

**At A Finance Committee Meeting of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors  
Held in the Conference Room of the County Administration Building, on  
Monday, January 10, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

C. Eric Fly, Sr.  
Rufus E. Tyler, Sr.  
Harris L. Parker

**STAFF PRESENT**

George E. Morrison, III, Interim County Administrator  
Henry A. Thompson, Sr., County Attorney  
Jerry L. Whitaker, Director of Finance  
Eddie T. Vick, Public Safety Coordinator  
Deborah A. Davis, Assistant to County Administrator

**Item 1. Sheriff's Department Request For Additional Funding**

George E. Morrison, III, Interim County Administrator, advised the Committee that Sheriff Raymond R. Bell and Eddie Vick, Public Safety Coordinator has been invited to this meeting; Committee Chairman Fly advised that he invited School Board member, Eddie Morris.

Dr. Charles H. Harris, Division Superintendent, and Mr. Onnie L. Woodruff, Treasurer, were also present.

Committee Chairman Fly called the January 10, 2011 Finance Committee meeting to order.

George E. Morrison, III, Interim County Administrator, reported that Sheriff Bell had submitted a letter to the Board of Supervisors on January 6, 2011 regarding overtime.

Sheriff Bell addressed the Board and requested that the Board appropriate \$75,000.00 from the Select Enforcement revenue fund to cover a projected shortfall in Selective Enforcement salaries for the 2011 fiscal year. In the first six months of the fiscal year, Sussex County Sheriff's Office deputies generated \$449,279.00 in Selective Enforcement revenue. Based on that figure, the Sheriff is projecting that his office will have generated close to \$900,000.00 by the end of fiscal year 2011.

Supervisor Fly recommended that the Finance Committee approve the Sheriff's request for \$75,000.00.

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR TYLER, seconded by SUPERVISOR PARKER and carried: RESOLVED that the Finance Committee recommends to the Board of Supervisors, to appropriate the additional amount of \$75,000.00 for the Selective Enforcement program in the Sheriff's Department and on the revenue side, inject \$800,000.00.

Voting aye: Supervisors Fly, Parker, Tyler

Voting nay: none

### **Item 2. Waverly Rescue Squad Grant**

Eddie T. Vick, Public Safety Coordinator, advised that Waverly Rescue Squad had applied for an 80/20 grant and have been awarded the grant in the amount of \$107,680.00. The County will need to fund 20% toward the purchase of an ambulance (somewhere around \$50,000), which includes the radio.

The Committee held a lengthy discussion regarding this issue.

Supervisor Fly suggested that staff invite a representative from Waverly Rescue Squad to the Board meeting on January 20, 2011 to provide an update on fee for services project. Supervisor Fly also suggested that the Board needs to start talks with Stony Creek about the same.

Supervisor Tyler suggested that perhaps the Board approve the aforementioned request for funding and then meet with the volunteer agencies to develop a different method.

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR PARKER, seconded by SUPERVISOR TYLER, that the Finance Committee recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors, funding of \$50,000.00 to assist in the purchase of an ambulance for Waverly Rescue Squad, providing that by July 1, 2011 all County fire department and rescue squad agencies come up with a plan of producing a financial report.

A substitute motion was offered by Supervisor Tyler that effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, all agencies requesting funding and submit a financial report. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Parker.

Voting aye: Supervisors Fly, Parker, Tyler

Voting nay: none

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR TYLER, seconded by SUPERVISOR PARKER to recommend for approval, to the Board of Supervisors, the request for \$50,000.00 to assist in the purchase of an ambulance for Waverly Rescue Squad.

Voting aye: Supervisors Fly, Parker, Tyler

Voting nay: none

### **Item 3. Elementary School(s) Project**

Dr. Charles H. Harris, III, Division Superintendent, and Mr. Eddie Morris, School Board Member, joined the Finance Committee.

Supervisor Fly announced that the Committee will be discussing proposed financing of the schools project.

After a lengthy discussion, the Finance Committee, by general consensus decided to schedule another Finance Committee meeting for Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 4:15 p.m., for further discussion.

**Item 4. Director of Finance Request for Salary Increase**

Jerry L. Whitaker, Director of Finance, distributed a document to the Board regarding his request for a salary increase and advised the Board that he would like to discuss this item at the next meeting.

**Item 5. Recess/Adjournment**

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR PARKER, seconded by SUPERVISOR FLY and carried that the January 10, 2011 Finance Committee meeting is hereby recessed until Thursday, January 20, 2011, 4:15 p.m.

Voting aye: Supervisors Fly, Parker, Tyler

Voting nay: none