



# ***CLERK'S BOARD SUMMARY***

## **REPORT OF ACTIONS OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MONDAY  
April 20, 2009**

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**Budget Mark-Up Session**

**10-09**

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**DMS:dms**

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 20, 2009, at 10:08 a.m., there were present:

- Chairman Sharon Bulova, presiding
- Supervisor John C. Cook, 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; Catherine A. Chianese, Assistant County Executive; Nancy Vehrs, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors; Patti M. Hicks, Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors; Denise A. Long, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, and Dorothy Steele, Dianne Tomasek, and Ekua Brew-ewool, Administrative Assistants, Office of the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

**BOARD MATTER**1. **MOMENT OF SILENCE** (10:09 a.m.)

Chairman Bulova asked everyone to keep in thoughts the troops who are serving overseas.

Supervisor Hyland asked everyone to keep in thoughts the family of the late David Burke. Mr. Burke was very active in the Mount Vernon community as well as with many nonprofit organizations.

**AGENDA ITEMS**2. **10 A.M. – BOARD DECISION ON THE COUNTY'S AND SCHOOLS' FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2009 THIRD QUARTER REVIEW** (10:10 a.m.)

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

- A proposed tax rate on real estate of \$1.04.
- An additional tax rate of \$0.01 for the creation of a Stormwater Service District.
- The transfer to the Schools remains at \$1.6 million, which represents 53.8 percent of the County's total budget.
- Funding for Head Start, School Resource Officers, and Clinic Room Aides.
- Salaries for general County and School employees remain at the FY 2009 level.
- Reallocating funding budgeted for fuel.
- Reducing some of the amount originally needed to absorb State cuts.
- Reallocating part of the Penny for the Preservation of Affordable Housing Fund.
- The Board's office budgets are held at the FY 2009 level as reduced at Carryover.
- Reduction in funding for overtime in the Office of the Sheriff as a result of redesigning staffing of Civil Courtrooms.

- Restoration of tanker staffing and the EMS billing patient advocate for the Fire and Rescue Department.
- Reduction of the usage of take-home vehicles for the Fire and Rescue Department.
- Restoration of the Human Services Council and the Community Services Board's highest priorities, and other critical human services.
- Reallocation of the Penny for the Preservation of Affordable Housing Program.
- The Police Chief's Tier One Priorities and his Tier Two Priorities including his suggested alternatives.
- The majority of the Fire and Rescue Chief's Tier One Priorities.
- Reinstated the Mount Vernon Lock-up in the Office of the Sheriff.
- Maintained the Magistrate Supplement.
- Restored the two Watch Officer positions in the Department of Emergency Management.
- Part-time merit employees will be "grandfathered" to continue to receive health insurance.
- Adjustment of employee awards by adding an additional day of administrative leave for employees who receive Outstanding Performance Awards and length of service recognition.
- Partial restoration for physical security coverage at County facilities most at risk.
- Review of Pay for Performance as part of FY 2011.
- Restoration of funding for Riverbend Park.
- Elimination of the imposition of parking fees at lakefront and Riverbend Parks, the David R. Pinn Community Center, Community Concert Program, Showmobile, and the position that administers Farmers' Markets, Garden Plots, and Master Gardener programs.

- Maintaining the Athletic Service fee at \$5.50 per person, team, and season for groups and individuals.
- The Library Board's fee recommendations to offset the reduction for library book pick-up and delivery.
- Restored the reduction to the Economic Development Authority.
- Restored funding to the Office of Elections Absentee Satellite Voting.
- Partially restored funding to the Air Quality Monitor Program and two positions and work to transition the County role to the State.
- Partially restored funding for Commercial Revitalization, bus shelter maintenance, and trash removal.
- Reductions in programs and services totaling \$91.4 million and 306 positions (80 percent of the County Executive's Lines of Business reductions).
- Total Disbursements will be a decrease of \$22.3 million, or .66 percent from the FY 2009 adopted budget and a decrease of \$92.1 million from the FY 2009 Revised Budget.

**DET:det**

Chairman Bulova relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairman Gross and moved approval of the *FY 2009 Third Quarter Review*, including approval of Supplemental Appropriation Resolution AS 09107 and Amendment to the Fiscal Planning Resolution AS 09901, which includes the revenue, expenditure and transfer adjustments, and grant awards and adjustments, and associated reserve adjustments contained in the County and School's Third Quarter Review, and Supplemental Appropriation Resolution AS 08149 which reflects final FY 2008 audit adjustments. The FY 2009 Third Quarter Review is adjusted to reflect an appropriation reallocation between Fund 1254, County and Regional Transportation Projects, and Fund 309, Metro Operations and Construction, to enable the payment of the County's share of the Metro Matters program by June 9, 2009, in accordance with the County Executive's April 13, 2009, memorandum. The General Fund balance as a result of these actions is \$0. Supervisor Hyland seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote, Supervisor Cook, Supervisor Foust, Supervisor Frey, Supervisor Herrity, Supervisor Hudgins, Supervisor Hyland, Supervisor McKay, Supervisor Smyth, Chairman Bulova, and Vice-Chairman Gross voting "AYE."

3. **10 A.M. – BOARD MARKUP OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE’S FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2010 ADVERTISED BUDGET PLAN AND THE FY 2010 ADD-ON PACKAGE** (10:33 a.m.)

Chairman Bulova moved approval of the County Executive’s recommendations for the FY 2010 Advertised Budget Plan as advertised with FY 2010 revenue and administrative adjustments as identified in the FY 2010 add-on memorandum dated April 13, 2009, and with adjustments outlined in the Board’s “Adjustments to the FY 2010 Budget Proposal” package which had been distributed. These actions result in a balanced budget for FY 2010. Supervisor Hyland seconded the motion.

Supervisor Hudgins moved to amend the motion to:

- Include the local vehicle registration fee, also known as the decal fee.
- Use that funding to restore the full funding of the penny for housing.

Supervisor Hyland seconded the motion.

Following discussion, Supervisor Hudgins asked to correct the record stating that the car registration fee was:

- Placed in motion when the Board voted for advertisement.
- Discussed only at budget after Friday’s workshop.
- Clearly her preference.

The question was called on the motion, as amended, and it **FAILED** by a recorded vote of eight, Supervisor Hudgins and Supervisor Hyland voting “**AYE.**”

Supervisor McKay moved to amend the motion to:

- Adopt the vehicle registration fee at \$25 per vehicle.
- Reduce the real estate tax rate by one penny (from \$1.04 to \$1.03).

Supervisor Smyth seconded the motion.

**DAL:dal**

Following discussion, the question was called on the motion and it **FAILED** by a recorded of seven, Supervisor Smyth, Supervisor McKay, and Supervisor Hyland voting “**AYE.**”

Discussion ensued regarding the main motion, with input from Susan Datta, Director, Department of Management and Budget, regarding utility bills funding for volunteer fire stations and whether the funding would remain in the Facilities Management Department.

**EBE:ebe**

Following further discussion, the question was called on the motion, and it carried by unanimous vote.

4. **BUDGET GUIDANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2010 AND 2011**  
(11:35 a.m.)

(BACs) Chairman Bulova moved adoption of the Budget Guidance for FY 2010 and 2011 as distributed to the Board.

Chairman Bulova briefly summarized the following elements of the guidance:

1. A Board retreat will be held to discuss strategies and opportunities related to County services and the County budget. Specific topics will include:
  - A discussion of Board priorities.
  - The Penny for the Preservation of Affordable Housing Program.
  - Employee compensation.
  - The FY 2011 budget process.
  - Opportunities to increase fiscal transparency.
  - Board public hearing procedures.
  - Suggestions for the creation of a small, focused Countywide Citizens Committee. This group would make recommendations to the Board on specific budget issues for FY 2011.

Supervisor Hyland asked unanimous consent that the Board consider revenue diversification as part of the discussion. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Chairman Bulova continued her summary of the guidance as follows:

2. The Board directed staff to provide the following:
  - Forecast
  - Residential Tax Bills
  - Federal Stimulus Tracking
  - Collaboration with the Schools
  - Public Input Process
  - Revenue Stabilization Fund Replenishment
  - Available Balances
  - Fuel Savings
3. Suspension of the FY 2010 Pay for Performance System. The Board directs staff to:
  - Review the issue of compensation and possible adjustments to the pay for performance system and return with recommendations.
  - Balance setting premiums at a rate that covers the cost of the plans and takes into account long term General Accounting Standards Board (GASB) liability implications. As much as possible staff should attempt to reduce or minimize the increase in premiums for health insurance based on actual cost experience and market conditions prior to the fall 2009 open enrollment period.
4. Review the requirements on the County's Retirement System to include:
  - Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)
  - Corridor funding approach
5. Procurement Policies, utilization statistics, publicity and marketing options, accountability, and insurance as it relates to the potential creation of a sustainable home share program.

6. Impact of cuts on the Human Services transportation system and its clients.
7. Continued work with the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board and the INOVA Health Systems to extend emergency psychiatric services in the Mount Vernon area both during FY 2010 and in the long term.
8. Need to provide positive outlets for young people should be explored.
9. Staff analysis during FY 2010 to include:
  - Evaluating Management Structures: Review of supervisory and management structures in agencies and departments to identify opportunities to be more efficient.
  - Minimizing leased space: Staff is directed to provide the Board with industry defined metrics on space utilization in County government.
  - Evaluating alternatives for appropriating funding for Schools.
  - Directing that the Board's Public Safety Committee to review the Advanced Life Support transport system transition in the Department of Fire and Rescue Services.
  - Pursuing Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant funding to enhance the local fire departments' ability to comply with staffing, response, and operational standards.

Supervisor McKay seconded the motion.

Supervisor McKay asked to amend the motion to include language to pursue funding for the crime prevention program and look for reallocation of funding to keep some of these positions. This was accepted.

Discussion ensued, with input from Susan W. Datta, Director, Department of Management and Budget, regarding additional funding identified from the fuel cost savings and its use.

Further discussion ensued, regarding reduction of the tax burden on citizens and including it in the budget process.

PMH:pmh

Discussion ensued regarding the budget process and Vice-Chairman Gross clarified that budget discussions were open.

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

5. **10 A.M. – BOARD DECISION ON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FOR FISCAL YEARS (FYs) 2010 – 2014 (WITH FUTURE FYs TO 2019)** (12:09 p.m.)

Chairman Bulova moved approval of the Advertised CIP for FYs 2010 - 2014 (with future fiscal years to 2019) with amendments, as presented at the Board's budget workshops. Recommended actions are:

- Increase the bond sales amount for the Fairfax County Public Schools from \$140 million to \$155 million per year.
- Reprioritize the South County Police Station project currently included in the CIP "Beyond Five-Year Period" project list from Ranking Four, "Future: Anticipated, but not yet scheduled" to Ranking Two "Near Term: May be moved to the Five Year CIP in two to three years" and assess this proposed station in relation to coverage provided by existing stations. This project should be reviewed with other police station renovation projects in progress as well as proposed projects being considered as part of the next public facilities bond referendum or other financing options.
- Reprioritize the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board's (CSB) model prototype barrier-free group home project currently included in the CIP "Beyond Five-Year Period" project list from Ranking Two, "Near Term: May be moved to the Five Year CIP in two to three years" to Ranking One "Immediate: May be moved to the Five-Year Plan within a year" and direct the CSB to explore financing options, including possible federal stimulus funds, to support the project.
- Make all necessary adjustments to reflect actions taken during the Board's decision on the FY 2010 Adopted Budget Plan that impact the CIP.

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

Chairman Bulova expressed her appreciation to all those who worked on the budget.

Vice-Chairman Gross returned the gavel to Chairman Bulova.

### **ADDITIONAL BOARD MATTERS**

6. **VIRGINIA SCHOOL EFFICIENCY PROGRAM** (12:14 p.m.)

Supervisor Herrity moved that the Chairman, on behalf of the Board, send a letter to the School Board and the Superintendent strongly endorsing its participation in the Virginia School Efficiency Program.

Chairman Bulova relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairman Gross and asked to amend the motion to include this issue on the agenda of a full joint Board of Supervisors/School Board committee meeting as well as send it to the Smart Savings Committee and send information in advance of the request to have this discussion so that as much information as possible can be obtained, and this was accepted.

Vice-Chairman Gross seconded the motion.

Following discussion regarding the motion, the question was called on the motion, as amended, and it carried by unanimous vote.

Vice-Chairman Gross returned the gavel to Chairman Bulova.

7. **STAFFING ISSUES AT RIVERBEND PARK AND LAKESIDE PARKS**  
(12:14 p.m.)

Supervisor Foust moved that the Board direct Park Authority staff to resolve the outstanding questions of staffing at Riverbend Park, specifically whether a position restoration for maintenance is required and to report prior to the Board's next meeting. Chairman Bulova seconded the motion.

Supervisor Herrity asked to amend the motion to include all lakeside parks, and this was accepted. The question was called on the motion, as amended, and it carried by unanimous vote.

8. **ITEMS FOR THE RECORD** (12:19 p.m.)

Following a query from Supervisor Gross, Chairman Bulova announced that items for the record from the budget public hearings should be submitted on April 27, 2009, at the time of adoption.

9. HEALTHY FAMILY ISSUES (12:19 p.m.)

Following discussion regarding the healthy family issues, Verdiana Haywood, Deputy County Executive for Human Services, Chairman Bulova relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairman Gross and asked unanimous consent that the Board direct staff to look for ways to address the issues within the existing adopted budget. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Vice-Chairman Gross returned the gavel to Chairman Bulova.

10. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS TO ENHANCE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE DULLES RAIL PROJECT AS A COUNTY PRIORITY IN THE UPCOMING AUTHORIZATION OF THE FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT (12:22 p.m.)

Jointly with Supervisor McKay, Chairman Bulova referred to the written Board Matter regarding the Dulles Rail Project and stated that securing Federal funds to assist with transportation improvements in Tysons Corner and the Dulles Corridor can be an important way to support the Dulles Rail Project.

Therefore, given the significant number of transportation projects needed to transform Tysons Corner into an efficient, walkable, transit-oriented downtown that will maximize the benefits of the Dulles Rail Project, Chairman Bulova relinquished the Chair to Vice-Chairman Gross and moved that the Board direct the Department of Transportation to include a supplemental project entitled "Transportation Improvements to Enhance the Efficiency of the Dulles Rail Project" in the County's requests for federal earmarks as part of the authorization of the federal surface transportation program. Supervisor McKay seconded the motion.

Supervisor Hudgins asked to amend the motion to include the RMAG proposals, and this was accepted.

Discussion ensued regarding Federal stimulus funds.

**NV:nv**

Following further discussion, Supervisor Herrity moved to amend the motion to include a region-wide Bus Rapid Transit network as a second category for funding. Supervisor Cook seconded the motion.

Following discussion, the question was called on the amendment to the motion, which **FAILED** by a recorded vote of six, Supervisor Cook, Supervisor Frey, Supervisor Herrity, and Supervisor Hyland voting "AYE."

Following further discussion, Supervisor Herrity asked to amend the motion to direct staff to submit the request on April 22 and, if there is an opportunity to

revise the request at the next Board meeting, to provide a full report at that time, and this was accepted.

Following more discussion, the question was called on the main motion, as amended, which **CARRIED** by a recorded vote of nine, Supervisor Frey voting "NAY."

11. **EARTH DAY-ARBOR DAY 2009** (12:46 p.m.)

Chairman Bulova announced that an Earth Day-Arbor Day Celebration is being held on April 25 at the Annandale Campus of the Northern Virginia Community College located at 8333 Little River Turnpike. The event will include games, entertainment, food, and activities for the whole family. She expressed hope that County residents would enjoy the event and keep the need to preserve the environment in mind throughout the year.

Accordingly, Chairman Bulova asked unanimous consent that the Board direct the Office of Public Affairs to publicize the Earth Day-Arbor Day Celebration. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Vice-Chairman Gross returned the gavel to Chairman Bulova.

12. **MEMORIES OF A PLAIN FAMILY (MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT)**  
(12:46 p.m.)

Supervisor Hyland called to the Board's attention copies of the book *Memories of a Plain Family* that were distributed around the dais. It tells the story of an ordinary Lorton family from 150 years ago.

13. **INTRODUCTION OF INTERN IN THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE**  
(12:47 p.m.)

Chairman Bulova introduced Abdel-Rahman Hamed, a new intern in her office, and warmly welcomed him. She noted that Mr. Hamed is a student at the University of Virginia.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** (12:47 p.m.)

The Board adjourned.