

At a Work Session of the Patrick County Board of Supervisors Monday, April 27, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Board Room of the Patrick County Veterans' Memorial Building and County Administration Offices Stuart, VA.

PRESENT: Crystal P. Harris, Chairperson; Ron Knight, Vice – Chairperson; Jonathan Large, Karl Weiss, and Lock Boyce, Board Members.

STAFF PRESENT: Jay Scudder, County Administrator; Alan Black, County Attorney; Geri Hazelwood, Assistant to the County Administrator, and Donna Shough, Finance Officer

Ms. Chairperson called the meeting to order.

Mr. Scudder spoke concerning the budget stating that the budget committee had gone through the entire budget and at the last meeting the Board had discussed and made changes to agency contributions. Mr. Scudder stated the budget is ready to go to public hearing at the pleasure of the Board.

At 6:15 The Board recessed for the Public Hearing as previously advertised to hear "PROPOSALS RECEIVED UNDER PPEA FOR PATRICK COUNTY JAIL PROJECT". Mr. Scudder stated the Jail Committee and others had gone through the process and had chosen one company to enter into a comprehensive agreement with which is Private - Public Infrastructure, Inc. The PPEA guidelines require that the Board hold a public hearing 30 days prior to entering into a comprehensive agreement. He stated the public hearing requirement became effective on July 1, 2008, and it is a prerequisite to entering into a Comprehensive Agreement. Mr. Scudder stated that this was a housekeeping issue and needed to be addressed before moving forward with the comprehensive agreement.

Mr. Scudder stated that the total amount of the contract for the jail project is approximately 11 million. He stated that of that amount 9,600,000.00 will be used for the jail and approximately \$1 million will be used for the Sheriff's office. Mr. Smith stated the twenty – five percent of the cost of the jail will be reimbursed by the state. Those funds have been approved by the General Assembly and are included in the state budget.

The Sheriff stated the importance of acting in a timely manner to get the jail built. He stated that if the jail was shut down the county would have to pay to house inmates in other jails and pay for transportation as well as time for the officers to transport the inmates. The county would also lose \$440,000.00 in state funding for jailers. He stated that the legislators have helped keep the jail open and is very thankful for it. He stated

that he and other county officials have been working closely with DOC on the planning and design of the jail to save as much money as possible.

The Board had discussion.

On motion by Lock Boyce and seconded by Jonathan Large to continue progressing with the County Jail Project, and carried unanimously by consensus of the Board.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Patrick County

Proposals Received under PPEA for Patrick County Jail Project

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002 (the "PPEA"), the Patrick County Board of Supervisors (the "Board") is issuing this Notice regarding proposals submitted for the design, acquisition, construction and equipping of a Patrick County jail project (the "Project"). The Board has received three proposals from interested firms regarding the Project. The following firms submitted proposals (the "Proposals") for consideration by the Board:

1. Public - Private Infrastructure, Inc.
2. Howard Shockey & Sons, Inc.
3. Vanguard Modular Building Systems, LLC

These proposals outline the offerors' qualifications and past performance, proposed approaches toward the design, acquisition, construction, renovation, expansion and equipping of the Project, and preliminary budget figures. The PPEA requires that the Board hold a public hearing on the proposals at least 30 days prior to entering into a comprehensive agreement with one of the proposers for the Project. Notice is hereby given to all interested persons of a public hearing concerning the Proposals at a meeting of the Board to be held on April 27, 2009 at 6:15p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Patrick County Veteran's Memorial Building third floor, Board Room, 106 Rucker Street, Stuart, VA 24171. Persons may appear and present their views at the public hearing. Copies of the Proposals are on file in the office of the Patrick County Administrator, Suite 218, 106 Rucker Street, Stuart, VA 24171, and are available for public inspection during normal business hours.

By Order of Board of Supervisors, Jay Scudder

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There was no comment.

Ms. Chairperson closed the public hearing/comment period.

Ms. Chairperson stated at this time 6:30 p.m. the Board will reconvene back into regular session to continue discussion of the FY: 2009 – 2010 budget.

Mr. Weiss and Mr. Large stated that a lot of time went into the budget and cuts were made. Mr. Large stated that he didn't know of any other place to make cuts to the 09 – 10 budget.

The Board had discussion concerning tourism and its importance to the county however, not agreed on by all members. They also discussed salaries for Economic Development and Tourism stating that significant cuts had been made.

The Board had discussion concerning the lodging tax.

The Board had discussion concerning the proposed tax increase at 46 cents per \$100.00 and twice a year billing. Ms. Tatum, Treasurer and Ms. Rorrer, Commissioner of the Revenue stated that if the county went to twice a year billing that they would each need one full time employee to help with the extra responsibilities that would be added to their departments. If the county does go to twice a year billing it would be permanent.

The Board stated their concerns with twice a year billing.

The Board had discussion on the importance of educating the public on the pros and cons concerning Land Use Taxation.

Mr. Scudder stated that the proposed tax rate would have to be advertised for 30 days. He stated that if you advertise a lower rate, you could not raise it thereafter. If advertised (April 29 –May 30) you could adopt after the public hearing at the June 8, 2009 meeting. The public hearing on May 11, 2009 will be for the budget and will be able to be adopted at the pleasure of the Board June 8, 2009.

On motion by Karl Weiss seconded by Ron Knight and carried unanimously the Board approved to take the budget with noted changes to public hearing. (see packet)

Voting Aye: Knight, Large, Weiss, Boyce, and Harris

Voting Nay: None

On motion by Ron Knight seconded by Lock Boyce to advertise the proposed tax rate increase, carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The County of Patrick proposes to increase property tax levies.

1. Assessment Increase: Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 69.66 percent.

2. Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment: The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$.3274 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."

3. Effective Rate Increase: The County of Patrick proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$ 48 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$.1526 per \$100, or 46 percent. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase."

Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.

4. Proposed Total Budget Increase: Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of County of Patrick will exceed last year's by five percent.

A public hearing on the increase will be held on June 8, 2009 at 6:00 pm in the third floor Board Room of the Patrick County Veteran's Memorial Building, 106 Rucker Street, Stuart, Va.

C. All hearings shall be open to the public. The governing body shall permit persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present oral testimony within such reasonable time limits as shall be determined by the governing body.

D. The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to the assessment of public service corporation property by the State Corporation Commission.

E. Notwithstanding other provisions of general or special law, the tax rate for taxes due on or before June 30 of each year, may be fixed on or before April 15 of that tax year.

(Code 1950, § 58-785.1; 1975, c. 622; 1979, c. 473; 1980, c. 396; 1981, c. 212; 1984, c. 675; 1990, c. 579; 2007, c. 948.)

Voting Aye: Knight, Large, Weiss, Boyce, and Harris

Voting Nay: None

Mr. Scudder asked the Board to raise personal property, and motor vehicle fees.

The Board did not choose to do so.

The TAC has asked for permission of the Board to create a website on Facebook.

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On motion by Lock Boyce seconded by Jonathan Large and carried unanimously to adjourn until May 11, 2009.

,Chairperson