

# **PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**August 17, 2021**

**VIRGINIA:** The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors' Finance Committee was held on August 17, 2021, in the Elections and Training Center, 18 Depot Street, Chatham, Virginia 24531. Ronald S. Searce, Chairman, called the Meeting to Order at 3:30 PM.

## **ROLL CALL**

The following Members were present:

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Ronald S. Searce	Chairman - Westover District	Present	3:10 PM
Charles H. Miller, Jr.	Supervisor - Banister District	Present	3:24 PM
Joe B. Davis	Supervisor - Dan River District	Present	3:23 PM
Timothy W. Dudley	Supervisor - Staunton River District	Present	2:52 PM

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve Agenda.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Miller
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Davis
<b>AYES:</b>	Searce, Miller, Davis, Dudley

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. 2021 County Budget Amendments (Staff Contact: Van Der Hyde)**

Each year, Departmental/Fund Budgets are reviewed to determine if sufficient Budget amounts exist to cover expenses until year-end. Most of these items are bookkeeping entries required by the County's Auditors.

Motion to recommend approval to the full Board the FY 2021 County Budget Amendments as presented.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Davis
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Dudley
<b>AYES:</b>	Searce, Miller, Davis, Dudley

### **b. 2022 Budget Amendments/Public Hearing (Staff Contact: Van Der Hyde)**

After discussion regarding the WIA-Summer Youth Program position, there was consensus of the Committee to receive more information regarding this request and discuss at a further date.

Motion to recommend the full Board approve an appropriation of \$27,175,730.41, minus \$91,302 for WIA position, following conducting the legally required Public Hearing at tonight's Business Meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dudley
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Davis
<b>AYES:</b>	Scearce, Miller, Davis, Dudley

**c. Solid Waste Financing-VRA Resolution (Staff Contact: Van Der Hyde)**

The County is planning capital expenditures for the County's Solid Waste System. These capital improvements include constructing and equipping three (3) new Convenience Centers, constructing a new cell in the County's Landfill, and acquiring equipment for use at the Landfill ("Projects"). The Board has applied with the Virginia Resources Authority to secure financing, not to exceed \$9,000,000, to cover the Projects, as well as refinancing the Landfill portion of the 2018A Bonds issued for Landfill equipment. As such, a Public Hearing is legally required for citizen input of on this potential financing/refinancing. Notice of said Public Hearing was published in *The Chatham Star Tribune* on August 4, 2021, and August 11, 2021. The Board is required to adopt a Resolution authorizing and providing for the issuance, sale, and award of two (2) series of Solid Waste System Revenue and Refunding Bonds.

Motion to recommend the full Board adopt Resolution # 2021-08-04, authorizing and providing for the issuance, sale, and award of two (2) series of Solid Waste System Revenue and Refunding Bonds, following conducting the legally required Public Hearing at tonight's Business Meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dudley
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Davis
<b>AYES:</b>	Scearce, Miller, Davis, Dudley

**d. ARPA Funding Discussion (Staff Contact: Van Der Hyde)**

The County received an award notice from the Federal government of American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funds in the amount of \$11,723,057. On June 6, 2021, the County received the first tranche of these funds. These funds closely resemble the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security funds that the County received in 2020; however, there is a more narrowly focused list of areas where these funds can be used. Smitherman stated that a priority right now is to attempt to get broadband in the homes of citizens in the County and the hope is more than half of this money will go towards broadband services in the County. He also stated that water and sewer systems are also in need of repairs due to failing systems. Other available uses of these funds are Personal Protective Equipment, premium pay of County workers. The County is unable to use these funds for revenue replacement due to its revenue being stronger. County Staff is working with the City of Danville, the Sheriff, and Public Safety to jointly replace the CAD system for emergency responders.

Motion that the Board of Supervisors set aside \$1 Million of ARPA funds to support our volunteer fire and rescue agencies and that the Fire and Rescue Commission receive applications and make award recommendations to the Finance Committee for the use of these funds.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Davis
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Miller
<b>AYES:</b>	Scarce, Miller, Davis, Dudley

e. **Resolution # 2021-08-05 (Authorization of Submission of Economic Development Administration Grant Application for Critical Improvements for Public Water and Sewer Infrastructure Project) Adoption (Staff Contact: Adcock)**

In February, the Pittsylvania County Service Authority (“PCSA”) Board passed Resolution # 2021-02-01, supporting submission of an EDA Public Work Funding Application for Sewer System Improvements. Anticipating PCSA’s dissolution, the West Piedmont Planning District Commission (“WPPDC”), who is helping with the funding application, recommended waiting until the dissolution was complete, prior to submitting as the changing ownership of the County’s water and sewer facilities may cause issue with the application. Since that time, the EDA has announced a new Grant Program using American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) monies that now provides eighty percent (80%) funding, with a twenty percent (20%) local match. The prior Program only offered fifty percent (50%) funding.

Due to the additional funding provided, County Staff recommends expanding the Grant application to include critical wastewater pump station improvements, in addition to the Brockway sewer extension and pump replacement project initially identified. The Project’s total estimated cost is approximately \$3,000,000, which would require a County match of \$600,000 (twenty percent (20%)). To indicate support of the Project and a commitment to providing the funding match, the EDA and the WPPDC recommend the County adopt a support Resolution.

Motion to adopt Resolution # 2021-08-05 as presented.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Dudley
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Davis
<b>AYES:</b>	Scarce, Miller, Davis, Dudley

f. **Wage and Compensation Discussion (Staff Contract: Van Der Hyde)**

Van Der Hyde updated the Committee regarding Legislation that was passed concerning comp time. There is no longer comp time allowed; all overtime must be paid out as overtime. The Governor signed this back to the way it used to be at the beginning of August, but County Staff recommends leaving it the way that it is with the new changes. The hope is this eliminates confusion amongst employees. Also, the Governor signed a document on August 10, 2021, giving all sworn deputies under the Comp Board a \$3,000 Premium Pay. There are twenty-seven (27) positions that are not covered by the Comp Board, but they will also be given the premium pay

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because they are sworn deputies.

Motion that the County provide all Public Safety, Solid Waste, and Social Services employees a one-time \$3,000 Premium Pay bonus and that all other employees in Grades one (1) through twenty-four (24) receive a \$1,500 Premium Pay bonus utilizing federal stimulus funds.

Amended Motion to include part-time employees on a prorated basis.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Davis
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Miller
<b>AYES:</b>	Scarce, Miller, Davis, Dudley

**MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Scarce adjourned the Meeting at 4:35 PM.