

**At a Budget Work Session of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors  
Held in the General District Courtroom on  
Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 7:00 pm.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Charlie E. Caple, Sr.  
C. Eric Fly, Sr.  
Alfred G. Futrell  
Robert E. Hamlin  
John A. Stringfield  
Raymond L. Warren

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Deborah A. Davis, County Administrator  
Millard D. Stith, Interim Deputy County Administrator  
Michael F. Kaestner, County Attorney  
Andre M. Greene, Director of Community Development  
T. Robertson Blount, Director of Finance  
Raymond Bell, Sheriff  
Officer Aleesha Blue, Sheriff's Department  
Ellen G. Boone, Commissioner of the Revenue  
John Broderick, School Board Office  
Louise Brucato, Payroll Clerk  
Deste J. Cox, Deputy Treasurer  
Brenda H. Drew, Housing Coordinator  
Officer Regina Sumler-Drew, Sheriff's Department  
Anne K. Ellis, Accounts Payable Clerk  
Chequila H. Fields, Director of Social Services  
Captain Ernest Giles, Sheriff's Department  
Montaque Gilliam, Building and Grounds  
Stella Givens, Commonwealth's Attorney Office  
Sharon Hale, Sheriff's Department  
Officer Charles Hudson, Sheriff's Department  
Dr. Arthur Jarrett, Division Superintendent of Sussex Public Schools  
Officer Jeanette Johnson, Sheriff's Department  
Tony Johnson, Senior Animal Control Officer  
W. Travis Luter, Building Official  
Officer Gwendolyn Mayfield Maxwell  
Derrick McKenzie, Sheriff's Department  
Officer John Ogburn, Sheriff's Department  
Lyndia P. Ramsey, Commonwealth's Attorney  
Officer Matt Rawls, Sheriff's Department  
Officer Jimmy Shanko, Sheriff's Department  
Sandy Skinner, Commonwealth's Attorney Office  
Eddie T. Vick, Public Safety

## **STAFF PRESENT CONTINUED**

Gary M. Williams, Circuit Court Clerk  
Officer Raymond Wilson, Sheriff's Department

### **Item 1. Call To Order/Determine Quorum (7:05 p.m.)**

The April 29, 2015 Sussex County Board of Supervisors Budget Work Session was called to order by Chairman Hamlin.

### **Item 2. The Invocation**

The Invocation was offered by Supervisor Futrell.

### **Item 3. The Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

### **Item 4. Agenda Amendment**

Supervisor Fly requested to add the Pocahontas Project as Item 5a. to the April 29, 2015 agenda.

### **Item 5. Approval of Agenda**

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR CAPLE, seconded by SUPERVISOR FUTRELL and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the April 29, 2015 budget work session agenda to include the addition The Pocahontas Project as Item 5a.

Voting aye: Supervisors Caple, Fly, Futrell, Hamlin, Stringfield, Warren

Voting nay: none

### **Item 5a. The Pocahontas Project**

Being on the prevailing side of the previous vote for the Planning Grant for the Pocahontas Project, Supervisor Fly requested that the Pocahontas Project be revisited for discussion and to reconsider the vote to accept and appropriate the planning grant for the Pocahontas Project.

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR FLY, seconded by SUPERVISOR HAMLIN and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby accepts and appropriates the Pocahontas Community Planning Grant for the Pocahontas Project in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Voting aye: Supervisors Caple, Futrell, Hamlin, Stringfield

Voting nay: Supervisors Fly, Warren

### **Item 6. Budget Work Session**

T. Robertson Blount, Director of Finance, gave an update on changes to the Sussex County FY16 Budget since the previous Budget Work Session. The changes are:

1. Notice to Receive from Waverly Rescue – Revenue Sharing Contribution in the amount of \$130,000.00 for FY2016. This amount represents 40% of the estimated annual net income. In the previous proposed budget, the budget was anticipated a revenue of \$200,000.00.
2. A two percent (2%) salary adjustment was included in the previous proposed budget, awarded by the Commonwealth of Virginia for employees of the Department of Social Services. Subsequent to the previous presentation, notice has been received from the State that all Constitutional Officers and their staff are anticipated to be granted a two percent (2%) increase effective September 1, 2015. These salaries adjustments are reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Virginia.
3. A two percent (2%) increase was included for local county employees effective September 1, 2015 and Board members effective January 1, 2016.

T. Robertson Blount, Director of Finance, also opened the floor for any questions regarding the School Board Budget.

Board Comments were heard from the following:

Chairman Hamlin, Henry District  
Vice Chairman Caple, Stony Creek District  
Supervisor Fly, Courthouse District  
Supervisor Futrell, Waverly District  
Supervisor Warren, Blackwater District

Comments were also heard from:

Dr. Arthur Jarrett, Division Superintendent of Public Schools

#### **Item 7. Closed Session**

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR, seconded by SUPERVISOR and carried: RESOLVED that the

#### **Item 8. Return to Open Session**

#### **Item 9. Certification of Closed Session**

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR WARREN, seconded by SUPERVISOR FUTRELL and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby enters Closed Session for consideration or discussion of (a) acquisition of real property for a public purpose, applicable Code Section 2.2-3711(A)3 and (b) consultation with legal counsel, applicable Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(7).

**Item 10. Action on Closed Session Items**

No action at this time.

**Item 11. Adjournment**

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR FUTRELL, seconded by SUPERVISOR CAPLE and carried: RESOLVED that the April 29, 2015 Sussex County Board of Supervisors Budget Work Session is hereby adjourned 8:46 p.m.

Voting aye: Supervisors Caple, Fly, Futrell, Hamlin, Warren

Voting nay: none

Absent: Supervisor Stringfield