

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting / budget work session of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Patrick, held at the Patrick County Community Center in the Community Room thereof on Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: David G. Young, Chairman; Jonathan Large, Vice Chairman; H. Danny Foley, Sr., Crystal P. Harris, and Roger L. Martin, Board Members; Michael Burnette, County Administrator; Jeannie Frisco, Assistant County Administrator; Eric Helms Monday, County Attorney; Mary Beth Roberson, Assistant to the County Administrator; and Donna P. Shough, Bookkeeper.

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

On motion by Crystal P. Harris, seconded by H. Danny Foley, Sr. and carried, the Board convened into Executive Session to discuss legal matters [Section 2.2-3711(A)(7), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended] and personnel matters [Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended].

Voting Aye: Young, Large, Foley, Harris, and Martin

Voting Nay: None

On motion by Jonathan Large, seconded by and Crystal P. Harris and carried, the Board reconvened into regular session, based upon the following:

WHEREAS, the Patrick County Board of Supervisors has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Patrick County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Patrick County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies.

Voting Aye: Young, Large, Foley, Harris, and Martin

Voting Nay: None

On motion by Crystal P. Harris, seconded by David G. Young and carried, the Board does hereby approve the employment of Eric Helms Monday as County Attorney on a half-time basis effective July 1, 2007

Voting Aye: Young, Large, Harris, and Martin

Voting Nay: Foley

The Chairman noted that Mr. Monday would also be employed by the City of Martinsville, Virginia. He stated, "I think it will be a very profitable and productive association for Patrick County". Mr. Monday stated that he looks forward to serving the citizens of Patrick County.

Mr. Burnette presented the Board with the County Administrator's Recommended 2007-2008 Patrick County Budget for its review, edit, and possible adoption. The Chairman noted that Board Members had assisted Mr. Burnette in preparing the proposed budget. Board Members Large, Harris, and Martin advised that they had not discussed the proposed budget with Mr. Burnette. Mr. Burnette stated the following proposed budget highlights: (1) 2007-2008 Proposed Budget totals \$37,184,277 and is in balance; (2) No tax rate increases; (3) County employees receive a 3% pay hike; (4) The Patrick County School System receives a \$150,000 increase in local funding; (5) Each Fire Department and Rescue Squad receives \$4,000 in additional funds for operations (33% increase); (6) Office Supplies and all Travel categories have been capped at no more than their 2006-2007 budget levels; (7) Contributions to all County parks are increase by \$500 (33% increase); (8) Contingency fund increased by \$52,042; and (9) \$432,895 in carryover funds are to be used. The guiding principal of this usage is that it only goes for one-time expenses and not for recurring items such as salaries.

The Board reviewed the proposed budget. Mr. Martin expressed his concern regarding portions of the proposed budget and stated that it needs oversight by the Board. He advised that he would present a proposal to the Board in the near future regarding in-house assessment for Patrick County. He stated that hiring a County Assessor might reduce reassessment costs and could produce more accurate results. He advised that carryover funds should be placed in the County's Contingency Fund. Mrs. Harris commended Mr. Burnette on the format of the proposed budget. Mr. Foley asked that the Board review the proposed budget

line-by-line. Mr. Large noted that the Board had previously discussed the possible increase of the Recreation Budget in conjunction with the newly implemented \$10 registration fee per child that participates in County Recreation programs. He noted that the County would be facing many expensive projects in the near future, such as a new jail facility, Patrick Springs Water and Sewer Project, and a new gym at Meadows of Dan Elementary School. He expressed his concern regarding the lack of a tax increase in the proposed budget. The Board reviewed the proposed budget and highlighted line items that would need further research and/or discussion by the Board and County staff.

Mr. Martin left the work session and was absent for the remainder of same.

Mrs. Frisco left the work session to attend a Tourism Meeting and was absent for the remainder of the session.

The Board discussed a digital filing system for the County Administration Office. Mr. Large asked if other county departments would be able to utilize the system as well. Mr. Burnette advised that they could. Mrs. Lacks noted that the School System is also researching the idea. The Board directed Mr. Burnette to continue to research the proposed digital filing system with the possibility of partnering with the School System and other county departments.

The Board discussed the School Board's Budget Request with School Board Member Bobby Rorrer and School Superintendent Judy Lacks. The Board advised that it would be committed to an increase over the School's 2006-2007 Budget of at least \$150,000.

Ordered that the Board recess until April 30, 2007 commencing at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Patrick Veterans' Memorial Building.

, Chairman