At a Retreat of the Orange County Board of Supervisors held on Saturday, February 5, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in the Conference Room of the Public Safety Building, 11282 Government Center Drive, Orange, Virginia. Present: R. Mark Johnson, Chairman; James P. Crozier, Vice Chairman*; James K. White; Keith F. Marshall; and Lee H. Frame. Also present: Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator.

* Mr. Crozier left the meeting at approximately 12:00 p.m.

RE: DISCUSSION TOPICS

RE: PLANNING & ZONING / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: staffing levels; organizational structure; customer service; and the EnerGov implementation.

The Board agreed to await the results of David Smitherman's consulting engagement before any decisions were made regarding Planning & Zoning / Community Development.

RE: FEDERAL MONEY

Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator, presented spreadsheet reports on spending to-date for Federal CARES Act and ARPA funding, as well as other similar categorical aide to states and localities.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: the remaining uncommitted $2.6 million in the ARPA project budget and whether additional fund balance could be committed to other identified Board priorities.

Chairman Johnson proposed $5 million be allocated to Broadband, $2.5 million to Career and Technical Education (CTE) project development, and $2.5 million to Parks and Recreation initiatives. The Board was generally amenable to this concept and recognized the need to further develop project requirements and clarify accessible County funds before finalizing this approach.

RE: BROADBAND

Chairman Johnson recognized Broadband Authority Chairman, Jim White, to discuss a conceptual fiber expansion plan that allocated roughly $7 million in additional funding to get the system to pass 92% of the homes in the County.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: the details of the conceptual fiber expansion plan.

The Board generally agreed to the fiber expansion plan. It was further agreed that the status of the pending grant application with the US Department of Commerce would largely determine the need for the County to seek additional funding.

RE: RECESS

At approximately 12:00 p.m., Vice Chairman Crozier announced he would need to depart the meeting early. He requested that during the Board Vision and Priorities discussion, consideration be given to adding, into the CIP, planning work for a new County Office Building near the Public Safety Building to replace the Gordon Building. This request was generally agreed to, after which time Mr. Crozier departed, and the Board took a brief recess for lunch.

RE: DISCUSSION TOPICS (Continued)

RE: PARKS AND RECREATION

Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator, shared a proposal from Timmons Group for design development and cost estimating services for the Parks and Recreation initiative.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: the scope of work; and potential projects.

The Board agreed that the proposal should be formally presented to the Board for consideration at an upcoming meeting.

RE: CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

Chairman Johnson led a discussion among the Board regarding Career and Technical Education and the steps that had been taken to address facilities for this purpose in Orange County.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: alternative education delivery models; and potential partnerships.

The Board agreed that Supervisors Frame and Marshall would conduct some additional research and engage with the School Board and other entities on how best to serve the needs of Orange County students.

RE: REVIEW ITEMS

RE: BOARD VISION AND PRIORITIES

Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator, referred to the adopted Board Vision for 2022 and the associated Two-Year Strategic Priorities.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding; its interest in continuing to support the Broadband and Digital Citizen initiatives, while adding CTE and Parks and Recreation to the list.

The Board agreed that a full-scale strategic planning and visioning exercise would be more appropriate in two (2) years rather than at the current time, and that the County Administrator would develop a short-term, two-year amendment to the expiring Board Vision for 2022 and Two-Year Strategic Priorities for consideration at a future meeting.

RE: RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: Board and County Administrator communications, which were generally regarded as good. It was emphasized that matters of significance or potential disagreement should be shared with the Board in advance of public disclosure on an agenda.

RE: ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the Board concluded its Retreat at 2:40 p.m.

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R. Mark Johnson, Chairman Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator