

AMENDED: County to reimburse itself for funds it has fronted

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that rabies vaccination current," he continued. "So we felt we needed to put that in there to make sure there was no misunderstanding. Otherwise, without that, if we had written any tickets, we'd have had to have written it under the state code section and not ours."

After the unanimous vote, Farmville 701 District Supervisor and Board Chairman Jim Wilck opened the public hearing pertaining to amending the FY19 county budget.

"The board authorized the renovation of the former STEPS Centre, which has since become the home of one of the county's newest businesses — YakAttack," Bartlett said. "In addition, because of outgrowing the existing courthouse, the board authorized renovations to the courthouse — which we all have seen — and the construction of a new building to house social services and provide leased space to allow STEPS to expand the services they provide to the citizens of the county."

"But before the majority of the work on the courthouse could commence, the (Prince Edward County) Department of Social Services had to move out of their space, which required the new building to be completed," he continued.

He noted that renovations and construction project schedules are impacted by items such as availability and delivery of materials, weather, scheduling conflicts, etc.

"Such items make it difficult to precisely determine the timing of payments to the general

contractor and other vendors," he said. "Now that we have received all the invoices to be charged to Fiscal Year 19, we know precisely the charges to be applied and can amend the Fiscal Year 19 budget. ... After all invoices have been accounted for, the Fiscal Year 19 budget needs to be amended to reflect the expenditure of \$2,744,789 associated with the construction of both the new building to house the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the renovations to the former STEPS Centre."

An attachment in the board meeting packet showed a table with a credit of \$2,744,789 from the general fund balance. The debits were broken down as follows:

- STEPS Centre A&E (architecture and engineering): \$79,185
- STEPS Centre renovation: \$1,075,445
- DSS building A&E: \$136,468
- DSS building construction: \$1,453,691

After the unanimous vote, Bartlett transitioned directly into the public hearing pertaining to amending the FY20 county budget.

This amendment was also connected to the former STEPS Centre renovation, the courthouse renovation and the construction of the new building housing the DSS and providing leased space to STEPS.

"To assist in paying (for) these projects, the board authorized borrowing funds through the Virginia Resource Authority (VRA)," Bartlett said. "The bonds have been sold, and the county will be receiving \$7,168,789 with a true interest rate of 2.44 percent. Of

those funds received, \$90,000 will be used to pay the cost of issuance, which includes payment to the county's bond attorney, the county's financial consultant and various other vendors and issuance costs. The remainder will be used to pay the architectural and construction contracts.

"To stay on schedule the new social services building and the courthouse renovation projects had to be started prior to the sale of the bonds," he continued. "The county has been paying the A&E and the construction costs from its fund balance. The board anticipated this re-

quirement and approved a resolution that allows the county to reimburse itself for the funds it has fronted."

An attachment in the board meeting packet showed a table with \$7,168,789 coming from VRA Series 2019B. How that amount will be allocated was broken down as follows:

- Courthouse A&E: \$13,206
- Courthouse construction: \$4,485,000
- STEPS Centre A&E: \$0
- STEPS Centre renovation: \$139,253
- DSS building A&E: \$13,403
- DSS building construction: \$2,206,927
- DSS FF&E (furniture, fixtures & equipment): \$221,000
- Bond issuance cost: \$90,000



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TRUCK: 'Real sharp turn'

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Scott shared his understanding of what happened, noting Mayhew was driving a Chevrolet Avalanche.

"She went off the right-hand side of the road and overcorrected, then came back across the road and overturned one time, tore down the cow pasture along the roadside," he said. "About 25 feet was

torn up."

He noted that the vehicle landed on its side.

Asked if Mayhew was trying to avoid hitting something when the incident occurred, Scott said, "No, she came around a real sharp turn on the Green Bay Road ..."

Officials cited that Prince Edward County Sheriff's Office and Virginia State Police were also on scene.

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