

MINUTES OF THE SHENANDOAH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUDGET WORK SESSION
MEETING: JANUARY 23, 2026, 1:00 PM

A Budget Work Session of the Board of Supervisors was held beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Government Center at 600 N. Main Street, Woodstock, Virginia on January 23, 2026.

The following Board Members and staff were in attendance: Chairman Tim Taylor, Vice Chairman Dennis Morris, Supervisor Kyle Gutshall, Supervisor David Ferguson and County Administrator Evan Vass. Supervisor Mark Dotson and Supervisor Steve Baker were absent.

Chairman Taylor called the budget work session to order at 1:00 pm and thanked the agencies for their work in our community.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: Outside Agency Budget Presentations and Discussions

Outside agencies presented an overview of their programs, projects, and future plans and answered questions from the Board of Supervisors. Agencies and their presenters included:

- Katie Tennant, Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center. Ms. Tennant said they are requesting \$1,400 and that it is used to support the cost of their camp. She explained what activities camp includes and the positive outcomes from a survey provided to the campers.
- Ellen Harrison, Northwestern Community Services. Ms. Harrison requested the same amount as the previous year, totaling \$255,150. She recapped the services that they provide and the range of clients they see. Chairman Taylor asked about their staffing vacancy rate and Ms. Harrison said currently it is at 12% and is improving. Supervisor Ferguson asked who they interface with in the County to assure that the funds are used locally, and Ms. Harrison explained the various clinics and programs that are local.
- Joan Comanor and Mary Gessner, Lord Fairfax Soil and Water Conservation District. Ms. Comanor asked for an increase of \$3,000, totaling \$23,000, due to increasing workloads. She said that funds received for cost shares to landowner projects continues to increase, which requires more staff and resources. She added that Shenandoah County receives around 60% of their services in the district. Supervisor Ferguson asked how they are involved in dam safety and Ms. Comanor explained their involvement but said they do not handle private dams.
- Kelly Storey, Family Promise of Shenandoah County. Ms. Storey requested \$25,000 of financial support, which is less than one-quarter of the total program cost. She explained their programs and goals to help families stay out of homelessness and provide stability.
- Rusty Holland, Concern Hotline. Mr. Holland asked for level funding of 2,000 to be used for phone coverage, services, and marketing. He provided information on funding received from other jurisdictions and upcoming additional services.
- Carl Patton, Friends of the North Fork. Mr. Patton requested \$8,000 and explained their work to keep the Shenandoah River healthy and keep data up to date and accurate. He added that the funding would be used for weekly reports to benefit the river and citizens.

- Katie Furneisen, Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter. Ms. Furneisen requested a 30% increase totaling \$16,250 to support the Sibert's House Program. She explained their services and how they serve the community to address housing instability.
- Jennifer McVeigh, Old Dominion ASAP. Ms. McVeigh requested \$10,000 to prevent impaired driving through probation, education, and intervention. She said most of their funds come from those citizens that they serve through fees, localities, and local programs.
- Dennis Lynch, Shenandoah Valley Music Festival. Mr. Lynch asked the Board to increase their funding by \$5,000 for a total of \$15,000. He said they are facing inflation costs like everyone else and that marketing has greatly increased. He explained that their music festival is designed to bring people into Shenandoah County.
- Angela Crawford, Blue Ridge CASA. Ms. Crawford asked for \$10,000 in funding to support the expansion of their growing program. She said that they have become an integral part of the local child welfare system and are seeking funding to help expand in the County.
- Charles Harbaugh, Access Independence. Mr. Harbaugh requested funding of \$2,500 and reviewed their services and gave examples of projects they have completed and supplies they provide. He said that currently they serve 80 people in Shenandoah County. Vice Chairman Morris asked if they receive state funding and Mr. Harbaugh said yes.
- Leigh Sicina, Shenandoah Community Health Clinic/Dental Clinic. Ms. Sicina requested \$30,000 to expand adolescent mental health and peer recovery support programs and \$15,000 for the Dental Clinic. She explained where their funding comes from and the expanding services they now provide.
- Jennifer Locke, Blue Ridge Legal Services. Ms. Locke said that they would like to request \$13,223 to support free legal assistance to low-income residents. She said that they receive funding from federal, state, local, grants and donations and reviewed their services. Vice Chairman Morris asked if the attorneys volunteer time and Ms. Locke explained how their staff are compensated.
- Nick Sabo, Winchester Regional Airport Authority. Mr. Sabo requested level funding from last year to be used towards their capital budget. He stated that they have two big upcoming projects and explained them. He added that they are also partnering with Triplett Tech's Aviation program. Vice Chairman Morris how many flights are on a daily basis, and Mr. Sabo said it ranges from 200-400 operations.
- Ingrid Thompson, Shen-Paco Industries. Ms. Thompson requested \$10,000 in funding to assist with daily operations, staffing, compliance, and transportation. She stated that they provide a wide range of services for adults with disabilities and currently have 100 individuals.
- Jimmy Roberts, Seniors First. Mr. Roberts requested \$78,000, which is level funding from last year. He shared photos of their activities and explained their goals and services to help older residents live safely and independently. Vice Chairman Morris asked about the numbers of Meals on Wheels and Mr. Roberts said they do not have a waiting list and are currently switching to a new program and everyone is being fed.
- Beth Ogle, Response, Inc. Ms. Ogle requested \$20,000 in funding and explained their services. She stated that they are moving out of their building of 20 years and have been

using alternative housing options. She said that the funding will help them renovate their new building to be safer.

- Leigh Ann Sweeney and Tara Blackley, Lord Fairfax Health District. Ms. Blackley shared a fact sheet for Shenandoah County from their community health assessment. She stated that they provide clinical health, environmental health, community health, and emergency preparedness. Ms. Sweeney requested \$390,771 of funding. Supervisor Ferguson asked for clarification on what happens if they lower this amount and Ms. Sweeney said the state will cut their funding. Chairman Taylor said they can legally lower the amount, but the result is they receive less from the state. Vice Chairman Morris asked about staffing, and they replied that they are almost fully staffed.
- Denny Linaburg, Lord Fairfax EMS Council. Mr. Linaburg said that they bridge the gap between the state and local EMS and also between hospitals and the state to keep everybody on the same page with training, protocols, and compliance. He said they would like to receive level funding for FY27. Vice Chairman Morris asked if the upcoming merger will bring cost increases and Mr. Linaburg said that yes but there will also be more assets available.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

ATTEST: _____



Evan Vass, Clerk of the Board



Tim Taylor, Chairman