

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
FINANCE COMMITTEE

March 5, 2024

VIRGINIA: The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors' ("Board") Finance Committee Meeting was held on March 5, 2024, in the Board Meeting Room, 39 Bank Street, SE, Chatham, Virginia 24531.

CALL TO ORDER (12:00 PM)

Tucker called the Meeting to Order at 12:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

The following Committee Members were present:

Timothy W. Dudley - Staunton River District
Eddie L. Hite, Jr. – Dan River District
Murray W. Whittle – Westover District
Robert M. Tucker, Jr. - Banister District

The following Board Members were present:

Kenneth L. Bowman – Chatham-Blairs District
Darrell W. Dalton - Chairman, Callands-Gretna District
William V. ("Vic") Ingram - Tunstall District

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve Agenda.

RESULT: 3-0 (APPROVE)
MOVER: Hite
SECONDER: Whittle
AYES: Dudley, Hite, Whittle, Tucker
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

a. FY2025 County Budget Discussion

Kim G. Van Der Hyde, Finance Director, facilitated discussion regarding the FY 2025 County Budget. Bowman questioned Community Donations for the Chamber of Commerce and asked why there is such an increase. Van Der Hyde stated that is our standard membership to the Chamber, and the additional request is for the RevUp program since the Chamber will not have the Grant any longer for that. Dudley requested a breakdown of the difference in the tax rates for citizens and the difference it would cost them with a reduction in the tax rates. Van Der Hyde

referenced the last page of the presentation that includes the breakdown. Dalton stated he supports the RevUp program and requested that \$5,000 from legal aid be removed and given to the Chamber. Ingram agreed with the RevUp program and recommended no legal aid money. Tucker also stated his support for the RevUp program. Bowman recommended for future budgets, have the outside agencies come before the Board and justify their reasons for the requested amount and Van Der Hyde agreed. For the future, Tucker requested Van Der Hyde send out Department Head letters with their justifications for fund requests to the Board during this process. Tucker also asked for justification for the new IT position. Arnold stated this would allow for shared information through Information Technology ("IT") and Information Management ("IM"), and assist with easier tasks such as new employees, disabling of accounts, etc., and would allow the systems engineers more time to work on bigger projects. Bowman suggested the IT position, two (2) Public Safety positions, one (1) Recreation position, one (1) CPMT position, one (1) part-time position at Brosville Library, conversion of three (3) part-time to full-time in January to save six (6) months of salary. Dalton asked Chris Key if there was a first responding unit at 640 Rescue now. Key stated when they shut down, most of their assets come to the County, so they took those assets and invested them back into the community and placed a first responder vehicle there that services thirteen (13) hours per day, from 6:00 AM until 7:00 PM, seven (7) days a week. Key explained that by adding four (4) additional staff there, it would allow them to staff an ambulance 24/7 with two (2) people per day for the entire year. Additional discussion ensued regarding the bookmobile, a small tractor at Wayside, and other items presented. Van Der Hyde's full presentation can be found on the County's website at www.pittsylvaniacountyva.gov.

ADJOURNMENT

Tucker adjourned the Meeting at 2:11 PM.