

Grayson County Board of Supervisors
Budget Work Session
February 12, 2019

Members attending were Kenneth R. Belton, Brenda R. Sutherland, John S. Fant, and Michael S. Hash. Thomas R. Revels participated by phone.

Staff members in attendance were William L. Shepley, Mitchell L. Smith and Leesa A. Gayheart.

IN RE: OPENING BUSINESS

Supervisor Fant made the motion to approve the agenda/consent agenda; duly seconded by Supervisor Sutherland. Motion carried 5-0.

IN RE: PRESENTATIONS OR REQUESTS

Dr. Dean Sprinkle, President, of Wytheville Community College addressed the Board and presented the following:

- Members representing Grayson County are Robert “Robby” Wingate and Dr. Vanessa Sturgill Fant
- Total Enrollment in WCC Service Region – 2,109 students (2,326 prior year)
- Total enrollment from Grayson County – 252 students (295 prior year)
- Dual Credit Enrollment – 125 Grayson County students enrolled in college credit classes for fall 2018 (152 prior year)
- Dual Enrollment Credits – a total of 836 college credits were earned by those students
- Heather Cole is the WCC Career Coach for Grayson County High School
- Josh Floyd is WCC’s Dual Enrollment Coordinator
 - There were 18 Grayson County dual enrollment graduates in May 2018
 - Grayson county dual enrollment students can complete the following pathways with concurrent high school graduation
 - General Education Certificate
 - Associate Degree – General Studies
- 91 scholarships were awarded from the WCC Educational Foundation and WCC Scholarship Foundation totaling \$54,296.00

- The WCC Educational Foundation awards a \$300.00 scholarship at each high school in the WCC service Region
- 2 High School Students awarded Local Board Scholarships
- Carl J. Richardson Memorial Scholarship Endowment has been established by his family with scholarships benefiting students from Grayson County
- Established Grayson County Scholarship Program with a vision for all Grayson County High School graduates to be able to attend WCC debt-free.
 - “last-dollar” tuition scholarships (tuition costs not covered by federal or state financial aid”
 - Available for two years immediately after high school graduation
 - Available to student who have resided in Grayson County for at least two years (junior and senior year)
 - Recipients required to do at least 10 hours of volunteer service in Grayson County for each semester they receive the scholarship
 - Special thanks to Joyce & Richard Rouse and Angie Lawson for helping head this fundraising project.
- Twin County Foundation Scholarship Program
 - “Last-dollar” scholarships will be available to the Class of 2019 high school graduates from Grayson, Carroll and the City of Galax who attend WCC in five health programs:
 - Dental Hygiene, Medical Laboratory Technology, Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Practical Nursing – will be available to students beginning Fall Semester 2019
- Citizens and Businesses contributed \$39,315.00
- Ricky Anderson and J.L. Reedy serve on the WCC Educational Foundation Board of Directors
- The WCC Scholarship Foundation’s Nominating Committee has identified prospective candidates to fill the position recently held by Carl Richardson, and the Board will make a decision at its May meeting.
- Grayson County Economic and Workforce Development offer the following certifications, trainings, and courses:
 - American Heart Association CPR
 - Basic Contractor Business Licensing Course
 - Career Readiness Certificate
 - Customer Service and Technical Customer Service
 - Dental Radiation Safety
 - Nurse Aide
 - Online Provider Courses
 - Veterinary Assisting for Small Animals
 - Customized training can be developed to meet the specific needs of employers
 - CLD Truck Driver Training Program (3 students)
 - Power Line Worker Program (5 students)

- Underground Power Worker Program (begins in late April & fiber optic training will be included)
- Emergency Medical Technician Program (plan to pilot this program in Grayson County)
- Tech Con & other opportunities (will be offered at Crossroads on March 5)
- Free offerings from Workforce Development include: Computer Basics, Genealogy Workshop, General Art Class, WCC Concert Band, WCC Choir and WCC Theatre
- WCC FY-20 budget request is \$19,412.36

Mr. David Barrett, Executive Director of Appalachian Independence Center presented the following:

- Appalachian Independence Center works with folks that have disabilities in establishing goals and working toward those goals to maintain independence living
- Main office is located in Abingdon, Virginia but we also have an office in Galax (on Grayson Street) and Wytheville and is a 501C3 non-profit organization.
- Last year AIC served 168 consumers
- AIC specializes in finding programs that can help people with disabilities become independent such as making their homes accessible and safe to live in.
- Funding and/or volunteer services are acquired to install wheelchair ramps, make home modifications to enable people with disabilities to live at home.
- Home modifications are a large part of their services provided
- Reviewed programs/grants available for home modifications along with assistance that is provided with Social Security Disability and discussed equipment/supplies such as weighted spoons or electric wheelchairs that can be provided to the disabled of the community
- AIC also provides training for the community
- Currently 15 people are being served in Grayson County
- AIC is requesting \$1,000 for the FY-20 budget year

Mr. Mike Musser, Emergency Services Coordinator, addressed the Board noting that the Emergency Services budget is now a new budget due to the implementation of a coordinator and proposed associated costs. Mr. Musser reviewed and explained the following requested allocation along with ideas for recruitment and retention of members:

- Salary is based on a part-time position with no benefits; the position is based on 29 hours per week – Grayson County received an LEMPG grant from the Commonwealth for \$15,000 that was awarded to supplement the coordinator salary – this grant required a 50/50 match, there \$7,500.00 is deducted off the budgeted salary for the coordinator as offsetting revenue

- Presented a reimbursement proposal of \$55,000 for rescue personnel that was researched in accordance to IRS Publication 5138 and reviewed by the County attorney for legal implications
- Presented a reimbursement proposal of \$10,000 for volunteer training expense to offset the \$500.00 cost per person to attend an EMT class (firefighter-related training is generally at no cost to students for basic level training)

Mr. Mike Hash, Chair of the Grayson County Community Policy Management Team (CPMT) presented to the Board on behalf of Kristin Shumate, Director of Social Services, the following:

- Presented the need for a CSA Coordinator from a part-time position to a full-time position and how to fund the position – local match would be around \$6,200.00
- Good audit especially with all the changes in DSS and noted some of the areas for improvement; however, a citation was noted for lack of follow-up on children in a residential placement.

IN RE: Grayson County FY-20 Budget Work Session

Mr. Shepley informed the Board of Supervisors on the process Administration Staff is taking during this budget. Staff is meeting with each department head on their individual budget and cutting any discretionary spending possible. The Board continued to discuss the budgeting process for the County and the School budget.

Supervisor Revels had to end his telephone call at 8:15 p.m.

IN RE: NEW BUSINSS –MOTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ONF THE FY 19-20 BUDGET

Supervisor Hash made the motion to hold a public hearing on May 9th, 2019 on the FY 19-20 budget; duly seconded by Supervisor Sutherland. Motion carried 4-0.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Supervisor Fant made the motion to adjourn; duly seconded by Supervisor Hash. Motion carried 4-0.