

RE: RECESSED MEETING, FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2009, 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson.

PRESENT: Sherri M. Bowman, Chairperson
Timothy W. Cotman, Sr.
Gilbert A. Smith

RE: 2009-2010 BUDGET REQUEST – SCHOOL SYSTEM

Dr. Janet Crawley, Superintendent, with school board members in attendance, presented the FY2009-2010 School budget request to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Timothy W. Cotman, Sr. requested the following information from the school system, if available: Does the school system have statistics that show in the last five years the percentage rate of graduates; rate of improvement in student achievement; increase and/or decrease in students attending Governor's School & moving onto college.

Ms. Sherri M. Bowman, Chairperson asked Dr. Crawley since all of the coaching positions will not be filled, does that indicate that the School System will be eliminating all athletics from the system?

Ms. Bowman informed the public that the Board of Supervisors will not entertain questions and/or comments from the public at this time concerning the School System's FY2009-2010 budget. The public will have an opportunity to address issues at the public hearing on the proposed FY2009-2010 budget on April 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

RE: HOUSING PROGRAM DESIGN, CHARLES CITY COUNTY GILFIELD COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT

Mr. John F. Minielier, Jr., County Administrator presented to the Board of Supervisors the Housing Program Design, for the Gilfield Comprehensive Community Project.

HOUSING PROGRAM DESIGN, CHARLES CITY COUNTY GILFIELD COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT (CONTD.)

Motion was made by Gilbert A. Smith that the Board of Supervisors approve the Housing Program Design, for the Gilfield Comprehensive Community Project as presented by staff. The motion was carried as follows:

Gilbert A. Smith	Aye
Timothy W. Cotman, Sr.	Aye
Sherri M. Bowman	Aye

RE: REPLACEMENT OF CAR FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – LEASE AGREEMENT

Mr. John F. Minielier, Jr., County Administrator informed the Board of Supervisors that a vehicle for the Sheriff's Department was damaged during the course of normal public safety operations. Staff has obtained several quotes from Ford Motor Credit Company to lease/purchase a 2008 or 2009 Ford Crown Victoria to replace the Ford Crown Victoria that was damaged. The County's insurance company, VACo, reimbursed the County in the amount \$9,875.00 (the value of the damaged sheriff cruiser) which is to be used to assist the Sheriff in purchasing another vehicle. Options were provided for a two or three year lease-purchase on both vehicles.

Motion was made by Timothy W. Cotman, Sr. that staff be authorized to enter into an agreement with Ford Motor Credit Company for the lease/purchase of a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria in the amount of \$21,867.30 with the initial payment of \$9,875.00 due when the vehicle is delivered and two remaining payments of \$6,524.00.

The motion was carried as follows:

Timothy W. Cotman, Sr.	Aye
Gilbert A. Smith	Aye
Sherri M. Bowman	Aye

RE: FY2009 BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Mr. Jay A. Brown, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator informed the Board that in preparation for the FY2010 budget process, County departments have identified areas within their current year (FY2009) budgets that can be reduced.

The following outlines which departments that were recommended to be reduced in the total amount of \$124,172.00. Such reductions will require a decrease in the County's FY2009 use of the fund balance by \$124,172.00. Savings that can be generated in this current year will aid the County in producing a balanced budget in FY2010, assist tremendously in minimizing the amount of reductions necessary in FY2010.

Personnel Reductions

Planning Department - \$46,248.00 (Approved by the Board at the February 24, 2009 meeting).

Information Technology - \$25,516.00

Treasurer - \$10,709.00

Social Services - \$1,500.00

Codes Enforcement - \$300.00

Operating Reductions

Contingency - \$66,463.00

Management Services - \$250.00

Extension Services - \$3,000.00

Electoral Board/Registrar - \$1,300.00

Codes Enforcement - \$700.00

Planning - \$11,934.00

Planning Commission - \$2,500.00

Total Reductions - \$124,172.00

Motion was made by Timothy W. Cotman, Sr. that the Board of Supervisors approve the above budget reductions for FY2009 as recommended by staff. The motion was carried as follows:

Timothy W. Cotman, Sr.	Aye
Gilbert A. Smith	Aye
Sherri M. Bowman	Aye

RE: PRESENTATION OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S DRAFT BUDGET FOR
FY2009-2010

Mr. John F. Miniclier, Jr., County Administrator presented to the Board a draft budget for FY2009-2010.

Mr. Miniclier informed the Board that if the Board proposes a tax increase it will be earmarked specifically to fund emergency services operations for the County.

Following are comments made by Board Members:

- a. Gilbert A. Smith - Would like to explore other avenues for funding emergency services before proposing a tax increase. Mr. Smith also stated that rather than eliminating position(s) he would like for the Board to consider making some positions part-time, or combining services.
- b. Timothy W. Cotman, Sr. – Look at reducing work hours vs. eliminating positions.

RE: CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dr. Alton Washington stated that it bothers him when citizens come to a meeting and they are told they cannot make comments, if it could be explained to them why they cannot make comments, we need to better communicate to the citizens, they were very angry when they left the meeting.

Ms. Elnora Robinson informed the Board that students were told at school that the parents should come to the meeting tonight because there would be a meeting concerning cutting out athletics from the schools.

RE: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

Mr. Gilbert A. Smith stated that the Chairperson had informed the public that citizens would have an opportunity to make comments and ask questions at the public hearing on April 15, 2009.

Mr. Timothy W. Cotman, Sr. stated that in the community there was information there would be a public hearing tonight on the budget.

There being no further business before the Board it hereby adjourns to meet again on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

Sherri M. Bowman, Chairperson