

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia, was held on March 3, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., Room 241, County Office Building, McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia. This meeting was adjourned from February 25, 2020.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Ned Gallaway (arrived at 3:16 p.m.), Ms. Beatrice (Bea) J. S. LaPisto-Kirtley, Ms. Ann H. Mallek, Ms. Diantha H. McKeel, Ms. Liz A. Palmer, and Ms. Donna P. Price.

**ABSENT:** None.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** County Executive, Jeffrey B. Richardson, Deputy County Executive, Doug Walker, County Attorney, Greg Kamptner, Clerk, Claudette K. Borgersen, and Senior Deputy Clerk, Travis O. Morris.

Agenda Item No. 1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Price. She said the Chair, Mr. Gallaway, was temporarily delayed and would be joining the meeting shortly.

### **Introductions.**

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Agenda Item No. 2. Work Session: FY 2020-2021 Operating and Capital Budget.

Mr. Jeff Richardson, County Executive said Ms. Allshouse would walk them through the first part of the schedule and what they would accomplish that day.

Ms. Allshouse said they would presented a revenue update and an overview of General Government functional areas. She said there were several more steps along the way to finalizing the budget. She said March 4, there would be a public hearing; on March 5, they would finalize the advertised tax rate, and the Board would approve the proposed budget; and on March 11, there would be a work session on transit. She said, if needed, there could be another work session on March 17 for the Board to have on any topic or series of topics. She said on April 20, there would be a public hearing on the Board's proposed budget.

Ms. Allshouse presented a reminder of how the budget process works along the way. She said during this particular budget work session, she would be introducing some slides and topics, and that the meeting would be very interactive. She said the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) would be sharing information, and then the Board would be able to ask questions or discuss. She said there were also people in attendance from departments or agencies that can also add information to the conversation.

Ms. Allshouse said she would also move the meeting along at a good pace, and so if there was anything the Board wanted to put on a list for conversation, if they didn't have time to talk about it that day, they could discuss at the March 5 meeting. She reminded that this would be when they will complete discussion and finalize the direction for the proposed budget.

Ms. Allshouse said today's agenda was packed, and they were moving along quickly, with a couple slides for each topic. She said she was also fine, however, with whatever conversation the Board would want to have. She explained they would be working through the budget book that day, and that many of the chapters would be going in order. She said this would be going through the entirety of the budget document in the areas of General Government.

Ms. Allshouse said there were several items to cover, and then they would take a break at 4:30 p.m.

Ms. Allshouse said she would open the meeting with the revenue update, which Mr. Richardson would provide.

Mr. Richardson presented a slide, explaining it was one the Board would recall, as it was one of the main slides they used in accompaniment of the budget rollout on February 19.

Mr. Richardson said he would take a moment to go back and provide for the Board (especially for new Board members, as well as the audience in attendance) that several years earlier, starting in 2018, Mr. Gallaway was coming onto the Board, and he had some initial questions about the timing of the revenue estimates and when staff takes their last look in at revenue projections before setting them in accordance with building the budget and rolling it out to the Board. He said Mr. Gallaway asked if it would be possible for staff to push the revenue projections later in the process, with the hope of getting a more refined and precise read, then an adjustment, accordingly.

Mr. Richardson said in 2018, for the first time, staff took a second look at revenues in late February. He reminded the Board that this late February revenue check produced about \$391,000 for Local Government to consider as a technical adjustment. He said the vast majority of that was driven from real estate tax revenues, so there was a real estate adjustment in 2018 that went through the formula, resulting in the Local Government realizing an additional \$391,000. He said they sent the priorities to the Board to consider, and then the Board used that in the final adoption of their budget.

Mr. Richardson said in 2019, they did this again, and it did not result in any adjustments to

revenue projections.

Mr. Richardson said he would take a moment to talk about this for 2020, and that he would start with the slide that was put together when staff built their first budget assumptions. He said this was used to balance the budget as it was presented to the Board on February 19. He said it was not so important as to what those numbers are on the slide, but was a benchmark for the Board to look at.

Mr. Richardson said he would talk for a few minutes about what additional revenue the County has as a result of this big re-read in late February that was conducted by the Finance department, in conjunction with the departments who are affected by this.

Mr. Richardson indicated to a column on the slide, explaining it was real estate. He said real estate had a very nominal, slight upward adjustment, but that it was not significant in the context of the overall budget.

Mr. Richardson said the second column on the slide was local personal property. He pointed out a picture of a car dealership on the slide, explaining this category included cars and boats. He said this is where the County had a significant uptick from the last time staff checked in, which would have been the December to early January timeframe. He said this adjustment was going up approximately \$800,000.

Mr. Richardson said the third column on the screen was business driven (resulting from Business, Professional and Occupational License (BPOL) taxes), noting that this stayed the same.

Mr. Richardson said the fourth column was consumer-driven, noting that this went up approximately \$450,000. He said it was one percentage point in that it went up from 1.6% to 2.6%, respectively.

Mr. Richardson said these revenue sources are all used as they build into the budget for Schools, Local Government, and capital.

Mr. Richardson said he would fast-forward and break this down, as there were a couple smaller items that went with that. In terms of the bigger movement, he presented the updated shared local revenues per funding formula calculation. He said for the School Division, that is \$857,000; for General Government, \$572,000; and per the formula, \$195,000 to immediately go to the Capital Fund for next year.

Mr. Richardson said he would take a moment, for the Board's consideration, to drill further into the General Government shared revenue. He explained that he carried forward to the slide \$572,000, but that this was not the end of the story.

Mr. Richardson reminded the Board that when he presented the budget on February 19, he did so with the caveat that they had to take advantage of a one-time grant offer from the School System in order for the County to get to \$15/hour minimum wage effective July 1. He said he felt that short in implementing that July 1, as that would have been a two-year implementation strategy for Local Government, and Schools identified one-time funding available for the County to consider.

Mr. Richardson said once they realized they had additional revenues, the staff quickly discerned that the first thing they needed to do would be to deny that grant coming from Schools, and to earmark \$400,000 instead for them to complete the \$15/hour implementation. He said the good news with that is that then going into next year's budget, they do not start with a \$400,000 deficit. He said they would have had to make that up next year, but now, they will start with that obligation being at \$0, and the new minimum wage being totally implemented, which was good news.

Mr. Richardson said though it was not shown on the screen, the rough math was that this leaves Local Government for their share at about \$172,000.

Mr. Richardson said they then go to the next two columns on the slide, with one being interest income adjustment. He said staff has been continuously looking at interest income, and that they have comfortably adjusted this upwards of about \$108,000. He said this does not go into the share formula with schools. He said neither did the next column, which was the transfer from the tourism fund. He said this continues to do better than expected, and so when taking \$172,000 and adding it to \$108,000, then add in \$85,000, this gives the Board and staff the number, due to the late February check of revenues, that is about \$366,000. He said ironically, this was almost the exact same number that the County had two years ago, when they had about \$390,000.

Mr. Richardson said there was about \$366,000, and that once they knew what the next refined number was, staff quickly reconvened to look at the next highest recommendations that they were not able to afford, moving into the recommended budget, due to the fact that they did not have the money in order to balance.

Mr. Richardson said for the Board's consideration, the technical adjustments and recommendations for the Board's consideration is, to move forward through the rest of the budget, would be to add two additional police officers in the Police Department, which is based on the County's continued commitment to the Comprehensive Plan and the commitment of 1.5 officers per 1,000 population. He said they continue to look at this and use it as a benchmark.

Mr. Richardson said they then went to the next highest-rated need, which is two front line positions within the Finance department, which was driven in good part due to the transactional volume that continues to occur in the department, coupled with the commitment that the County made over time to support approximately 16 key fiscal agency relationships. He said this meant two full-time positions in police, and two full-time positions in Finance.

Mr. Richardson said the third recommendation made was in the Department of Social Services (DSS) Emergency Utility Program, which was to increase that budget from \$40,000 to \$60,000, which would take a one-time \$20,000 commitment. He said this leaves about \$28,000, and that staff recommended to the Board, respectfully, that they hold this in a contingency to continue to monitor the State budget and look for an opportunity with additional State funding to take some local funding and create a DSS position.

Mr. Richardson said with these technical adjustments, it balances them back to the number of \$366,510. He said this was on the operational, Local Government side.

Mr. Richardson said he would stop for questions from the Board before moving on with part two.

Ms. Mallek asked if the police money was for salary only, and if they have found equipment and vehicles in another spot.

Mr. Richardson said this was an excellent question, and that this was exactly the case. He said when they approached this, they wanted to look at the highest needs. He said he approached OMB and said he would like to pursue the opportunity to purchase the capital equipment or start-up equipment that is required for a new police officer. He said he would like to look in this year's budget (between now and June 30), and that Mr. Bowman said he confidently believes that they will be able to make that happen.

Ms. Price asked to return to slides 7 and 8. She said slide 7 shows an additional \$857,277 to the School Division, and then on slide 8, they are giving the School Division back \$400,000. She asked if this effectively meant that the School Division will get \$1.25 million.

Mr. Richardson replied this was exactly right. He said it is two pots of money and that he didn't want to complicate it. He said it is the \$857,277 (per formula) that would be operating, and that the \$400,000 is what they were holding for them, and the County never took advantage of that grant. He said Ms. Price was correct that the School Division has \$1.25 million.

Ms. McKeel said she knew the \$400,000 was one-time money for the Schools.

Mr. Richardson replied that the Schools were going to offer the County the one-time grant in order for them to go in tandem on \$15/hour implementation.

Ms. McKeel said it was always important for both sides of the house to keep straight what is one-time and what is recurring.

Ms. Mallek said \$857,277 would be recurring because it was coming from revenue sharing calculations.

Mr. Richardson said this was correct.

Ms. Palmer said last time they met, they talked about money that was not yet programmed, and what the Board might do with it. She questioned if this was one-time money, and that she would love to see, at some point, the addition of this money in the form with that money, and what is one-time and what is recurring money.

Ms. Allshouse said that Ms. Palmer was thinking about the one-time capital money they had been talking about, and now, they were in the operating budget, but it was still one-time. She said in their world, they think of capital and operating somewhat differently.

Ms. Palmer said she understood this, but that she was thinking about the different conversations coming up and how some money will be recurring. She said perhaps the transportation would be recurring money, but that she didn't know that, as they had not had that conversation yet. She said it would be nice to see it more comprehensively. She said there was some money (\$195,000) from this increased revenue going into capital.

Ms. McKeel said she had some thoughts she wanted to mention. She said based on what was happening with the coronavirus (2019-nCoV), it was very possible that the County would see a dip in tourism, hotels, and restaurants at some point. She said she wondered how significant that could be. She said they were already seeing travel being reduced. She said that she was not sure what the impact could be, and that it was something the Board should think about.

Ms. McKeel said on a similar train of thought, the County had reserves they could go to if they needed money to deal with local issues around concerns in the community. She said the rubber was going to meet the road in Local Government with the Health Department, and that she was asking if there was a comfort level that they have enough reserves that they could handle what might come at them, as they didn't really know. She said in looking at this money, she wanted to make sure that the Board felt comfortable with the reserve level. She acknowledged that over the last couple years, they had identified

several pots of money. She said she would like to hear the staff's thoughts on that, at some point.

Ms. McKeel said she mentioned this as she wasn't sure where to include it in the discussion. She said the County would likely know much more in another 1-3 weeks, but that certainly, this issue should be on their radar.

Mr. Richardson said the three pots included the 1% stabilization fund. He said they had carried a 10% fund balance for a period of time, and that several years ago, the Board and staff had the vision to create an additional 1% there, taking them to 11%. He said the second two pots he thinks about are the manager's contingency and the County Executive's Office where there is a pot of money that is one-time, and on-going. He said Mr. Bowman would be able to recite the amount there in all three areas.

Ms. McKeel said she wanted to put this on the table as something to think about, and perhaps hold a discussion at some point.

Ms. Mallek said if history was any teacher, they would find money in other places as well. She said they have a plan, but if that comes first, they have to be prepared mentally to think about that.

Ms. McKeel said another thing to mention was that at some point, she thinks it would benefit the Board to have a discussion around their 1.5 officers per 1,000 people. She said she was very comfortable with this and didn't know if it needed to be during the present budget cycle, but that there has been a longstanding 1.5 officers per 1,000, which they know is a low ratio. She said because they are now an urbanized community, which they were not when they established the 1.5, she would love to come back with the Board (after budget cycle, perhaps) to talk about possibly bumping this number up, or if this is sufficient.

Mr. Richardson said he had one other piece of information to share before turning the presentation over to Ms. Allshouse. He said there is one additional revenue check-in that occurred in the accompaniment of everything discussed, which was the Community Development Department-related fee projections. He said these fee projections that were originally expressed in the budget and balancing were made in the November-December timeframe.

Mr. Richardson said staff went back during late February to look at the volume of activity in inspections and development fees and are confident that this latest adjustment is consistent to reflect the volume of activity that is occurring and continues to occur in the department. He said the additional amount of money is projected at \$454,168.

Mr. Richardson said they would like to do two things for the Board's consideration. He said the first would be to add an Engineering Inspector position to support the Community Development Department workload and mandates. He said this would be a compliance-related position with a focus on water quality. He said the amount of \$97,869 for this would be consistent with the cost of salary and all benefits associated with that new position.

Mr. Richardson said as for the remaining money (generated from additional fees), staff would respectfully request the Board to hold this funding through the budget, with an earmark for external resource assistance to support the Community Development work plan. He said the Board would hear the presentation on the CDD Work Plan the next day at their afternoon work session. He said this was the work that Ms. Jodie Filardo (Director of Community Development), her staff, and the County Executive's Office has done, with the help of Mr. Doug Walker, to identify a strategy for the workload and prioritization of work. He said they believe it would be wise to hold the money in advance and align it accordingly with the additions that come out of the work plan.

Mr. Walker acknowledged that there are five projects that have been identified, and that four of which had not yet been addressed with the Board. He said as a Board, they would see this the next day in the presentation. He said the fifth project was the wireless policy. He said they believe all five of the projects lend themselves well to utilizing external resources and to complement current County staff in order to proceed with them. He said none of them have been fully scoped or scheduled, but all are meaningful and important.

Mr. Walker said the basis of the recommendation coming out that day was to use the resources identified through the activity of the department to reinvest into the department's work to support the interest of the Board and the community.

Ms. Mallek asked in terms of the CDD money and extra people if there was also a bucket of funding somewhere in the budget that would allow investment in mechanical means to improve their efficiency, such as tablets to take home. She asked, if there was some radical change in management, if there was money set aside to allow those things to be purchased that might turn the effectiveness of one extra person into 1.5 or 2 people.

Mr. Bowman said a couple ways they could address that was through the Business Process Optimization Reserve in place, in the non-departmental budget portion. He said this provides a source to make some process changes for CDD around GIS technologies and the like. He said they also have a much smaller bucket around the Innovation Fund, which is to allow smaller-scale projects to move forward. He said to the extent that the Board needs to address opportunities that may come up mid-year, these were a couple ways to address that.

Mr. Richardson said this concluded his revenue update. He offered to answer questions before turning the presentation over to Ms. Allshouse.

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#### Cross Departmental

Ms. Allshouse said before they talk through the different chapters of the budget book, there was something that they call "cross-departmental." She said these are things that will affect all departments that are pulled together into one slide in order to more clearly represent them to the Board. She said this was seen throughout the book, repeated in each of the departments.

Ms. Allshouse said the Board had heard there is a salary recommendation for a salary increase of 2%, which would be shown throughout departments. She said the Board heard about the VRS rate change and had discussed this a couple times. She said this is also getting reflected through all departments.

Ms. Allshouse said many jurisdictions, including Albemarle, actually budget salary lapse. She said they realize that the amount is 100%, but not every position is filled 100% of the time. She said they track this over the year, take the savings, anticipate and monitor this, and put the money to use. She said over the years, they have seen that they think they can somewhat increase this. She said this was based on a conservative estimate. She said they study vacancy rates, and that they think they can increase this a small amount so that salary lapse change allows for about \$354,000 in savings that OMB has applied and programmed in throughout the budget.

Ms. McKeel said her experience has been that when there is someone who has worked for the County for 30-35 years, then retires, and the County hires someone who is paid at a lesser salary, there is a budget salary lapse there as well.

Ms. Allshouse said this was correct.

Ms. McKeel said as they have had a lot of retirements, they do start to see this more.

Ms. Allshouse said OMB monitors this closely and felt comfortable with the adjustment.

Ms. Allshouse said the Board had heard staff talking about health insurance that is provided for employees. She said OMB monitors this along the way as well and have seen an adjustment in the current fiscal year of what they needed for a health care fund, which changed the base for FY 21. She said this resulted in some savings and a decrease in the cost, which is also reflected throughout departments.

Ms. Allshouse said there is a slight fuel increase estimate, which was distributed through some departments more than others.

Ms. Allshouse said she would now work through the budget book, offering to answer questions along the way.

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#### Reserves

Ms. Allshouse said the last time the Board met, there was a chapter called "Non-Departmental" on page 175, which tied into the Board's earlier questions about reserves. She said this was a collection of reserves where there is information placed about the reserves in the budget. She said the title on the page was, "Other Uses of Funds."

Ms. Allshouse said the Board could see a series of reserves for specific topics. She said there is the Board of Supervisors Strategic Priority Reserve. She said as Ms. Palmer mentioned earlier, there is one in Capital, and one in the Operating budget.

Ms. Allshouse said there is a reserve for Climate Action.

Ms. Allshouse said the item they just discussed, the Business Process Optimization reserve, was a reserve that can help with different process improvements.

Ms. Allshouse said there is a category called the Grants Leveraging Reserve, which is where the County had some funding available to take advantage of leverage grants from State, Federal, and other agencies. She said there is a reserve for that to make sure that they have matching money.

Ms. Allshouse said there is the Innovation Fund that was discussed earlier.

Ms. Allshouse said there was the Salary and Benefits Reserve for salary and benefit adjustments that occur throughout the year. She said the Minimum Wage Reserve was something they had been talking about a lot, and that although this was in one place in the budget at that point, it would be populated to all the departments moving forward.

Ms. Allshouse said there is an Early Retirement Funding Reserve.

Ms. Allshouse said the Training Pool is for additional training. She said departments have training budgeted, but if there is some specialized need or unusual training, there is an additional pool that department employees can apply for.

Ms. Allshouse said there is a reserve for contingency available, which is the one Mr. Richardson spoke about earlier.

Ms. Allshouse noted there are some other reserves associated with the Capital budget that were not listed there.

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#### Administration

Ms. Allshouse said she would move to page 75 of the budget, with a category called "Administration." She said that most of the internal administrative departments were included, and that it was an \$18.3 million category, with a 9% increase across the category.

Ms. Allshouse said for each category, there would be notable changes that were highlighted so the Board did not have to search them out. She said she would be pointing out changes in each category for the Board.

Ms. Allshouse said there is a department called Executive Leadership, which includes OMB, the County Executive, and a few other key departments which all work closely together. She said there was a change there to include \$35,000 for equity and diversity efforts that are in the works that they would like to do in FY 21.

Ms. Allshouse said there was an over hire position and some Laserfiche work going for records management in the County Attorney's department.

Ms. Allshouse said there was a change reflective of the voter registration move and the early voting situation that will require an additional position.

Ms. Allshouse noted a technical adjustment that the Board heard about at the beginning of the meeting, and that this was blended into the whole presentation. She said this would be two frontline positions in Finance.

Mr. Gallaway said in terms of the two additional Finance positions, this need had come up while he was serving on the audit committee. He said in terms of the audit process, they were starting to feel the need for additional positions there.

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#### Judicial

Ms. Allshouse said the next category or chapter was called, "Judicial," for which this category had \$6.2 million budgeted. She said there was a 4.9% increase.

Ms. Allshouse said there were notable changes that actually occurred in FY 20, but that they continue on. She said there was an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney position that was added in the current fiscal year, and that they would continue the funding for it in FY 21. She said another position was a Legal Assistant position for a Circuit Court judge that started in the current year and that they are continuing.

Ms. Palmer said at the Sheriff's Office, there were changes in their duties last year with respect to who has to take people to mental hospitals and the like, and that they were really stretched for people because of that change. She asked where the Sheriff's Office was with this in their staffing.

Mr. Richardson said he did not know, and that they needed to follow up.

Chief T.D. Layman, Chief Deputy Sheriff at Albemarle County Sheriff's Office, said there had been no changes to staffing. He said as of the end of January, the alternative transportation was supposed to roll out. He said it was presumed that this would possibly do about 50% of the transports. He said the first month of rollout, they transported zero. He said their needs continue to be stressed based off increases in other areas, such as increases in judges. He said the Sheriff's Office has asked for a position based off of a recent security need at Court Square, and that part of that equation was with the Temporary Detention Orders (TDOs).

Ms. Palmer asked if they expected to have help with the TDOs, at some point. She said she was confused about what the expectations are.

Chief Layman replied that the alternative transportation rolled out in the western part of the State, and that they were seeing numbers from around 30-40% of the alternative transportation company (G4S) doing about one-third of the transports. He said they rolled out in the County at the end of January, and that their numbers were higher (around 40-50%). He said in the first month in the southwestern area of the County, G4S transported 104 patients. He said in the first month here, they transported zero. He said this doesn't mean that they have to be transported by alternative transportation at all times.

Ms. Palmer said it sounded like a more complicated matter than being able to count.

Mr. Gallaway said he couldn't remember if it was last year or two years ago that out of the budget cycle, they put money over to the drug court. He said they were talking about it outside of budget time, and were talking about supporting it. He said he didn't know if they ever got what the return on that was.

Mr. Jim Hingeley, Commonwealth's Attorney, said he wasn't sure if he understood the question. He asked if Mr. Gallaway was referring to the money for the Commonwealth Attorney's Offices that was invested by the Board in drug court.

Mr. Gallaway replied yes. He said it was designed to offset jail costs going elsewhere. He said it wasn't a large amount, but that he was curious as to the results of this and if it was doing well.

Ms. Palmer asked if Mr. Gallaway was sure he was talking about drug court and not mental health court.

Mr. Gallaway said perhaps it was the mental health court, or the therapeutic docket.

Mr. Hingeley said the therapeutic docket started roughly a year ago, and so it might be early to have some measurement of outcomes from that project, though they were getting close. He said he would take a look to see the success of the therapeutic docket and what that may mean in terms of savings elsewhere in the budget. He said certainly, it means that there should be savings in the cost of operating the jails, and that is because the therapeutic docket was designed with a specific part of the population in mind, for people who are repeat offenders in the jail. He said the idea was to help those people, first of all, and second of all to reduce the jail population.

Mr. Gallaway said this was something they did outside of the budget cycle that the Board was all in support of, and that he wanted to see what it could produce.

Ms. McKeel said Mr. Hingeley could share the report numbers when he gets them back.

Mr. Hingeley said he would make a note to do that. He said it may not happen until after the budget season.

Mr. Bowman said on the budget side, Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR) is the administrator of that program, and that they have requested \$55,000 two years ago. He said that funding is continued to be recommended as part of the County's recommended contribution to OAR.

Mr. Gallaway asked if he remembered correctly that this was two years ago.

Mr. Bowman said it may have been a year and a half.

Ms. Palmer said she knew this wasn't the right time to get into a lot of detail about the Sheriff's Office, but that she was concerned about understanding the unfunded mandate from the State in the transport of mental health patients to hospitals. She said she would like to understand more detail about that, and if the Board should consider doing something about that and what is happening with the code (whether or not it is getting changed).

Ms. McKeel said she wanted to at least understand what the change is, and what is really happening. She said she was confused about it.

Chief Layman said that currently, the evaluator has to make the request for who can do the transport. He said if the evaluator (Region Ten) is not requesting alternative transportation, it goes to the primary law enforcement agency, which is the Sheriff's Office. He said they are not making that request, and that there is nothing to compel them to make a different choice right now.

Ms. Palmer encouraged looking to see if they could change that. She said she would now like to know the method of how this is done.

Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley asked what the reason would be for choosing one over the other for transport.

Chief Layman replied that it would be conditions such as age, if there are medical devices being used along the route, or if the patient needs to be transported in a more comfortable environment such as a cot or in an upright position. He said perhaps it could be an elderly person who doesn't need to be cramped in the back of a police car, and who is not a risk.

Ms. Palmer said she wanted to understand if there was something the Board should be doing on this matter. She said she hears a lot about this, as she has a husband that works in this field at Western State Hospital and deals with transporting. She said there have been some State changes that have been confusing, and that she wants to make sure the Board does what it can to make sure that they are covering this. She said she wondered if there was a lot of overtime being worked to get this done, or that this had at least been the issue in the past before extra staffing were provided the year before.

Ms. Allshouse said staff could provide more information.

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## Public Safety

Ms. Allshouse said almost \$51 million of the County's budget was dedicated to Public Safety. She said there was an increase of 5.8%. She noted the various departments listed, and that it also includes public safety agencies, the ECC, a portion of the jail, inspections (CDD), Fire Rescue services, and the Police Department.

Ms. Allshouse said the notable changes to mention were the two additional police officer positions, and that there was the Fire Rescue topic to discuss. She said Mr. Walker would speak on that.

Mr. Walker reminded the Board that during the meeting on January 15, in regard to some of the changes that were occurring in the Fire Rescue arena, that were reflected in this budget. He reminded the Board and the public that the change in Advanced Life Support (ALS) service is driven primarily by the notification of Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad (CARS) of their inability to reliably provide ALS coverage to the urban areas they have been covering on nights and weekends. He said that new information then puts Albemarle County Fire Rescue (ACFR) in the position of trying to then recover and provide the services that are expected by the community.

Mr. Walker said the remedy is to staff the stations at Pantops and Ivy to provide 24-7 ALS coverage in lieu of the coverage that is currently being provided by CARS on nights and weekends close to the urban area. He said it would also provide supervision and resources to cover not just that area, but the entire 725 square miles of the County. He said those 12 positions providing ALS 24-7 coverage for the urban area and extending out into the Rural Area, plus supervision, offset in large part by the transport fees that they will receive in billing the insurance companies for the transport. He said they already do this program elsewhere in the County.

Mr. Walker said this was an overview of the issue, and that he could provide more detail.

Mr. Walker said he would also talk about the Fire issue, for which information was provided to the Board on January 15. He said it was driven specifically by the request from Crozet Volunteer Fire Department that the County provide career daytime staffing to supplement their otherwise volunteer staffing other times (within nights and weekends) to support the rapidly growing development area in Crozet.

Mr. Walker said the firefighters' need to provide an engine company there 5 days a week, 12 hours a day would be provided by reallocating current resources from Stony Point. He said this would also require reallocation of current resources at East Rivanna to the Pantops area, and would provide the coverage, from the data that was presented to the Board, that would best cover both the Development Area and the Rural Area with those limited resources.

Mr. Walker said those were the two primary issues driving the Public Safety budget recommendation. He said he knew the Board had already received this information before in great detail, and that Chief Dan Eggleston and his staff were there to answer any questions the Board may have for their benefit and the public's. He said this was staff's overview to underscore the significance of this change in their support of public safety in the County.

Ms. Mallek asked if the cost of the 12 new staff would cost \$800,000, and the estimated cost recovery was slightly over \$400,000. She said by the time training happens and they get on the street, and the cost recovery starts, they would be at about \$332,000 for an extra month to run the extra ambulance.

Mr. Bowman said they looked a multi-year approach with Fire Rescue staff and what the cost would be when those positions are fully operational, and the EMS cost-recovery is fully active. He said the net cost of \$332,000 was what they expect this cost to be in the future. He said they expect those expenses will be a little less at first, as those positions are in training and getting started. He said they built this into budget to make the net cost \$332,000, and that is where it will be when they reach that projected point, when it's fully operational.

Ms. McKeel said when the supervisors saw there were 12 positions and they see a cost of \$332,000, there was no way that this made sense. She said it did work, however, if this number includes the cost recovery.

Mr. Bowman said in the first year, while those positions are being hired and trained, they allocated one-time money from the General Fund fund balance to cover that gap until those collections are realized.

Ms. Palmer asked if this was for the first two years.

Mr. Bowman replied it was about 15 months, approximately.

Ms. Palmer said it would then take about two years to get it fully on the ground.

Mr. Bowman said if these positions were approved on July 1 of this budget, it would be the start of FY 22, approximately, when it would actually be in service, based on the time of hiring, going through recruit school, and then a paramedic school after that.



Ms. Palmer said she had asked Chief Eggleston earlier that day where the money for the fire truck would be coming from, as there would be a fire engine put at Pantops and that money has to come from somewhere.

Mr. Bowman said they have a reserve engine that would be used in the interim, in terms of any sort of reallocation.

Chief Eggleston said they would be in the position, if they were to move forward with the reallocation, of needing a fire truck but that they would use a reserve in the interim. He said they are also going through the process currently of looking at their capital budget to determine if there are other areas and other projects they have to potentially go back for re-appropriation of those funds. He said there is a large business in the community who has previously explained to him that they are willing to donate some money towards that endeavor as well, and that he intends to follow up with that and hopefully get enough money to make that happen.

Ms. Palmer asked if this business would be contributing the \$800,000 needed.

Ms. McKeel said they shouldn't underestimate the ability to do that.

Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley asked if the 12 positions they were getting were EMS positions.

Mr. Eggleston replied they are cross trained as firefighters and EMS. He said they would hire the people, put them through recruit school, and that when they graduate, they go out into the field, and they would pull staff in for a paramedic class. He said that is why the estimate 15 months or more to fully spin up the resources, as it takes a while to train the staff, then train the paramedics.

Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley asked if there were any volunteers currently in training.

Mr. Eggleston replied they had a lot of volunteers in training. He said the majority of those are basic life support (BLS) volunteers.

Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley asked if none of them were going to be ALS.

Mr. Eggleston replied no.

Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley asked how many were currently in training, and when they were due to finish.

Mr. Eggleston replied that they have several EMS classes going on currently, though he didn't know the total count. He said to keep in mind that those EMTs are for existing stations that they have now, both in Fire and EMS. He said they would likely go back to those stations to participate in their volunteer areas.

Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley asked if they had no one from Stony Point or East Rivanna that is currently being trained.

Mr. Eggleston said though he wasn't sure, they likely do, and he would find out.

Ms. Palmer asked if the Pantops has been suspended or paused.

Mr. Eggleston said it has been paused. He said they anticipate opening that station back up as well.

Ms. Palmer said she sent an email to Ms. Allshouse the night before with a question. She said in looking at the budget, she wants to know more about the growth of the Fire Rescue budget. She said she looked from FY 18 to current time at the rate of growth, and that she asked Chief Eggleston about before this meeting about how much of that was growth related, and how much was a loss of volunteers. She said she was trying to get at is where they were going from here, and how far out they projected on this growth of Fire Rescue. She said this has been a question that was asked ever since she first got on the Board in 2014.

Ms. McKeel said this was reminiscent of discussions from 4-5 years ago.

Ms. Palmer agreed, expressing her desire to know where they were going with this budget, as it continues to go higher. She said at one point, they made a special fund for it, which ended up not being a good idea. She said she wanted to understand what the major drivers of this percentage increase of this budget are.

Ms. McKeel recalled the data showed them at the time when they had those discussions years ago that their community was not unusual, and that this is happening elsewhere. She said it was not as if Albemarle is an outlier in Fire Rescue.

Chief Eggleston said as he and Ms. Palmer discussed earlier, they have experienced significant growth, but so have their peer localities. He said in fact, Albemarle County Fire Rescue remains one of the lowest cost per capita departments in their peer localities.

Ms. Palmer asked what the driver is. She asked if it was because they were trying to offer much

better care, such as bringing both a fire truck and ambulance to calls. She said they are doing more things, at least in her estimation.

Chief Eggleston said he didn't think that in terms of their level of service, it was any more or less enhanced than what they see in other localities. He said what they see, in some cases, is a combination of growth and a loss of volunteers that is driving the budget. He said this came up in the budget work session as well and that Ms. Price had raised the issue about doing some forecasting to determine what this looks like in the future. He said they can do their best to determine that, but some of it will rely on the continued health of the volunteer system.

Ms. McKeel said sometimes, it is a matter of where people are choosing to live. She said they might anticipate that one area is going to be a growth area, and then it isn't. She said it is hard to predict.

Ms. Palmer said she was not asking to know everything for the future, but that the growth was substantial, and though she was sure that other localities are similar to Albemarle, it seemed like she was seeing Fire Rescue provide more things. She expressed that there are sometimes multiple trucks for one call, or a fire truck comes with an ambulance to a call where it may seem to her to be an ambulance call.

Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley asked if Chief Eggleston could explain why a fire truck has to go with every ambulance call.

Mr. Eggleston said this doesn't happen with every case. He said on high-acuity calls or life-threatening calls, they do send a fire truck to provide additional hands, since this is a true medical emergency that needs more people to help care for the patient. He said in some cases, like in the Rural Areas (e.g. North Garden, Scottsville), the fire truck is sometimes closer, and so they will respond and render care until the ambulance can arrive. He said the protocol to send both the fire truck and ambulance is industry standard and is not more enhanced or different in Albemarle. He said it is what they do to ensure they can get rapid care as quickly as possible.

Ms. Palmer asked if they know it is an ambulance-related issue, why they do not just send a chase car.

Mr. Eggleston replied that they do this, in some cases and that primarily, the volunteer stations use chase cars.

Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley asked if he was saying the career staff doesn't use chase cars.

Mr. Eggleston replied that sometimes the battalion chief provides that level of service, but the crews usually stay together because sometimes, they jump from call to call. He said if they pull one person off the road in a chase car, and then there is another call, they make a rendezvous with that engine. He said it is much more efficient if they take an engine, crew, and equipment with them to that first call.

Mr. Richardson said this was the protocol he was familiar with in North Carolina.

Ms. Mallek said when they were thinking about this and having more discussions in the future, she didn't want to see anyone complaining about not having anyone who are interested in volunteering because there are many in the County. She said one of the successes that ACFR has is that they have hired 30 career staff that she could think of just from volunteers who have had wonderful training in the White Hall District, and that some of them actually live or work in the City or in Waynesboro.

Ms. Mallek said they have to keep replenishing those volunteers to help with that training. She said she didn't want anyone to think it was coming to an end because they are getting good jobs, and many of the volunteers who are leaving are staying in the County. She said the County needs to work harder to fill the bottom of the entrance pool for those trainees to make sure they can keep them.

Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley said she completely agreed, and that she would like to know what they are doing to have a proactive, vibrant volunteer recruitment. She said those volunteers become career, which she thought was wonderful, and that she wants to know what they are doing to recruit volunteers. She said if they have to replace everyone, this would not be good.

Chief Eggleston said he could send the Board what they do now in terms of their benefits to recruit volunteers. He said they have nearly maxed out what they can do on their benefits, which is why they pivoted somewhat to talk about what it would look like if they were to provide stipends to their volunteers. He said he thinks they are at that level now because they have a robust benefit program. He said they were not having any trouble getting people in the door, but that it is challenging to keep them.

Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley said she would like to know how many total people are in the pipeline, and not just at Stony Point or East Rivanna. She wanted to know when they were going to graduate as well.

Mr. Bowman said to recap, he had heard three follow-ups to be provided to the Board. He said there was a question about the number of volunteers in training in the pipeline, as well as the breakdown by station. He said the second was the need for EMS in the Fire Rescue system budget and where this might be going in the future. He said the third was what they were doing to recruit and retain volunteers currently.

Mr. Gallaway said he missed something in the second question. He said he was reviewing the increases year over year and understood that the question was if it was due to growth or a lack of volunteers. He said it seemed to be a mixture.

Mr. Bowman said in a review of the past three years, a few things that come to his mind are the five additional positions that the Board added with Scottsville EMS to make it a 24-7 service. He said there was an additional position the Board added as part of a revenue update, which Mr. Richardson had mentioned, with the \$390,000, and that part of that will go into a training position for the Fire Rescue system for both the career and volunteer departments. He said another change that was made in the last few years was the public safety reclassification where every five or so years, the Human Resources department reviews departments to look at compensation. He said this included it for Public Safety, and a step fund.

Mr. Bowman said a third thing that comes to mind was the Board has made some policy adjustments to the volunteer rescue funding policy in part to provide greater support due to volunteers. He said this covers costs that had not been provided before to ensure they are providing equity to the volunteers as they would for career stations.

Mr. Bowman said he could provide more information, but that those were the three major changes in the past few years that came to mind.

Ms. Palmer said the reason she asked for five years was because they put Pantops on board. She said they did enlargement of some other things as well. She said she figured that in the past couple years, there has clearly been a volunteer loss, and that she was trying to get a better idea of how much is growth. She said perhaps this is impossible to answer, and maybe five years isn't enough to look at. She said she was asking for more than just two years because she was trying to remember some of the other improvements that they made for stations in the growth area.

Mr. Gallaway said growth was an interesting thing because even if volunteers stay stagnant, there is increased growth. He said clearly, they lost volunteers, but even if they stay stagnant, they would be behind.

Ms. Palmer said they put in the Pantops station, and she remembers from 2015 that the operating cost of that was \$1.7 million in the budget. She said this was pretty big for a small station. She said she assumed that the operating costs would likely be more now. She said she was trying to understand the increases of 10-12% each year and where the money was going.

Mr. Gallaway said he could appreciate taking the team and the right equipment on each call because in the urban ring, for instance, Seminole Trail is most of the time already on the call when they are called in. He said that station is serving a third of the calls.

Mr. Eggleston said it is the busiest station.

Mr. Gallaway said most of the time, they receive calls are when they are already on a call.

Mr. Eggleston said they jump around quite a bit.

Ms. Palmer said she was familiar with situations in rural areas where multiple fire trucks showed up for one accident. She said this was the part that she didn't understand. She said she understands that it is a system and they have to be ready to go other places.

Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley asked if it would be more cost effective to give the volunteers a stipend, or to put into their individual retirement account, which then may prolong their time with the County.

Mr. Eggleston replied that Fire Rescue did have an interest for a while about a retirement system but when they had follow-up focus groups the idea didn't get a lot of feedback. He said in terms of what options are out there, the stipend is something that has gotten a lot of interest.

Ms. Mallek said on page 112, it referred to overhires for ECC and increasing overtime. She expressed concern about the difference in cost between paying overtime versus hiring another staff person. She said she is always cautious when a department has a lot of overtime but does not request additional staff.

Mr. Bowman said he would follow up with more information.

Mr. Gallaway asked if the revenue update included the cost for two additional police and if that was included in the total \$2.8 million.

Ms. Allshouse replied that it was included in that number.

Ms. Mallek said Earlysville Fire House has been down 50% of the time because of shifting day staff to other stations. She asked if there is a plan moving forward in this budget to address this concern.

Mr. Gallaway asked how the equipment for additional staff for the police would be covered (e.g. with one-time costs).

Ms. Allshouse said the plan currently is to do that, as was discussed previously.

Ms. Palmer asked if this was using some of the one-time money that they had discussed at the last meeting.

Ms. Allshouse replied that they have talked about doing that in the current year, so finding a way to do it in FY 20. She said it hasn't been anything they have actually talked about.

Mr. Bowman said they had identified additional savings for those one-time police costs that they can reserve in the current year with no problem.

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#### Public Works

Ms. Allshouse said the budget for Public Works was \$6.9 million, with a 7.6% increase. She said this included the Facilities and Environmental Services (FES) department and Rivanna Solid Waste Authority (RSWA).

Ms. Allshouse said notable changes include that in FES, they are taking a temporary employee to a full-time position. She said in RSWA, there is a contribution increase of \$371,000, operating costs associated with the opening of the Ivy Convenience Center, an increase in contract rates for hauling and disposal of solid waste from the Ivy Transfer Station, and the rising cost of the Ivy wood chipping program and fuel.

Ms. Palmer asked if they would still be working with the City on street cleaning and leaf collection.

Mr. Lance Stewart (Director of FES) said they have been in discussions with the City of Charlottesville for about a year and a half. He said they're at the point where they have an agreement in principal about the cost allocation methodology. He said they have asked the City to consider, and they have agreed in principle, to deliver any spoils they collect while sweeping County streets to the Ivy facility. He said they have tested this to make sure that works out.

Mr. Stewart said they were at the point to get this agreement in place, but the City will need to meet with them to make a final determination on their hourly rates to cover their equipment operators. He said it would be overtime, weekend work for them. He said they are also considering the cost to operate the equipment and the depreciation being covered on that.

Mr. Stewart said they were close, and that he was hopeful they would have something in a MOU for a one-year trial that calendar year, that they could bring back to both City Council and the Board of Supervisors at the same time to make sure that everyone is comfortable with the investment. He said he was confident that, if they could do it, it was the best way they could spend their dollars at this point.

Ms. McKeel said this made a lot of sense, and that she appreciated everyone working hard on it.

Ms. Mallek asked if there would be a TMDL (total maximum daily load) benefit to offset the cost of the program.

Mr. Stewart replied yes. He said the streets they would be sweeping are actually within VDOT's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, but that they have agreed (in principle, although this would need to be firmed up in an agreement as well) to allow the County to claim those credits.

Ms. Palmer said the budget report talks about the jailer's house and that a few years ago, there were discussions about how much it would cost to rehabilitate it, as it was continuing to crumble and may not have been repairable if they did not act. She said there had previously been discussions about how long the County wanted to keep that asset on their books. She asked what the state of repair is and if it was stabilized.

Mr. Stewart said to his understanding, there haven't been any actions taken to stabilize that wall further. He said he had cause to read the report a few months ago to revisit the issue, and that he has had some conversations with the architect they are negotiating with on the courts project to potentially take a look at this further and give it some thought in terms of the Master Plan in that area. He said they were very early into that discussion, however.

Mr. Henry asked if Ms. Palmer was referring to the wall around the jail.

Ms. Palmer said she was told that the wall and also the jailer's house was moldy and had asbestos in it, and that it wasn't really repairable. She said there have been discussions as to if it should be torn down, or if a portion should be kept. She asked if Tourism might want to do something else with that very valuable piece of property. She said she was trying to understand if they are using that property to its best potential and if they were doing this correctly.

Ms. McKeel said this was back when they were talking about that facility and worked with the Historic Society, as there was hope that they would help, but that it didn't work out.

Ms. Palmer said it is still there, and it is a valuable piece of property. She said it might be valuable, in the future, for the Board to revisit that valuable piece of property in the middle of the City that

is crumbling.

Mr. Henry suggested leveraging the architect on that project to get ideas on how to incorporate something into the courts project.

Ms. McKeel said there were some cool things that could happen there.

Ms. Palmer said they had talked about keeping a portion of it, go around it, or what.

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#### Health and Welfare, including ABRT

Ms. Allshouse said this is a category that includes the Department of Social Services (DSS), programs DSS is associated with (e.g. Bright Stars, CSA funding), the Charlottesville-Albemarle Health Department, Region Ten, tax relief to the elderly, and health and welfare agencies (including most of the ABRT agencies).

Ms. Allshouse said the notable changes included a small increase to the Children Services Act fund, though the General Fund transfer remains the same. She said the Charlottesville-Albemarle Health Department now has health worker position included at the Yancey Community Center, as was discussed earlier in the revenue update. She said DSS was updated from that morning's revenue update, with an additional \$20,000 in the emergency utility program, and some funding available to leverage State funding for DSS, as it becomes available.

Ms. Price said to follow up on Ms. McKeel's earlier comments with regard to the Coronavirus, since it may affect a decrease in revenues, she was very concerned to make sure they have enough money set aside for the Health Department to increase its expenses that she believes they should anticipate will occur as a result of that. She said at that moment, they had no idea just how severe it would be, but in looking at the other countries and the spread of the illness, it would be foolish to think that they would not have similar impacts in Albemarle.

Ms. Price said she appreciated Mr. Richardson's earlier comments about some of the reserves, but that she didn't know where they could get some information and data to help them try to calculate what these expenses might be. She said the impacts could be extremely severe, and that she appreciated Ms. McKeel bringing this up on the revenue side, as her concerns were more on the expenditure side.

Ms. McKeel said they didn't want to be inflammatory in this meeting about this, but that there would certainly be impacts, and there would be additional expenses. She said they need to think about being prepared and think about people in nursing homes as well as in jails.

Ms. Price added that schools would be impacted.

Ms. McKeel agreed.

Ms. Mallek said perhaps someone could talk to Dr. Denise Bonds about the matter.

Mr. Walker said the County Executive department was actively engaged with the partner agencies, City, and University, and working on mitigation and contingency planning beyond what they were currently putting out, which was referring people to CDC websites. He said they would continue to provide the Board and community with information as it plays out. He said it was likely enough to satisfy the matter currently, but that staff would be getting back as they get more information.

Ms. Price said as a community, they were fortunate by virtue of the fact that they have two exceptional health care systems there that many other communities do not have. She said this also means that they will likely see some stresses from the surrounding areas, as they seek the services that Albemarle can offer them.

Mr. Walker said there is an emergency management function that can help the Board make the County participation in these efforts. He said they have public safety agency's offices that have their own operational implications as they want to maintain continuity of operations. He said as an employer, they have an opportunity to lead by example and share that example with other large employers on how to care for employees so that they are being responsible. He said there are a number of avenues that they are attentive to in trying to position themselves to be responsible, going forward.

Mr. Gallaway said with regards to the emergency utility program, they heard a public comment in the past about an emergency assistance fund. He said though there was different language used, he wondered if there was some crossover. He mentioned an emergency housing fund.

Ms. Phyllis Savides (Director of Social Services) said historically, the County has given DSS a small amount to help DSS clients with utility bills, either delinquent bills or helping them catchup. She said when the CARES program was dissolved, the money that had been given to CARES came back to the County and was given to DSS. She said that now, this emergency utility fund can also help with housing costs. She said they basically assist the DSS clients who cannot access any other funding source to help with rent, electric bills, and heating bills to help them maintain their housing situation. She said it is limited to a client who is already enrolled in the Social Services program.

Ms. Savides said they asked for the increase because the City's call-in service where people are calling in for help gets a lot of calls from County residents. She said obviously, they cannot serve them all, but at least they are able to serve the ones that are already involved with that program. She said it was different than any other housing fund and was helping to pay with rents, delinquent mortgages, and the like. She said in the budget document this fund is also discussed using the term "general relief" but that there is not a separate "General Relief Fund".

Ms. Allshouse said with regards to the Agency Budget Review Team (ABRT), Mr. John Freeman was in the audience to answer any specific questions. She said before a couple years ago, this was a process that was done coordinating with the City, but that the last two years has been a County-only process. She said the process was streamlined, and some of the agencies are reviewed by staff teams while another group of projects are reviewed by the ABRT team, which included nine volunteers and three staff members this year.

Ms. Allshouse said the mentioned the application scoring matrix has been the same over the past four years. She said staff made their funding recommendations based on the ABRT ratings and context of the overall budget development. She said existing agencies and programs have been recommended at level funding, and that there were no new or expanded program requests included in the recommended budget, although four were rated as exemplary that had applied.

Ms. Palmer asked going forward, if they would be working with the City next year. She asked if they have finished their process and how they would combine them.

Ms. Allshouse replied the City's process is different than the County's. She said that they are doing a priority matrix with their strategic goals but that their process is a little different. She said there is a staff team that, after the budget has been approved, will be working on putting together some recommendations for the Board to consider moving forward. She said staff will study this and bring some recommendations back for the Board's consideration.

Ms. Palmer said she spoke recently with one of the City Councilors, who said that she was very happy with their new process, and it was valuable to the City. She said she was curious what the differences between the two processes were.

Ms. McKeel said when the County first moved away from jointly working with the City on this several years ago, they weren't sure exactly where they were, and that it seemed like this has worked out.

Ms. Allshouse agreed, noting they have been doing it for a couple years now, and after going through some changes, now was a good time to step in a more permanent direction in terms of how they recommend moving forward as a County.

Ms. Palmer asked if County staff had looked at how the City allocated their funds to compare, in any way.

Ms. Allshouse replied she did a specific review on the City's agency funding in their budget, but that her staff had not yet had a chance to review.

Mr. Bowman said it was just released on Friday.

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**Recess.** The Board recessed its meeting at 4:31 p.m. and reconvened at 4:48 p.m.

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#### Parks and Recreation, including Arts and Cultural

Ms. Allshouse said this was a category of \$9.3 million, and include the Parks and Recreation department, Darden Towe Memorial Park, the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library, Charlottesville Albemarle Convention and Visitors Bureau, and other agency contributions. She said arts and cultural contributions are included in this section.

Ms. Allshouse said the notable changes included an increase in water testing and monitoring in public swimming lakes of \$46,000. She said there was a \$34,000 increase for Jefferson-Madison Regional Library for two additional hours per week at Northside Library.

Ms. Allshouse said that for the Charlottesville Albemarle Convention and Visitors Bureau, there was a decrease in their funding. He said it was derived from a formula, based on FY 19, and there was a decrease because the actuals went down in that fiscal year. She said it was not based on projections, but on actuals. She said funding was reduced by \$96,000.

Ms. Mallek said that 2018 was the year after 2017, and that most of the bookings for weddings and events happen 12 months in advance. She said October 2018 took a terrible hit, and so they were just beginning to recover from that now.

Ms. McKeel said they will have to keep an eye on this because as she said earlier, they may see a hit on that.

Ms. Palmer asked what the terrible hit was, as she couldn't hear.

Ms. Mallek said this was referring to the events of August 12, 2017.

Ms. Price said she was pleased to see the increase in the library hours. She said in her life, it has always been a frustration not being able to get to the library during work hours, then finding them closed in the times she can. She said it is important for the public to recognize the cost that gets associated with such a change. She said two hours per week at \$34,000 is not an insignificant amount of money. She said this increase does serve the community.

Ms. Mallek asked if this was County costs only, or if it included the City share.

Mr. Bowman he said this is the County cost only, and that the County pay around 84% of the total cost.

Ms. McKeel asked if they were now in good shape with the lakes. She said there was a problem with Chris Greene and Mint Springs with algae, and that this is very frustrating for residents.

Mr. Bob Crickenburger, Director of Parks and Recreation, said they were not sure if the problem has been resolved. He said this was not just a local problem, but a national one. He said the request being presented to the Board is to perform additional testing at all of the facilities to make sure they are not missing anything. He said with this additional money they can also include treatment, if needed. He said they are also under contract with Solitude Lake Management to perform a lake profile, or an algae bloom assessment study, with recommendations. He said that study should be completed in December.

Ms. McKeel asked about "treatment as necessary."

Mr. Crickenburger said this depends on the algae count.

Ms. Mallek asked if Mr. Crickenburger has worked with any other agencies, such as the Soil and Water Conservation District, to test upstream of where the county lakes are, for example.

Mr. Crickenburger replied yes, and that Solitude was doing this as well. He said they would combine and blend all the numbers and data together.

Ms. Mallek said it seemed completely unfair, since Mint Springs surrounded by forest.

Mr. Crickenburger said the watershed around Mint Spring is over 400 acres, and the entire watershed is owned by the County, hence the need for a report. He said that is why they thought it was critical to at least put Mint Springs in the study, so they have an idea of what is going on. He said they do not know, currently.

Ms. McKeel asked if Mr. Crickenburger would share the results from this with the Board.

Mr. Crickenburger replied yes.

Ms. Mallek said at the NACo (National Association of Counties) environmental meeting on Saturday, people from Florida were putting in special resolutions for Congress to do something because they are overwhelmed with water quality issues as well.

Mr. Crickenburger said there was one year at Chris Greene where they were closed for a total of 26 days which impacted their attendance. He said he hopes their numbers will rebound.

Ms. Price said she wanted to take a moment to thank the director of the library for management and operation of the audio books. She said this is such an important addition to library services. She said she has friends who get these books all the time, and they are able to quickly get them.

Ms. Palmer said she wanted to share something with the Board that Mr. Richardson had recently told her, which she thought was intriguing. She said about a year ago, they had talked about ways for people to contribute to the Parks Department for special projects. She said Mr. Richardson told her that when he was in Asheville, NC, they had a parks foundation similar to a police foundation that is dedicated to improving parks and have a great parks system.

Mr. Walker said they have had this discussion at the staff level as well, and that it was something management was looking at. He said it is possible something would come to the Board as a proposal to pursue.

Ms. Allshouse presented a slide about the arts and cultural agencies, noting the descriptions were on pages 150-152 of the budget. She said, way in the past, arts and cultural was reviewed along with the ABRT, and the Board encouraged staff to split that apart. She said, now, Health and Human Services agencies are looked at differently than arts and cultural, as there are many differences between those agencies and what they do.

Ms. Allshouse said the arts and cultural agency applications are reviewed by staff from the Communications and Public Engagement, Parks and Recreation, Economic Development, Office of

Equity and Inclusion, and OMB. She said there is a staff team that looks at those agency applications for funding.

Ms. Allshouse said total contributions is \$55,000, and the recommended budget includes a small increase of \$4,000. She said it does recommend continuing funding for existing programs and includes recommended funding for three new programs.

Ms. Allshouse said the Charlottesville Mural Projects, sponsored by the Bridge Progressive Arts Initiative was \$2,500; the Charlottesville Symphony Society for \$1,500; and the Sin Barreras' Sabroso Festival at \$625.

Ms. Mallek said these have been in existence for multiple years but were new to the Board. She said they have a policy not to fund start-ups. She said staff probably received more information than what was in the budget book as far as what their interactions were with County residents in particular for the three new projects.

Ms. Allshouse said there is an emphasis on projects in the County. She said the team emphasized Economic Development, tourism, and arts and cultural efforts in the County.

Ms. Palmer asked about what the Paramount Theater was doing.

Ms. Emily Kilroy (Director of Communications and Public Engagement) said The Paramount Theater has a program where they offer free and subsidized admission to school groups that are taking trips as part of their school day. She said they are able to offer the funding that Albemarle County and City of Charlottesville provide to help subsidize fair attendance for low-income students.

Ms. McKeel said when she was on the School Board, she was on the committee at The Paramount that planned and discussed these educational opportunities for school children. She said it is a great program for children in the schools.

Ms. Mallek agreed, recalling her time chaperoning there.

Ms. McKeel admitted that the logistics were tricky, as Albemarle County is 726 square miles, and the City is another 10 square miles. She said it is tricky to get some of the children from the schools that are farther out, but that there is an effort to do that. She said the program offers the children opportunities they wouldn't otherwise have.

Ms. Palmer asked if all the schools end up going once a year.

Ms. McKeel said it had been a long time since she was on the committee, so she would hesitate to say.

Ms. Kilroy said staff had data from the application materials as to how many Albemarle County school students were served and that staff could follow up.

Ms. McKeel noted that The Paramount served private as well as public schools.

Ms. Palmer said when she has been involved in programs with children before, it was always hard for the teachers to have time with the standards of benchmarks such as SOLs to actually go on these field trips. She said she was curious as to how often they are able to go.

Ms. McKeel said that in her previous experience years ago, the program can be offered, but the school itself or teachers need to be interested for it to happen.

Ms. Palmer said she was curious about students participating from Scottsville Elementary.

Ms. McKeel said they are making that decision within the school and within the classroom.

Ms. Mallek noted that 2022 is the 100th Anniversary of the Municipal Band, and she hoped there would be greater participation from the County with this.

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#### Community Development

Ms. Allshouse said Community Development is a \$12 million category, with an 11.8% increase. She said this includes the Community Development Department, Economic Development, transit agencies, and other community development agencies.

Ms. Allshouse said notable changes include the changes that were discussed earlier in the work session for Community Development Department, including the added Engineering Inspector position to support workload and mandates, and external resources assistance to support Community Development's work plan in the near term.

Ms. McKeel said this section, of course, included transit agencies, but that the Board would be having a separate work session on Transit later, therefore, she didn't think they would want to discuss that in the present meeting.



Ms. Mallek said on page 156, she would add that there was a big increase in overtime and asked would they be better off spending that on a person who can amplify the work. She acknowledged that this was someone else's decision but that this was something that she thinks about all the time, and that \$85,000 worth of overtime is a result of the workload that they saddle CDD with.

Mr. Bowman said this would generally be discussed with staff in Community Development, and that it was a challenge because they had so many different divisions doing different things. He said there wasn't one particular place where they could add even a part-time position and have that be a tradeoff. He said he could circle around to see if they had a different answer.

Ms. Mallek said this struck her as a concern. She said if the overtime isn't all from one job than it makes complete sense.

Mr. Gallaway said he was teeing up a topic for further conversation the next day. He said he thought the second bullet on the page, external resource assistance to support CDD's Work Plan, was important, and that he would be asking to have ideas to talk about increasing that number somehow. He said capacity is a concern, as it is zero capacity. He said this was about building in some capacity, but all of that could likely be spent up in a hurry. He asked what they needed in addition to things that the \$356,000 might go to in order to be ready, so if something pops up, they could go to this and already have the money set aside. He said he knew that conversation would likely happen the next day, and they could likely finish it on Thursday, as that was where he expected to finish up the Strategic Reserve funds.

Ms. Allshouse said this was certainly an item that could be placed on the list for conversation to be discussed on Thursday, when the Board would be finalizing and moving towards the proposed strategy.

Ms. McKeel agreed that there have been things that have been building up.

Mr. Gallaway said his concern was that the Community Development list will immediately get through capacity, and then they will have zero funding when something comes up that they hadn't considered. He said he knew this conversation would play out the following day, and that his thought was that they had parked a few things which support the Strategic Priorities list, and perhaps they shave the funding off the Strategic Priorities Reserve and instead beef up of some of those items.

Ms. McKeel said this would be a good discussion.

Ms. Palmer asked if Mr. Gallaway was specifically talking about the corridor study.

Mr. Gallaway said he thinks they have things to fund through the \$356,000. He said if something like Fill and Waste pops up in a given year and the Board wants the capacity to address that, but all the resources are allotted, they could perhaps take some money out of the Strategic Priority Reserve so that the \$1.8 million going there could have some money shaved off to beef up the \$356,000. He said they could then actually build in some workable capacity for the Board to deal with things that come up during the fiscal year in CDD's Work Plan.

Ms. McKeel said often, this could include small things that have a big impact.

Mr. Walker said they would identify the four projects the Board would hear about the following day at their Board Meeting, and that CDD staff has expressed their position that the Work Project lends itself well to using external resources. He said not every project is equally situated in that way because some do take staff capacity to actually manage external resource capacity. He said some of these projects have not been scoped or scheduled at this point, so there was still a lot of questions about how it will play itself out. He said they do think that this enables Community Development to move the ball in a way that, otherwise, they were not sure how they would be able to do.

Mr. Walker said in addition to those four projects, the wireless policy (which was already prioritized by the Board) had not yet had funding identified, and that this could help with this as well. He said as far as continuing the conversation, it was a dilemma in terms of how to put themselves in a position where they can be available to actually move forward with something. He said he would be glad to have that conversation. He said with this additional resource, it puts the Board in position, with staff, to be able to move these projects forward faster than they would have otherwise been able to suggest to the Board.

Ms. Palmer said there is a somewhat different landscape after the Board completes the entire budget and audits from the last year. She asked if this would come to the Board in July.

Ms. Allshouse said November and December was when the audit generally happens.

Ms. Palmer said usually in July, OMB comes to the Board with some other updates. She asked if she recalled this correctly.

Ms. McKeel said the May-June appropriations was probably what Ms. Palmer was referring to.

Ms. Palmer said perhaps if they did not find the funds in the present discussion, they could perhaps find it there.

Ms. Mallek said for encouragement's sake regarding using external resources, she recalled that sometime in 2010-2014, a University department, Rivanna Conservation Society, and Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) worked together with grant funding and did all the research for all the jurisdictions in the planning district about stormwater improvements. She said they looked at all the ordinances and made suggestions about those that could be changed (e.g. parking space sizes) to improve TMDL coverage. She said it took three years off of the overlaid grading plan zoning procedural changes that had to happen, and actually passed on their first month through the Board.

Ms. Mallek said this shocked the Board that it was such a spectacular use of outside resources. She said she had a very positive memory of how that all played out and hoped they would be able to bring those types of external resources back.

Ms. Allshouse presented a slide for informational purposes noting they are planning a future budget work session on transit.

Ms. Price said when they do get to that work session, one of the areas of concern she has heard is to what the County actually gets with the funding they give to Charlottesville Area Transit (CAT). She said she would appreciate information on that.

Ms. McKeel said Mr. Brad Sheffield would be present to answer questions about JAUNT, and that the Director of CAT was also invited, so they should have both directors there to help answer questions.

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#### Other Funds

Ms. Allshouse said Other Funds are included as part of the appropriations. She said when they appropriate the budget throughout the years, there may be additional appropriations, such as grants.

Ms. Allshouse said the Yancey Strengthening Systems Grant for FY 21 was in the second year of a three-year grant.

Ms. Allshouse said there is an Economic Development fund in this category. She said in the current year (FY 20), there was \$250,000 recommended to be provided from the General Fund fund balance. She said if the Board approves this, they will make activities happen in the current year, and would bring the appropriation into the current year that would not be part of FY 21.

Ms. Palmer asked if this was not a special Economic Development fund, but was additional money going into the regular Economic Development fund.

Mr. Bowman said this was correct.

Ms. Allshouse said there are two housing funds in the Other Funds category: a housing assistance fund, and a housing fund. She said the housing assistance fund is one where federal money comes in for housing voucher assistance. She said the housing fund includes the reserve for County, EDA, Habitat for Humanity performance agreement, and a reserve for the Piedmont Housing Alliance (PHA) Parks Edge. She said this leaves a housing fund reserve balance of about \$500,000.

Ms. Allshouse said the Board was sent an email of affordable housing funding throughout the budget, as it was hard to find it, as it is divided up in different categories. She said what she had just presented was specific to what is called a "housing fund" in the Other Funds chapter.

Ms. McKeel said she knew there were presentations from Mr. Sunshine Mathon, CEO of PHA, about Parks Edge. She asked when he would be coming back to the Board.

Ms. Allshouse said that Mr. Lance Stewart was having conversations about that.

Ms. McKeel mentioned there were discussions that the amount of money may not be sufficient, adding that this happens often. She said Parks Edge is so critical to the affordable housing in the urban ring.

Ms. Allshouse said staff could reach out and find out when would be a good time for this.

Ms. McKeel said she wouldn't mind at least having an update while they are talking about this. She said they have locked in a certain amount of money, but if there is anticipation that they may need some more, this should be discussed.

Ms. Mallek mentioned this had been based on their purchase price.

Ms. McKeel said she believed some things have changed, but that she didn't know much about it. She said this often happens, and that she did know that HUD was being very selective on some of the grants they are approving now across the U.S., which was worrisome.

Mr. Stewart, FES, said he had a conversation with the Executive's Office and Ms. Allshouse about this. He said his understanding was that as an organization, they are trying to drive the request through the budget process. He said they have suggested that it may or may not be appropriate for PHA

to come before the Board formally for an update, but that they might instead consider a written update or individual outreach to members of the Board.

Ms. Allshouse asked if the Board would like an update on this sooner before going through the next year's budget process. She said there is a timing matter that it isn't immediate, but she would follow up.

Ms. Mallek said a written update would be great, as when they have news, the Board would like to know.

Ms. Allshouse presented a slide showing the summary of the information they put together. She said this was not just Other Funds, but provided information about the housing funding that is throughout the budget document. She said there is about \$6 million dedicated to affordable housing. She said that there is on-going support at \$4.2 million, which is \$700,000 in the General Fund, and the Federal Housing Fund at \$3.5 million on-going (in the housing assistance fund, in the Other Funds category). She said there is also one-time support of \$1.85 million in the General Fund year-end fund balance, which includes the \$250,000 to AHIP for weatherization and repair, as well as affordable housing proffer funding of \$1.07 million.

Ms. Allshouse presented a slide on next steps of the budget process. She said on the first slide, there was a typo about the April public hearing. She said the public hearing on the Board's proposed budget would be on April 13. She said April 20 is when the Board would adopt the budget.

Ms. McKeel asked, as they were going through this, if there was a parking lot list that they had put outstanding items on. She said she wanted to add an item for further discussion when they review the items on the list. She said that everyone was aware that the Lambs Lane campus (Albemarle, Jouett, Grier, and Ivy Creek) is getting a Boys and Girls Club. She said they made a proposal at one point about some funding.

Mr. Doug Walker said they provided a letter to the Board of Supervisors before Christmas that outlined their project and their request for funding.

Ms. McKeel said she believed they modeled this somewhat after The Center, as well as the YMCA. She said she would like to have this on the parking lot list to come back to the Board with at least some information.

Ms. Allshouse asked if they wanted to put it on the list for conversation for Thursday.

Ms. McKeel said she didn't know where the Board would like this, but she would like it on a parking lot list to come back for further conversation. She said this would be good information for the Board because she didn't think that Ms. Price and Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley were on the Board when that information first came. She said the Boys and Girls Club is critical to the Albemarle-Jouett-Grier campus.

Mr. Gallaway said that contribution could be a one-time occurrence.

Ms. McKeel agreed, noting her understanding was that it was one-time, to be divided over two years.

Ms. Palmer asked if the school was going to pay for the property and if they were going ahead with the project. She asked about the timeline.

Ms. McKeel replied she was not sure where it stood.

Mr. Walker mentioned construction happening over the summer. He said an aspect of this would be a steep slopes waiver coming to the Board for consideration. He said they are in the process of getting all of their approvals in order to move forward.

Ms. McKeel said this was huge for opening up childcare in the urban ring and was critical for the Commonwealth Drive area. She said there are a lot of ramifications that work to further the Board's strategic work around neighborhoods. She said she would like to have more information and an opportunity to discuss it.

Ms. Mallek said it would be helpful to have some history about the project. She said she understood there was an RFP (request for proposal) put out for the project. She said it would be good for people to have a better basis of where this came from. She said it was something the School Division had asked for.

Ms. Palmer said she talked to Mr. Spears about this and that they had answered an RFP.

Ms. McKeel expressed how important and needed this was in the urban ring.

Mr. Bowman said there were three categories of follow-up items that staff took down. He said the first was all the general Q&A that staff would answer for the Board as quickly as possible, by email. He said the second category included the items that they discussed the previous Tuesday evening regarding the capital budget for the Strategic Priorities Reserve. He said no decision was made at that time, but that they had discussed options about the solid waste convenience center, the Boys and Girls Club (as

was now being discussed, the safety issue at the intersection of Earlysville and Reas Ford Roads, and also potential transit items (more as a placeholder for any items that come up in their transit work session).

Mr. Bowman said there were also discussions about amendments to the budget that could be considered as part of the proposed budget on Thursday that the Board would be asked to consider. He said the item included then would be if the Board were to consider adding any pay per performance reserve, noting that one was not currently recommended in the County Executive's recommended budget. He said it has been included in some years in recent past.

Mr. Bowman said there was an item on the list from the previous week about wanting more information about 5 additional Fire Rescue positions, which staff has now spoken to at the present work session.

Mr. Bowman said this was the end of the current list, subject to additional Board recommendations that day and Thursday.

Ms. Palmer said she would like some understanding of Fire Rescue coverage in the area of the County next to Orange County, with Orange County possibly covering this area and what their capacity is. She said she knew that Chief Eggleston had talked with them, and he told her that he was parking the issue until he discussed with the Board. She said to her, this was a critical portion of it to ensure that the area will be covered. She acknowledged that the area doesn't have many calls, but that she didn't know where Orange County was in their own capacity. She said she knew Orange has a station right there on the line but didn't know if they were responsible for dealing with the entirety of Orange County, or whether or not they are stressed.

Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley said if they decide to move forward with that, it will be important to have a MOU in place with Gordonsville before voting on it to make sure that the residents there will get service.

Ms. Mallek asked when the community discussion was going to be.

Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley replied it would be Monday.

Ms. Palmer said the other thing she would ask it to have everything on one sheet as far as one-time and recurring money and staff's recommendations for allocations.

Ms. Allshouse asked if Ms. Palmer was talking about the reserves.

Ms. Palmer said these was about what Ms. Allshouse presented at the previous meeting and how the County Executive was presenting it currently.

Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley asked if there is something that the Fire department was transitioning to that was temporary in nature, she wanted to see the evaluation of how this was working, if they do make the switch. She said the evaluation should be part of the motion that would come back in a year to see an evaluation over three, six, nine, and 12 months, to see what is working or not working. She said this gives the Board data to decide which way they want to go.

Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley said with the Boys and Girls Club, she knew they were moving forward with the project, but she wanted to know whether they needed or wanted the additional monies they were asking for, and what it would be used for.

Ms. McKeel said this is what the whole discussion would be about. She said this was be part of their request at some point.

Mr. Gallaway said he wanted to make sure they keep the items compartmentalized because those are conversations they can have at current time from their Strategic Reserve where there are monies there now. He said if the Supervisors are thinking of taking one-time monies and putting that to something that has to be approved as part of the budget, they would have to see where this money is coming from. He suggested that with the extra \$356,000, instead of \$1.8 million going to the Strategic Board Priority, \$1.5 million would go, and then that \$300,000 would be appropriated elsewhere. He said this is what he was expecting they would discuss Thursday.

Mr. Gallaway said he would think the Boys and Girls Club would fall into this, as it is one-time monies. He said it may come from somewhere else, and it is up to the Board and staff to figure it out. He said they want to make sure they don't get confused about what has to be one-time funds redirected versus using money that is already in the Board's reserve or replenishing that reserve.

Ms. Mallek said she would like to see this written down, as it would help her understand it better.

Mr. Gallaway said a few meetings ago, when the Board got the housing policy update, he had thrown out the idea that if the policy will be approved in August, the last Regional Housing Partnership Executive Committee meeting was talking about doing many of their activities timed up with the Board's approval of the policy. He said in trying to get things in line with what they are doing, it could be useful if there was a way to preempt it and ready to support that policy to hit the ground running versus waiting on another budget cycle. He said this could be a conversation the Board may need to have for Thursday as well, and that Ms. Stacey Pethia (Housing Planner) would need to be involved. He said he had brought

this up in February.

Ms. McKeel asked if Ms. Pethia was coming back to the Board to talk about affordable housing in June.

Ms. Filardo, CDD, said that she believed the policy would come to them in September but prior to that, the Board would have a joint work session with the Planning Commission in April.

Mr. Gallaway said it was interesting how things will start adding up with the Partnership and the Board's work for that. He said he would hate to get there and then have a delay.

Mr. Bowman said that an option available to the Board would be that a \$500,000 reserve in the housing fund was certainly not obligated for anything. He said should Community Development receive additional affordable housing proffers, staff would recommend that this would be one-time funding, depending on the Board's decision.

Mr. Gallaway said his thought that was that they typically don't put one-time money to something that is a recurring matter. He said he didn't have his head wrapped around what that housing policy might be yet, but that there could be a way in some sort of start up like that to use one-time money to get an operating deal set up to at least get something rolling. He said he would have to defer to staff's brainstorm on that to understand, and that it would be a matter of what that money goes to.

Mr. Gallaway said obviously, he was interested in having on-going money there to support the housing policy. He said he didn't know if everyone was ready to go and have that conversation, but if there was a way to at least get some one-time monies redirected to set that up so that it could be more robust of a conversation next year, more people might be supportive.

Ms. McKeel said this discussion was why she brought up Parks Edge earlier.

Ms. Palmer said there is an acreage that is proffered to the County off of Rio Mills Road, and that Ms. McKeel mentioned that it could be used for parking some of the school buses from the Albemarle High School parking area. She asked for Ms. McKeel to refresh them on the specifics.

Ms. McKeel said she had talked about the proffered land, and that there is a facilities study coming in July. She said there is proffered land between the School Division and the Board of Supervisors. She said at some point, after the facilities study comes forward, the School Division will be looking at the proffered lands and their potential uses. She said at the same time, they could utilize that property perhaps for a convenience center, but that there is a need to expand at Albemarle High School and the Lambs Lane campus. She said there were some people looking at how they could perhaps move the bus facility on that property for the Lambs Lane campus. She asked if this was what Ms. Palmer was referring to.

Ms. Palmer replied yes. She said some of the facilities study had been completed while some of it hadn't. She said she was asking how much they know about this particular piece of property, and if they should have money set aside to study how they are going to use it. She said this piece of property is large and has many issues, but that there is a lot of potential to use it for several things. She said it will take time to study that.

Ms. McKeel said there are some things that could probably be done short-term, and some that would have to be done long-term.

Ms. Palmer said this was why she brought it up. She asked if they wanted some money set aside for studying, what that would mean means, and how much. She said she had no idea and wondered if she was being somewhat premature in asking the question. She said it was a very interesting piece, and if it could solve some of the problems with the schools to get the buses off their property, it was an intriguing thing to know about sooner rather than later.

Ms. McKeel said it was a good piece to problem-solve with the School Division.

Ms. Palmer said there are very big capacity issues at the Albemarle High School campus.

Ms. McKeel said the same was true for the County Office Building as well. She said the property could offer the County some space to park some things.

Ms. McKeel said she was waiting for the facilities study to come back, as much of this would involve long-term matters.

Mr. Henry said the study won't be getting into designs, but that they would be identifying potential uses. He said this would be a recommendation that could turn into a CIP project.

Mr. Henry said they should be looking at the situation and asking if they thought any budgetary information would come out of the study.

Mr. Stewart, FES, replied that this would be a next phase of the study. He said it would determine appropriateness of certain types of uses. He said they would determine utilities, restrictions, and public amenities access, as well as the general opinion of the constructability of a site.

He said they do the study for a similar reason why the Boys and Girls Club was asking for so much money. He said the site that is provided to the Boy's and Girl's Club at the schools is very difficult to build on and they are estimating a couple million dollars of site work.

Ms. Palmer said she was asking if they should be thinking about setting aside study money.

Mr. Stewart said in his capital request for the fiscal year, they did ask for some sort of placeholder dollars for unknown recommendations that might come out of the facilities master plan. He said it was \$500,000 a year but that it was not in the County Executive's recommended budget. He said this was one of the many that was considered by the Board in their ranking of different projects.

Ms. McKeel said for example, another thought on that property was that Mr. Frank Pohl (County Engineer) has expressed some interest in being able to use that proffered property for some clean fill. She said they cannot do this outside of the School Division.

Ms. Palmer agreed.

Ms. McKeel said she was waiting for the facilities study.

Ms. Palmer said Mr. Stewart asked for some money for this and didn't get it.

Ms. McKeel said this was something to discuss, as there are some things they would be doing very short-term versus other things long-term.

Mr. Gallaway said it was a lot of property.

Ms. McKeel said the original proffer says it goes away 10 years after the first occupancy, and that this will happen within the next year. She said they do not have to build on it, they just have to say they want it.

Ms. Mallek even if it is used as a convenience center for a while, it could always become something else later.

Ms. McKeel said this was a matter of short-term versus long-term and working with the School Division on what would be best for everyone.

Mr. Richardson said the following evening he would be making a brief presentation to tee this up and get it back into the public domain.

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Agenda Item No. 3. From the Board: Matters Not Listed on the Agenda.

There were none.

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Agenda Item No. 4. From the County Executive: Report on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda.

There were none.

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Agenda Item No. 5. Adjourn

At 5:41 p.m., the Board adjourned their meeting to March 4, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in Lane Auditorium.

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Chairman

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