREAS, these legislative enactments require the County to take affirmative steps to implement these changes, and to provide for the computation and allocation of relief provided pursuant to the PPTRA as revised; and

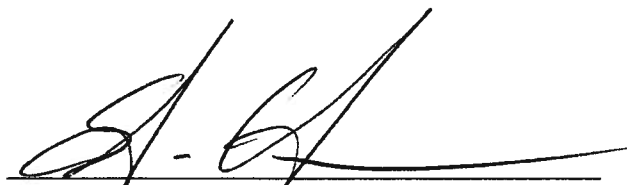
WHEREAS, these legislative enactments provide for the appropriation to the County, of a fixed sum to be used exclusively for the provision of tax relief to owners of qualifying personal use vehicles that are subject to the personal property tax on such vehicles.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Greene County Board of Supervisors that:

qualifying vehicles obtaining situs within the County during tax year 2010, shall receive personal property tax relief in the following manner:

- Personal use vehicles valued at \$1,000 or less will be eligible for 100% tax relief;
- Personal use vehicles valued at \$1,001 to \$20,000 will be eligible for 60% tax relief;
- Personal use vehicles valued at \$20,001 or more shall only receive 60% tax relief on the first \$20,000 of value; and
- All other vehicles which do not meet the definition of “qualifying” (business use vehicles, farm use vehicles, motor homes, etc.) will not be eligible for any form of tax relief under this program.
- In accordance with Item 503.D.1, the entitlement to personal property tax relief for qualifying vehicles for tax year 2005 and all prior tax years shall expire on September 1, 2006. Supplemental assessments for tax years 2005 and prior that are made on or after September 1, 2006 shall be deemed “non-qualifying” for purposes of state tax relief and the local share due from the taxpayer shall represent 100% of the tax assessable.

Adopted in Open Meeting this 27th day of April, 2010.



Steve Catalano, Chairman
Greene County Board of Supervisors