



CLERK'S BOARD SUMMARY

REPORT OF ACTIONS OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**MONDAY
April 23, 2007**

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Budget Mark-up Session

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At the Budget Mark-up meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, held in the Board Auditorium of the Government Center at Fairfax, Virginia, on Monday, April 23, 2007, at 9:11 a.m., there were present:

- Chairman Gerald E. Connolly, presiding
- Supervisor Sharon Bulova, Braddock District
- Supervisor Michael Frey, Sully District
- Supervisor Penelope A. Gross, Mason District
- Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins, Hunter Mill District
- Supervisor Gerald W. Hyland, Mount Vernon District
- Supervisor Dana Kauffman, Lee District
- Supervisor Elaine McConnell, Springfield District
- Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth, Providence District

Supervisor Joan M. DuBois, Dranesville District, arrived at 9:13 a.m.

Others present during the meeting were Anthony H. Griffin, County Executive; David P. Bobzien, County Attorney; Catherine A. Chianese, Assistant to the County Executive; Nancy Vehrs, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors; and Patti M. Hicks, Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

BOARD MATTER1. **MOMENT OF SILENCE** (9:11 a.m.)

Chairman Connolly asked everyone to keep in thoughts the families of the victims, as well as the shooter, of the Virginia Tech tragedy in Blacksburg, Virginia, last week.

AGENDA ITEMS2. **PRESENTATION OF CHERRYBARK OAK SEEDLINGS AND A PLAQUE** (9:12 a.m.)

Sally B. Ormsby, Chair of the Fairfax County Virginia 2007 Community Planning Committee, presented the Board with Cherrybark Oak seedlings and a plaque in honor of trees that will be planted in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown colony.

3. **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD FROM THE CLEAN FAIRFAX COUNCIL** (9:20 a.m.)

Rosemary Byrne, a member of the Clean Fairfax Council Committee, made a presentation to the Board regarding the “Don’t Litter, Can It” campaign.

4. **RESOLUTION TO POSTHUMOUSLY RECOGNIZE MR. MALCOLM “RICH” RICHARDSON** (9:27 a.m.)

Supervisor Hudgins moved approval of the Resolution to posthumously recognize Mr. Malcolm “Rich” Richardson for his commitment to the Fairfax County Public Library system. Supervisor Bulova, Supervisor DuBois, and Supervisor Smyth jointly seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

5. **RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE COLONEL GEORGE JUSKALIAN, WORLD WAR II AMERICAN PRISONER OF WAR** (9:33 a.m.)

Chairman Connolly relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairman Bulova and moved approval of the Resolution to recognize Colonel George Juskalian, World War II American prisoner of war, for his heroism and service to the country. Supervisor Hyland and Supervisor McConnell jointly seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Vice-Chairman Bulova returned the gavel to Chairman Connolly.

6. **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION PRESENTED TO MS. KERRIE WILSON** (9:43 a.m.)

Supervisor Hudgins moved approval of the Certificate of Recognition presented to Kerrie Wilson, Chief Executive Officer, Reston Interfaith, for receiving an

Exponent Award from the Meyer Foundation. Supervisor Bulova, Supervisor DuBois, Supervisor Kauffman, and Supervisor McConnell jointly seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

7. **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION PRESENTED TO MS. FLORENCE ROWLAND** (9:49 a.m.)

Supervisor Kauffman moved approval of the Certificate of Recognition presented to Ms. Florence Rowland for 50 years of service to the County. Supervisor Bulova and Supervisor McConnell jointly seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of nine, Supervisor DuBois being out of the room.

8. **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION PRESENTED TO MR. JOHN ADAIR** (9:54 a.m.)

Chairman Connolly relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairman Bulova and moved approval of the Certificate of Recognition presented to Mr. John Adair for 10 years of service to the County as Auditor to the Board. Supervisor Gross seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of nine, Supervisor Kauffman being out of the room.

Vice-Chairman Bulova returned the gavel to Chairman Connolly.

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9. **10 A.M. – BOARD DECISION ON THE COUNTY'S AND SCHOOLS' FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2007 THIRD QUARTER REVIEW** (10:05 a.m.)

(SARs)
(FPR)

Following an opening statement by Supervisor Bulova, Chairman Connolly disclosed that his wife was employed by the Fairfax Symphony and that under provisions of Virginia Code Section 2.2-3112, he was disqualifying himself from participating in any consideration of a request for funding of the symphony in the FY 2008 Budget. In addition, he stated that any subsequent vote regarding the FY 2008 Budget, in so far as it pertained to any funding of the symphony, would be regarded and recorded as an abstention.

Supervisor Bulova moved approval of the *FY 2007 Third Quarter Review*, including approval of Supplemental Appropriation Resolution (SAR) AS 07095, and amendment to the Fiscal Planning Resolution AS 07901 which includes the revenue, expenditure, and transfer adjustments and grant awards and adjustments contained in the County and School's Third Quarter Review as advertised, and SAR AS 06105 which reflects the final FY 2006 audit adjustments. Supervisor Hyland seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote, Supervisor Bulova, Supervisor DuBois, Supervisor Frey, Supervisor Gross, Supervisor Hudgins, Supervisor Hyland, Supervisor Kauffman, Supervisor McConnell, Supervisor Smyth, and Chairman Connolly voting "AYE."

Supervisor Bulova moved that the Board direct the County Executive to identify and redirect funding from current appropriations in the amount of \$500,000 for a one-time contribution to the Center for Multicultural Human Services (CMHS). Supervisor Gross seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued concerning the critical services provided by CMHS, its viability, and the need for the CMHS to put itself on viable financial footing.

Supervisor Hudgins asked unanimous consent that the Board direct the County Executive to monitor the status of this. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question was called on the motion, and it carried by unanimous vote.

10. **BOARD MARKUP OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2008 ADVERTISED BUDGET PLAN AND THE FY 2008 ADD-ON PACKAGE** (10:26 a.m.)

(SARs)
(FPR)

Supervisor Bulova stated that in the Board Agenda there was a page titled "FY 2008 Budget Proposal" inside the budget context, and she moved approval of the County Executive's recommendations for the FY 2008 Advertised Budget Plan with the FY 2008 Revenue and Administrative Adjustments as identified in the FY 2008 Add-on Memorandum dated April 12, 2007, and with adjustments outlined in the Board of Supervisors' FY 2008 Budget Proposal package, which will result in a balanced budget for FY 2008; the items being moved are as follows:

- The reduction of the Social Security off-set multiplier.
- Approving a managed reserve adjustment.
- All other consideration items are held, and not funded.

Supervisor Hyland seconded the motion.

Supervisor Gross clarified that the reduction in the Social Security off-set, from 64 to 40 percent, is a phased reduction.

The question was called on the motion and it carried by unanimous vote, Supervisor Bulova, Supervisor DuBois, Supervisor Frey, Supervisor Gross, Supervisor Hudgins, Supervisor Hyland, Supervisor Kauffman, Supervisor McConnell, Supervisor Smyth, and Chairman Connolly voting "AYE."

Supervisor Bulova moved approval of Budget Guidelines for FY 2009, and Budget Guidance for FY 2008 and FY 2007 Carryover Review as outlined in her handout entitled "Board Motions: Budget Guidelines for FY 2009 and Budget Guidance for FY 2008 and FY 2007 Carryover Review," and as described in her opening statement. Supervisor Gross seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued concerning Item 6 (School Board and School Superintendent funding request), with input from Susan Datta, Director, Department of Management and Budget.

Discussion continued concerning Item #1 (Targeted Budget Growth Rates), Item 13 (Neighborhood Zoning Enforcement), the length of the budget guidelines, and Item 15 (Police Department Prioritization within Existing Resources).

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The question was called on the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

11. **BOARD MARKUP OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FOR FISCAL YEARS (FY) 2008 – 2012 (WITH FUTURE FYs TO 2017)** (10:41 a.m.)

Supervisor Bulova moved approval of the proposed *FY 2008 – FY 2012 CIP (with future FYs to 2017)*, with the following amendments:

- Approve the proposed revision to the *Ten Principles of Sound Financial Management* to include authorization for the use of variable rate debt. It is anticipated that the use of variable rate debt will provide opportunities for interest rate savings, reduce arbitrage payments, and promote more accurate sizing for long-term bond issues.
- Amend the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act (PPEA) proposed guidelines to include the following additional guideline: Determine if the project enables the County to take advantage of an opportunity such as expediting a planned project, generating shared revenues, leveraging other resources, and/or serving multiple CIP needs.
- Support the building of a South County Middle School if funds are made available to the County Public Schools for this purpose, as long as no other planned CIP projects are affected.
- Make all necessary adjustments to reflect actions taken during the Board's decision on the *FY 2008 Adopted Budget Plan* that impact the CIP.

Supervisor Hyland seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued regarding the funding of CIP projects including the funding of a South County Middle School.

Supervisor Gross referred to the fire at the Lacy Center and asked unanimous consent that the Board direct staff to report with information regarding the possibility of building a new school on that site. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question was called on the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Connolly relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairman Bulova and asked unanimous consent that the Board direct staff to expeditiously report with information regarding the two new authorities granted to the Board in the Transportation Bill (HB 3202), which are impact fees and commercial tax rate differential. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Vice-Chairman Bulova returned the gavel to Chairman Connolly.

ADDITIONAL BOARD MATTER

12. **RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS** (10:58 a.m.)

Supervisor Hudgins referred to the issue of the retiree health benefit subsidy and asked unanimous consent that the Board direct staff to provide additional information regarding the impact on the retirees and the contributions that are being made.

Chairman Connolly relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairman Bulova and asked to amend the request to include any Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement #45 (GASB 45) implications, and this was accepted.

Without objection, the request as amended, was so ordered.

Vice-Chairman Bulova returned the gavel to Chairman Connolly.

13. **RECESS/CLOSED SESSION** (11:01 a.m.)

Supervisor Gross moved that the Board recess and go into closed session for the following:

- Consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A) (7), specifically the Public Private Transportation Act proposal on Rail to Dulles.

Supervisor Bulova seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

NV:nv

At 2 p.m., the Board reconvened in the Board Auditorium with all Members being present, and with Chairman Connolly presiding.

ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION14. **CERTIFICATION BY BOARD MEMBERS REGARDING ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION** (2 p.m.)

Supervisor Bulova moved that the Board certify that, to the best of its knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which closed session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board during the closed session. Supervisor Gross seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote, Supervisor Bulova, Supervisor DuBois, Supervisor Frey, Supervisor Gross, Supervisor Hudgins, Supervisor Hyland, Supervisor Kauffman, Supervisor McConnell, Supervisor Smyth, and Chairman Connolly voting "AYE."

15. **BOARD ADJOURNMENT** (2:01 p.m.)

The Board adjourned.