

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors
Held in General District Courtroom on
Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 5 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Thomas W. Baicy, III
C. Eric Fly, Sr.
Alfred G. Futrell
Wayne O. Jones
Phyllis T. Tolliver
Rufus E. Tyler, Sr.
Steve D. White

STAFF PRESENT

Richard Douglas, County Administrator
David J. Conmy, Deputy County Administrator/
Economic Development Director
Danielle Powell, County Attorney
Debbie Broughton, Animal Services Director
Savannah Bynum, Kennel Technician
John Broderick, Director of Finance &
Business Operations
Jeffrey Gary, Public Works Director
Ernest Giles, Sheriff
Julius Hamlin, Division Superintendent
Almetia F. Hardman, Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney
Emmy Matthews, Animal Control Officer
Kelly W. Moore, Finance Director (Virtual)
Titiana D. Nicholson, CSA Coordinator (Virtual)
Christa Palmer, Animal Control Officer
Nick Sheffield, Emergency Services Chief
Tawana Toran, Social Services Director
Beverly Walkup, Planning Director
Victor White, Solid Waste Coordinator
Shilton R. Butts, Assistant to the County Administrator/
Clerk to the Board

Item 1. Call to Order/Determine Quorum

Chairman Jones called the June 20, 2024 Special meeting of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors was called to order.

Item 2. Invocation

The Invocation was offered by Supervisor Fly.

Item 3. The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Item 4. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

Item 5. Approval of the Agenda

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR TOLLIVER, seconded by SUPERVISOR WHITE and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the June 20, 2024 Special meeting agenda. All Board members present voted aye.

Item 6. Review of Finance Committee Recommendations

Administrator Douglas turned the meeting over to Supervisor Tolliver, Finance Committee Chairman, to review the recommendations made at the Committee's June 10, 2024 F.

The Finance Committee made the following recommendations for the FY25 Proposed Budget:

1. Recommends 5 Cents Reduction of Real Estate Tax Levy.
2. Line Item #36: Remove CSA Position, \$65,000.00.
3. Line Item #39: Remove DSS Position - \$16,703.00.
4. Line Item #248: Add \$5,000.00.
5. Line Item #435: Remove \$36,000.00 and leave \$35,000.00 for turnout gear.
6. Line Item #451: Remove EMS Position, \$114,000.00.

More information was requested for this line item in regards to drug boxes. EMS Chief Sheffield advised that this item came up in last year's 24-Month EMS Plan as part of building the County's EMS system. The Board of Pharmacy and FDA regulations changed. He gave a brief overview of the changes and effects of EMS operations regarding managing medications. There was discussion a job position. and its management.

7. Line Item #484: Building System Maintenance Repairs \$1,100.00.
8. Line Item # 512: Remove "Salary & Wages Part-time" \$31,286.00.
9. Line Item # 961: Add \$1,500.00 for Miles B. Carpenter Museum.
10. Eliminate Credit Card Fee, \$70,000.00.

11. Site Closure 2 days saving of \$60,000.00 (Optional - eliminating site attendants to realize \$300,000.00 to \$400,000.00 savings).

There was discussion of \$75 convenience site fee.

12. Perhaps go into the Reserve Fund to cover Short Fall of \$300,000.00, help the Sheriff Department, and the Sussex County School System.

Supervisor Tyler entered at 5:52 p.m.

There was mention of placing four cars for the Sheriff's Office on the Master Lease program and start Holiday Pay in January.

Sheriff Giles stated that he would not be moving forward with the Holiday Pay request. This item can be removed.

Dr. Julius Hamlin stated that he couldn't continue to cut. He mentioned coming together as a community to discuss growing revenue for the County.

County Attorney Powell recommended if the Board can't agree with the budget, a Special meeting need to be scheduled.

Item 7. Adjournment

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR FUTRELL, seconded by SUPERVISOR WHITE and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors June 20, 2024 Special meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m. All Board members present voted aye.