

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY VIRGINIA, HELD IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 150 SOUTH MAIN STREET LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN R.H. RIEGEL
MEMBERS: C.R. COMSTOCK, R.S. FORD, M.R. SMITH, A.W. LEWIS, JR.
CLERK OF BOARD: CLAIRE A. COLLINS
FISCAL DIRECTOR: ROBERT E. CLAYTOR
STAFF: SHERIFF DAY, DAVID WHITESELL
SCHOOL BOARD: JOHN REYNOLDS, SUPERINTENDENT
LAURIE MACRAE, MEMBER
SARAH DEACON, CHAIRMAN

Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Riegel called the meeting to order. Supervisor Lewis gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Riegel explained the purpose of this meeting is to conduct a public hearing to give citizens the opportunity to express their views on the proposed expenditures for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 relative to the Rockbridge County Budget. It was stressed the budget figures to be discussed are at this point only estimates. The Board expects to adopt a budget on April 27th. Chairman Riegel asked all those who wished to comment either for or against these proposals not to involve personalities in the public hearing and if the citizen felt it necessary to please speak with the Board member from their district or ask to be heard before the Board in executive session. He then described the procedural steps the Board would follow for this meeting and gave an overview of the proposed budget which special attention called to the Board's established priorities of funding.

Public Hearing

Proposed FY 2009-2010 County of Rockbridge Operating Budget

Chairman Riegel called the hearing to order at 7:09 P.M. Ms. Bonny Wilson, South River Magisterial District, spoke on behalf of the Rockbridge County Public Schools Foundation. She clarified that private funds were only used for areas not funded by another entity. Ms. Wilson thanked the Board for the continuing support for the school system.

Woody Sadler and Don Ellis, Co-Chairs, spoke on behalf of the Sunrise Rotary Club and its annual Fourth of July Balloon Rally event. Mr. Sadler stated this would be the fifteenth year of the fireworks display which he feels adds to the quality of life of the area residents. He added celebration is the largest single event that local residents attend. Mr. Ellis elaborated that this is unique local event which families attend for healthy entertainment. The Sunrise Rotary Club requested \$4,000.00 from the County for this event.

Mr. Ryan Spitzer, Glasgow Town Manager, stated Glasgow Town Council requested he submit a description of the projects the Town is looking to undertake in the future which would be utilized by both the County and Town residents. He also

provided an amortization schedule for the proposed septage truck and a list of the cost for each of the upcoming projects. Mr. Spitzer thanked the Board in advance for any financial assistance the County could contribute.

Mr. Sam "Orie" Vest, Natural Bridge District, presented a number of issues and/or questions to the Board. The Board held a lengthy conversation with Mr. Vest taking under advisement the issues that would require research, directing Mr. Vest to the appropriate department for clarifications/answers, and clarifying the issues which the Board directly dealt with. Some Board discussion was held on how the public not in attendance of the meetings could be more adequately informed and which mode of communication would be more effective.

Further Discussion

In response to a question from Supervisor Comstock, Mr. Claytor explained how the County funds certain capital costs for the Town of Glasgow. He noted other than capital costs most County contributions to the Town were through matching grants. Mr. Spitzer was encouraged to request the Glasgow Town Council consider re-bidding for several services to determine if a cost savings could be obtained.

The consensus of the Board was to place adoption of the draft budget on the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 27th.

Adjourn / Continue

Hearing no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.