

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY

109 Market Street, Room 106, Denton, Maryland

WORK SESSION

April 9, 2019

Present: President, Larry C. Porter; Vice President, Daniel J. Franklin, Commissioner, Wilbur Levensgood, Jr.; Jeremy Goldman, County Administrator; Heather Price, County Attorney; Sara Visintainer, Chief of Staff; and Jennifer Farina, Administrative Coordinator

Topic one: Introduction of Chamber of Commerce Director:

Tracy Snyder formally introduced herself to the Board as well as County staff. She stated that as the new Director for the Caroline County Chamber of Commerce, she is excited to work with the Commissioners on upcoming projects in the County.

Topic Two: FY2020 Operating Budget Workshop:

The Commissioners reviewed the main operating budget requests. They stated that the Sheriff's Office would be receiving multiple step increase with \$130,130 allocated to their office receiving pay increase. All County employees would receive a 3% raise or \$2,000 dollar raise, whichever was bigger for their position. The Commissioners stated that their employees are important and valued and allowing for an increase remained important in this current budget cycle. Main items discussed are below:

Bryan Ebling stated that Emergency Services would be receiving additional income from Next Generation 9-1-1, which will allow for salaries for additional dispatchers. The current fee could go up in the future to \$2.00 and \$1.50 of that revenue would remain in Caroline County.

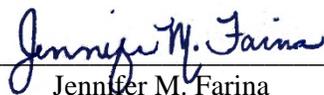
Cathie Moore and Margaret Roe presented the Commissioners with updated Tax Differential numbers if they chose to partially fund the formula in order to afford more School Resources Officers. They stated that currently the differential is fully funded in the budget at \$607,878.00, if the Board chose to fund 50% it would be set at \$303,939.00. The operating budget still has a shortfall with all the requests currently under consideration. The Commissioners stated that they would discuss this matter further after they had more time to review the information presented.

Commissioners Open Discussion Period:

Commissioner Levensgood stated that he would like Public Works to look into a drainage issue on Cedar Lane in Greensboro. He stated that he attended the Humane Society fundraiser.

Commissioner Porter stated that he spent the weekend away with family and Commissioner Franklin stated that he attended several fundraisers across the county.

There being no further discussion the meeting ended at 11:45 a.m.



Jennifer M. Farina
Administrative Coordinator