

September 9, 2014
BOARD MOTIONS
FY 2014 CARRYOVER REVIEW

I move Board approval of the Carryover package including Supplemental Appropriation Resolution AS 15009 and Amendment to the Fiscal Planning Resolution AS 15900.

This approval includes the *FY 2014 Carryover Review* package as presented on July 29, 2014 which resulted in an available **non-recurring balance of \$11.22 million.**

Based on forecasts for FY 2015 revenues and the FY 2016 budget to be developed this Fall, it is important that as much of this balance as possible be reserved to offset FY 2015 or FY 2016 shortfalls. As such, I am recommending only one funding adjustment and have had also included 2 additional motions for the Board's consideration.

1. I move Board approval of one-time funding in the amount of \$179,000 to support a master site analysis and area use recommendation study for Lake Accotink Park. This study is necessary planning work that will assist in the development and enhancement of this vital County facility. Staff will continue to look for additional funding sources to support this planning effort and required design elements, including grant funding.
2. The Board of Supervisors has received correspondence from the Office of the Public Defender of Fairfax County

(OPD), requesting consideration of County salary supplements for staff with the OPD. However, staff in the OPD are state employees and their salaries are set by the Commonwealth. Funding for these salaries is and should remain a state responsibility. As such, I move that the Board refer this matter to the Legislative Committee, for support of additional state funding for OPD staff salary increases. The County's legislative program has long included support for increased funding of Virginia's court system overall, and this issue should be considered in that context.

3. Recently, the Fairfax County Public Schools Board approved the implementation of full-day Mondays for elementary schools, effective with the 2014-2015 school year.

This change will increase instructional time for students and will allow for 20 minutes of daily recess. In addition, the change will guarantee dedicated planning time for elementary teachers totaling 300 minutes per week.

The new uniform elementary schedule will eliminate making up inclement weather days at the end of the school year if fewer than 13 days are missed and will provide for a school year calendar that builds in consistent holidays, such as a full two weeks for winter break, and additional strategic planning days throughout the year.

In addition, one master calendar will be followed for all elementary, middle, and high schools. The School Board funded this implementation with a salary placeholder of \$7.6 million, provided for from FY 2014 net School system savings.

After funding this initiative, the Schools have identified reserve balances of \$23.1 million which can be used to address FY 2016 priorities. It should be noted that the Schools balance of approximately \$23 million is larger than the County ending balance of \$11 million even after the placeholder for full day Mondays has been funded.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is supportive of the implementation of the full day Mondays for elementary school and applauds the FCPS Board for prioritizing this initiative within its funding allocation.

In addition, the Board of Supervisors supports the full day Mondays implementation with funding resources of approximately \$600,000 at a minimum within the County's budget. These County costs are noted below. Therefore, I move Board of Supervisors' approval of the following funding allocations and guidance:

- Board approval for the Health Department to make necessary adjustments to allow School Health services to match new elementary school hours. School Health services include care of sick and injured students, administration of authorized

medications, monitoring of compliance with immunization requirements and communication with parents and health professionals.

Additional staff hours will be required for School Health Aides and School nurses as a result of extended hours. This work is estimated to cost approximately \$370,224 and this increase was previously included in the FY 2014 Carryover Review.

- Board approval of changes to the School-Age Child Care (SACC) program to support additional teacher planning and student development days as well as additional early release days and extended holidays. Staff with the Department of Family Services will attempt to balance the savings that will be associated with the weekly expansion of school hours against the costs of additional teacher work and early release days and will report back to the Board if funding changes are required.
- Board approval of changes to the Monday programming at RECenters and Nature Centers operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority. The recent decision by the FCPS Board to eliminate early dismissal on Mondays essentially eliminates the vast majority of Monday children's programs hosted at both RECenter and Nature Centers. Revenue losses of \$221,000 per year are anticipated.

Strategic regional program planning will be necessary to develop and implement alternative offerings; however, the revenue loss is anticipated to be realized in full in FY 2015. Staff is directed to return to the Board with how this revenue loss will impact Park operations and alternative programming options.

- Board approval of an increase in the FY 2016 planned transfer for School operations, which is currently projected at 3%, to also cover the FY 2016 costs of full day Mondays. The Schools have funded, within their Carryover Review, the preliminary estimate of Full Day Mondays for FY 2015. Once the actual costs of implementation have been identified, the FY 2016 budget forecast will reflect these recurring costs.

With this and other required adjustments, the remaining balance to be set aside in reserve for one-time FY 2015 and FY 2016 requirements is approximately **\$11.0 million**. Given the current County budget forecast for revenues in FY 2015 and FY 2016 and the State budget deficit recently announced, this balance as well as agency savings will be needed to address upcoming budget challenges.