

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY**  
109 Market Street, Room 106, Denton, Maryland

**WORK SESSION**  
**February 19, 2019**

Present: President, Larry C. Porter; Vice President, Daniel J. Franklin, Commissioner, Wilbur Levensgood, Jr.; Jeremy Goldman, County Administrator; Heather Price, County Attorney; Sara Visintainer, Chief of Staff; and Jennifer Farina, Administrative Coordinator

**Topic One: FY2020 Budget Discussion** The Office of Finance presented the Commissioners with their FY2020 Budget books which summarizes both capital and operating budget requests for the upcoming year. The Commissioners thanked both the Tax and Finance Office staff for their hard work in organizing all of the requests. They stated that they would be reviewing all of the individual over the next several months in both work session and budget hearings.

The Commissioners stated that they are discussing the funding for more School Resource Officers (SROs) in all of the Caroline County Public Schools. Commissioner Porter stated that currently there are SROs in both high schools and middle schools, however only one elementary school currently has a full-time SRO. Sheriff Bounds stated that a mandate from the State of Maryland will likely dictate SRO officers in all public schools within the next few years, which both the Sheriff and Commissioner agree is important for the safety of Caroline County students.

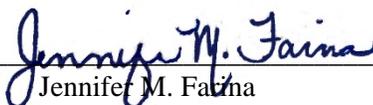
A meeting with the Board of Education, Sheriff's Office and County Commissioners was scheduled for February 27, 2019 to discuss budgeting SROs in the upcoming fiscal year.

The Commissioners stated that the FY2020 budget has over \$54 million in requests, which includes a 3% across the board raise for all County employees and a 7% raise for Sheriff's Office deputies.

**Topic Two: Legislative Update** Sara Visintainer, Chief of Staff, reviewed a number of bills with the Commissioners that could have a potential impact on county government operations and testimony recently filed on their behalf.

**Topic Three: Commissioner Open Discussion** The Commissioners stated that they attended several events in the community over the weekend.

There being no further discussion the meeting ended at 11:30 a.m.

  
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Jennifer M. Farina