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REPORT OF ACTIONS OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Budget Mark-up Session

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At a 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 21, 2008, at 10:09 a.m., there were present:

- Chairman Gerald E. Connolly, presiding
- Supervisor Sharon Bulova, Braddock District
- Supervisor John W. Foust, Dranesville District
- Supervisor Michael Frey, Sully District
- Supervisor Penelope A. Gross, Mason District
- Supervisor Patrick S. Herrity, Springfield District
- Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins, Hunter Mill District
- Supervisor Gerald W. Hyland, Mount Vernon District
- Supervisor Jeffrey C. McKay, Lee District
- Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth, Providence District

Others present during the meeting were Anthony H. Griffin, County Executive; David P. Bobzien, County Attorney; Jan L. Brodie, Deputy County Attorney; Catherine A. Chianese, Assistant County Executive; Office of the County Executive; Regina Stewart, Administrative Assistant, Office of the County Executive; Nancy Vehrs, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors; Patti M. Hicks, Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors; Denise Scott, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors; and Ekua Brew-Ewool, Administrative Assistant, Office of the Clerk to the Board.

AGENDA ITEMS**1. 10 A.M. – BOARD DECISION ON THE COUNTY'S AND SCHOOLS' FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2008 THIRD QUARTER REVIEW (10:11 a.m.)**

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Following an opening statement, Supervisor Bulova moved that the Board approve the *FY 2008 Third Quarter Review* including approval of Supplemental Appropriation Resolution (SAR) AS 08107 and Amendment to the Fiscal Planning Resolution AS 08901, which includes the revenue, expenditure and transfer adjustments and grant awards and adjustments and associated managed reserve adjustments contained in the County and School's Third Quarter Review as advertised with amendments as presented to the Board in the memorandum dated April 21, 2008, related to net reductions primarily as a result of investment interest and sales tax projections, additional expenditure requirements associated with rising fuel costs and associated managed reserve adjustments and SAR AS 07148 which reflects a final FY 2007 audit adjustments. The General Fund balance as a result of these actions is \$0. Supervisor Hyland seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote, Supervisor Bulova, Supervisor Foust, Supervisor Frey, Supervisor Gross, Supervisor Herrity, Supervisor Hudgins, Supervisor Hyland, Supervisor McKay, Supervisor Smyth, and Chairman Connolly voting "AYE."

2. 10 A.M. – BOARD MARKUP OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2009 ADVERTISED BUDGET PLAN AND THE FY 2009 ADD-ON PACKAGE AND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FOR FISCAL YEARS (FY) 2009 – FY 2013 (WITH FUTURE FYs TO 2018) (10:17 a.m.)

Supervisor Bulova moved approval of the County Executive's recommendations for the FY 2009 Advertised Budget Plan, and the FY 2009–2013 CIP (with future fiscal years to 2018) with the FY 2009 revenue and administrative adjustments as identified in the FY 2009 Add-on memorandum dated April 9, 2008, and with adjustments outlined in the Board's "Adjustments to the FY 2009 Budget Proposal and CIP" package. These actions result in a balanced budget for FY 2009. Supervisor Hyland seconded the motion.

Chairman Connolly called the Board's attention to Attachment A of the Budget Proposal, Page 6, CIP, relinquished the Chair to Acting-Chairman Smyth, and jointly with Supervisor Herrity and Supervisor Hyland, moved to amend the motion to revise paragraph four as follows: "... in FY 2010 **to construct the South County Middle School.**" Supervisor Herrity and Supervisor Hyland jointly seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

Acting-Chairman Smyth returned the gavel to Chairman Connolly.

Supervisor Bulova highlighted the following elements of the proposed Budget Plan:

- The \$0.03 tax rate increase.
- That 90 percent of the total revenue is dedicated to the school system.
- Compensation for County employees – Funding pay for performance and market rate adjustments.
- Addition of third Strike Team to deal with overcrowding and code violation issues.
- Partial restoration of exempt limited term employees.
- Funding for Protect Children Against Sex Offenders (P’CASO).
- Funding for psychiatric services at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.
- Decreasing social security offset for service connected disability benefits from 40 percent to 30 percent.
- Maintaining the increase in the consolidated community funding pool.
- Restoration of Crisis Link, Suicide Hotline, and Alternative House.
- Burke Library opening on time.
- Increase in Adult Protective Services staffing by two positions.
- Source of funding to allocate towards the Clerk to the Court to redact social security numbers from electronic land records.
- Extension of the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) program for an additional five years.
- Commercial and industrial tax increase for transportation improvements.
- Increase to the Fall 2008 Bond Referendum for the Park Authority.
- Deferral of the public facilities portion of the Fall 2008 Bond Referendum tentatively planned for \$39 million.

Supervisor Frey, jointly with Supervisor Herrity, moved a substitute budget motion, a copy of which he distributed around the dais. Supervisor Herrity seconded the motion.

Supervisor Frey highlighted the following elements of the substitute motion:

- Keeping the tax rate at \$0.89, not increasing it by \$0.03.
- Funding for Pay for Performance and the market rate adjustment for County employees.
- Elimination of the athletic services application fee.
- Elimination of the Penny for Affordable Housing and the Penny for Stormwater Management.

Discussion ensued, with input from Jimmie Jenkins, Director, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, regarding stormwater management.

Discussion ensued, with input from Edward L. Long, Jr., Chief Financial Officer and Deputy County Executive, and Len Wales, County Debt Manager, Department of Management and Budget, regarding the Penny for Affordable Housing.

Supervisor Herrity highlighted additional elements of the substitute motion.

Further discussion ensued, with input from Mr. Wales, regarding the Penny for Affordable Housing and the Penny for Stormwater Management.

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Discussion ensued regarding the transfer of the revitalization function to the Economic Development Authority.

The question was called on the substitute motion and it **FAILED** by a recorded vote of eight, Supervisor Frey and Supervisor Herrity voting “**AYE.**”

Supervisor Herrity moved to amend the main motion to repeal the athletic services application fee. This amendment should not result in a decrease in the funding for youth sports programs. A reduction in revenue should be funded by a reduction in fleet vehicle services in the amount of \$1.2 million. Supervisor Frey seconded the motion.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the fee with input from Jan L. Brodie, Deputy County Attorney.

Following further discussion of the fee, with input from Susan A. Datta, Director, Department of Management and Budget, Supervisor Bulova moved a substitute

motion to the amendment to defer this issue to the Department of Community and Recreation Services for analysis, and this was accepted. The question was called on the substitute motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

The question was called on the main motion, as amended, and it **CARRIED** by a recorded vote of eight, Supervisor Frey and Supervisor Herrity voting “**NAY.**”

Supervisor Hyland asked unanimous consent that the Board direct staff to determine what the County can do cooperatively and collectively with the private sector and organizations engaged in preventing persons from losing their homes to find a way to keep people in their homes. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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3. **BUDGET GUIDELINES FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2010** (11:30 a.m.)

Supervisor Bulova moved adoption of the Budget Guidelines for FY 2010 as distributed to the Board at the Budget Committee on Friday, April 18. The second to this motion was inaudible.

Supervisor Bulova briefly highlighted the following elements of the guidelines:

- Revenue projections for the next year to be presented by the County Executive at the August 4 meeting and shared with the School Division.
- A “lines of business” review that will also include the Schools.
- An enhanced public input process.
- The revenue stabilization reserve and short term adjustments.
- Non-recurring funds to be used for non-recurring uses.
- The transfer to the Schools.
- Additional funding for Protect Children Against Sex Offenders (“P’CASO”).
- Support of additional safety officers for the Department of Fire and Rescue (Item 5).

Supervisor Bulova called the Board’s attention to Item 5 of the guidelines and amended the motion to change the word “requests” to “**directs.**”

Supervisor Bulova continued to highlight the following elements of the guidelines:

- Reaffirmation of the County's employee compensation system.
- Review of the concept of a twelfth step for fire and rescue employees.
- Review of the issue of a living wage in relation to exempt limited term employees and the provision of a recommendation through the Board's Personnel Committee.
- Reaffirmation of support for the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP).

A brief discussion ensued regarding DROP.

Supervisor Bulova also noted that the guidelines also include reaffirmation of funding for affordable housing and the stormwater management program.

Supervisor McKay asked to amend the language in Item 6 regarding comparative pay for fire and rescue employees to change "should" to "**must**," and this was accepted.

Supervisor McKay asked to amend the motion to direct that the General Fund revenue from litigation proceeds for court ordered fines for zoning violations that are collected in excess of \$122,215 already included in the FY 2009 estimate be made available to the Strike Team Code Enforcement Division annually as part of regularly scheduled quarterly reviews, and this was accepted.

Supervisor Hudgins called the Board's attention to Item 6 regarding the living wage, and asked to amend the motion to clarify an understanding that this would be discussed in a Personnel Committee meeting as soon as possible, and this was accepted.

With reference to Item 5 regarding safety officers, and clarification that it is directed at the FY 2009 Budget, Supervisor Bulova amended the motion to modify the title of the guidelines to include FY 2009.

Discussion ensued regarding the guidelines as well as the issue of any proceeds from a possible meals tax approved by referendum.

The question was called on the motion, as amended, which **CARRIED** by a recorded vote of eight, Supervisor Frey and Supervisor Herrity voting "**NAY**."

4. **A-1 – BOARD ACTION ON CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY FUNDING POOL (CCFP) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FISCAL YEARS (FY) 2009 AND 2010** (11:44 a.m.)

Supervisor Bulova moved that the Board concur in the recommendation of staff and:

- Approve the contract list and associated award of CCFP funds as recommended in and outlined in the Board Agenda Item dated April 21, 2008, Table A, by the Selection Advisory Committee for FY 2009.
- In accordance with the CCFP multi-year contract award process, accept the committee's recommendations for FY 2010 funding, contingent upon future federal and state funds as part of the FY 2010 budget process.
- Approve the recommendation of the Selection Advisory Committee (SAC) for the reallocation of new federal, state, or local funds, and any lapsing project funds that may be necessary during the course of this and future funding cycles.

Supervisor Gross seconded the motion.

Chairman Connolly stated for the record that he would be supporting the motion, but that he had deep concern regarding the lack of communication with the Department of Human Services Administration and the CCFAC with respect to the Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM). He stated his objection to the process and lack of communication.

Supervisor Smyth asked unanimous consent that the Board direct staff to remind the non-profits that:

- The Board holds them accountable for every public dollar invested in them and that the Board wants to ensure that it is being spent as effectively as possible.
- They need to submit their applications on time and signed.

Without objection, it was so ordered.

Noting that the Board had previously requested such a report, Supervisor Hudgins asked unanimous consent that the Board direct staff to provide a report regarding WFCM that outlines the findings and the active solutions implemented to proceed as an organization.

Following a brief discussion, without objection, it was so ordered.

Discussion ensued regarding a memorandum dated April 21 regarding WFCM that was distributed around the dais.

Following input from Verdia Haywood, Deputy County Executive, and further discussion, the question was called on the motion, and it carried by unanimous vote.

Supervisor Bulova expressed appreciation to the Board and acknowledged the efforts of Susan Datta, Director, Department of Management and Budget (DMB); and Joseph Mondoro, Assistant Director, DMB; and Edward L. Long, Jr., Deputy County Executive and Chief Financial Officer in budget development.

Chairman Connolly expressed appreciation to Supervisor Bulova and budget staff.

Chairman Connolly noted that the record for comments on the budget would remain open until May 5.

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5. **PROMOTION OF EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PROGRAM** (12:01 p.m.)

Supervisor Gross stated that the Board supports the Fiscal Year 2009 implementation of a comprehensive health promotion and wellness program for County employees with the purpose of improving employees' overall health and well being. The current program includes reduced membership fees at County RECenters for merit employees and retirees, as well as free flu shots for employees and retirees. Also included are an enhancement of the County's disease management program and the addition of Health Risk Assessments to the County's health plans to allow participants to help determine their personal health risks and take preventative measures. Additionally, targeted programming will be developed to address health concerns that most commonly affect County employees.

Supervisor Gross expressed her belief that it is essential that employees have the appropriate information and access to take advantage of the various components of this new initiative. To that effect, she moved that the Board direct staff, including the County's Health Promotion and Privacy Coordinator, to work with the Employees Advisory Council and other employee groups to promote and encourage use of the new wellness program and allow for employee feedback regarding the future direction of the initiative. Supervisor Bulova seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

6. **BOARD ADJOURNMENT** (12:03 p.m.)

The Board adjourned.