MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF YORK

Adjourned Meeting
April 23, 2013

6:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened. An Adjourned Meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 23, 2013, in the East Room, York Hall, by Chairman Walter C. Zaremba.

Attendance. The following members of the Board of Supervisors were present: Walter C. Zaremba, Sheila S. Noll, and Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.

Donald E. Wiggins and George S. Hrichak were absent.

Also in attendance were James O. McReynolds, County Administrator; J. Mark Carter, Assistant County Administrator; Vivian A. Calkins-McGettigan, Deputy County Administrator; and James E. Barnett, County Attorney.

WORK SESSION

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET

Mr. McReynolds indicated the staff had broken out the information in more detail on mandated/versus non-mandated services. He explained the format of the information to be provided, and he gave the Board some background on what had brought the County to this point since 2009. He spoke on the County and school funding since FY09 to FY13, the dollar change and the percentage change, which showed that school funding went up $3.8 million, or 7.1 percent, during that time period. Public Safety was increased by $600,000, or 2 percent. In order to make these increases, the funding has been reduced staff reductions equivalent to 23 full time positions in the General Fund. All other County funding during that period went down by $7.7 million, or 15.9 percent.

Mr. Shepperd noted there were approximately 12,600 students in the school division with $57 million being spent on them, and yet there were 66,000 people in the County with only $131 million being spent. He stated he was struggling with the large amount of money going to the School Division.

Mrs. Noll stated she felt it was important to note the bottom line because the Board's priorities have been school funding and Public Safety, but the hit has come to all other areas.

Mr. McReynolds indicated the Sheriff, Fire and Life Safety, and Communications have all shared with reductions in their areas as well. He stated every area has shared in the pain.

Mr. Shepperd stated that during the four-year period, school funding went up by $4 million, Public Safety was up by $500,000, and funding for all other services provided by the government has dropped almost $8 million. He stated his anticipation was that the Board has spread the budget out and it has gotten thinner and thinner in places. He noted that if the Board was not careful, services would have to be cut.

Mr. McReynolds stated next staff was going to present the next level down regarding the mandated and non-mandated portions of the budget, and the Board may want more specifics at the next work session about non-mandated services.

Mrs. Sharon Day, Controller, reviewed the mandated and non-mandated portions of all the Department/Agency budgets as follows:

General Administration: 68 percent mandated – 32 percent non-mandated

Non-mandated Services:

Video Services (3.5 FTE with expenditure of $300,000)

County Attorney (3 FTE with expenditure of $400,000)

Judicial Services: 48 percent mandated – 52 percent non-mandated

Clerk of Circuit Court/Commonwealth's Attorney (7 FTE with expenditure of $900,000)

Colonial Group Home Commission ($400,000)

Victim-Witness/Domestic Violence (1 FTE with expenditure of $100,000)

Sheriff & Adult/Juvenile Corrections: 49 percent mandated – 51 percent non-mandated

Sheriff (47.50 FTE with expenditure of $6.6 million)

Fire & Life Safety: 9 percent mandated – 91 percent non-mandated

Administration (1.50 FTE with expenditure of $200,000)

Fire & Rescue Operations (127 FTE with expenditure of $11 million)

Technical Services & Special Operations (4 FTE with expenditure of $500,000)

Prevention & Community Safety (2 FTE with expenditure of $200,000)

Emergency Communications & Radio Maintenance: 100 percent mandated

Environmental & Development Services: 86 percent mandated – 14 percent non-mandated

Administration, Calendar Program & Environmental Education (2 FTE with expenditure of $200,000)

Mosquito Control (3 FTE with expenditure of $300,000)

Financial & Management Services: 100 percent mandated

Commissioner of the Revenue/Treasurer: 29 percent mandated – 71 percent non-mandated

Commissioner of the Revenue (6.25 FTE with expenditure of $800,000)

Treasurer (6 FTE with expenditure of $600,000)

Real Estate Assessment: 100 percent mandated

Planning & Economic Development: 58 percent mandated – 42 percent non-mandated

Economic Development (Expenditure of $200,000)

Office of Economic Development (3 FTE with expenditure of $400,000)

York County School Division – Local: 60 percent mandated – 40 percent non-mandated

School Operations & Capital/Debt Service – Local (Expenditure of $24 million)

Library Services & Cooperative Extension: 5 percent mandated – 95 percent non-mandated

Library Services (32 FTE with expenditure of $2.5 million)

Cooperative Extension (Expenditure of $100,000)

Human Services – Social Services (Local Share) and Payments to Outside Entities: 95 percent mandated – 5 percent non-mandated

Payments to Outside Entities (Expenditure of $100,000)

General Services: 69 percent mandated – 31 percent non-mandated

Administration (2 FTE with expenditure of $200,000)

Grounds Maintenance & Construction (16.3 FTE with expenditure of $1.9 million)

Community Services: 16 percent mandated – 84 percent non-mandated

Administration (2 FTE with expenditure of $200,000)

Special Programs (2 FTE with expenditure of $200,000)

Parks & Recreation (12 FTE with expenditure of $1.9 million)

Tourism & Events (1 FTE with expenditure of $100,000)

Capital Outlay & Transfers to Other Funds: 95 percent mandated – 5 percent non-mandated

Capital Outlay & Transfers to Other Funds (Expenditure of $400,000)

Non-Departmental: 4 percent mandated – 96 percent non-mandated

Payments to Outside Entities (Expenditure of $300,000)

Non-Departmental (Expenditure of $1.55 million)

Appropriated Reserves (Expenditure of $50,000)

Discussion followed regarding the information provided.

Mr. Shepperd thanked staff for the good information, stating it was probably as low a level as the Supervisors needed. Other inputs the Board was getting have been well thought out to some degree, but the end result would be an amount of money taken out that would be so small it would not warrant the action. The statement of "Do not raise taxes" is purely philosophical and really not substantive input. Mr. Shepperd stated he was still not convinced that the 2.3 cent tax increase was necessary, but he still had to digest the information provided this evening.

Mr. McReynolds reviewed the upcoming budget dates.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs. Noll stated the staff had done a terrific job providing the Board with the information requested. She expressed her appreciation for the staff time put into it.

Mr. Shepperd stated it was good budget work. Now the Board needs to see what else it gets in terms of input from the citizens.

Chairman Zaremba noted the public hearing would be held on Thursday, April 25, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Room upstairs, and he encouraged citizens to come out and provide input. He also noted that tomorrow night was a very important meeting with respect to the Planning Commission. The final Comprehensive Plan Review meeting was scheduled before the plan was sent to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Zaremba also noted he talked to Mr. Wiggins today, and he was getting stronger every day, but still has a good five weeks on homebound medical care before his body was rid of the infection he has had. He was looking forward to getting back, and he would be patched in by telephone for the budget adoption, depending on whether it would happen on May 2 or May 7.

Chairman Zaremba indicated he had a visit today from the new regional director of the American Red Cross, and he expressed his consternation that the Red Cross did not submit a budget request to York County for 2014.

Meeting Adjourned. At 8:14 p.m. Chairman Zaremba declared the meeting adjourned to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 25, 2013, in the Board Room, York Hall, for the purpose of conducting public hearings on the proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Budget and Calendar Year 2013 Tax Rates.

James O. McReynolds, Clerk
York County Board of Supervisors

Walter C. Zaremba, Chairman
York County Board of Supervisors