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AMHERST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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L. J. Ayers III, Supervisor
District 3

MINUTES

May 11, 2020

Meeting Convened - 5:00 PM

County Administrator Dean C. Rodgers

County Attorney Michael W. S. Lockaby

I. Call to Order

At a Budget Meeting of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors held on May 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Chair Claudia D. Tucker, Vice-Chair Jennifer R. Moore, Supervisor David W. Pugh, Jr., Supervisor Tom Martin and Supervisor L. J. Ayers III.

ABSENT: None

STAFF: County Administrator Dean C. Rodgers, Deputy County Administrator David R. Proffitt and Legal & Executive Assistant Regina M. Rice

Chair Tucker called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Discussion

A. Revised Estimates and Proposed FY 2021 Budget

County Administrator Rodgers reported that at the last budget workshop the Board asked staff to make cuts from their department budgets for the next 12 months. The Board would also consider a no tax increase or a two cent tax increase.

The Board discussed budget cuts made by all departments that totaled approximately \$700,000. There was a discussion on the comparison sheet with tax and cost of living increases and the proposed CIP and Supplemental Budgets.

Chair Tucker asked for funding for the Extension Agent once the state lifts the hiring freeze. Supervisor Pugh agreed to push this out for six months.

Supervisor Ayers was in favor of not increasing taxes but to cut spending and to reevaluate this next year.

Chair Tucker was concerned if the economy does not recover and the County has not raised taxes this year, we would not have any cushion built in.

By motion of Supervisor Pugh and with the following vote, the Board voted not to increase real estate taxes and approved a 2% cost of living increase for staff.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Ayers AYE

Mr. Martin AYE

Mr. Pugh AYE

Ms. Moore AYE

Mrs. Tucker NAY

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule a budget workshop on May 19 at 5:00 p.m. at which the Administrator would present his proposed budget.

III. Adjournment

By motion of Supervisor Ayers and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

AYE: Mrs. Tucker, Ms. Moore, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Martin and Mr. Ayers

NAY: None ABSENT: None

Claudia D. Tucker, Chair Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk