

Attendance:	Staff:	Public:
Mayor LeMond	Stacey Sparrow- Clerk	3
Vice- Mayor Robert Lewis		
Barry Downing		
Jackie Davis		
Norma Spencer		
Matthew Yancy		
Wesley Travis- Absent		
Call to Order 7pm- Mayor LeMond		
Work Session- Continue discussion to replace lost revenue stream and police.		

Options for Revenue Replacement presented by Mayor LeMond.

1. Advertise for a new police officer.
2. Continue our contract with the Sheriff’s Department indefinitely to provide patrolling of the town and write traffic tickets.
3. Ask the Sheriff to hire and train a deputy that would work exclusively for the Town of Cheriton and all wages, fringes, training and expense would be paid by the Town of Cheriton.
  - \*To find the right candidate and training could take up to 8 months.
  - \*The academy training is 26 weeks,
  - \*Estimated cost is \$5000.00
  - \*Estimated cost for the 1<sup>st</sup> year is \$70,580.00 (Some reduction using our car.)
  - \*2<sup>ND</sup> Year cost to be \$65,000.00. (Some reduction using our car.)
  - \*ID Networks Software and annual maintenance costs would not be needed.
  - \*Supervision would be provided by the Sheriff with Council input.
4. To the Council—any other options???

Robert Lewis- Ask Sheriff Doughty to continue to do what he is doing.  
 Larry LeMond- The right candidate needs to be chosen if we go with option number 3.  
 Norma Spencer- Options 2 and 3 would be my choice, But we should look at 3 very closely.

Matthew Yancy- Would option 2 or 3 involve the town completely closing down our own Police Department?

Larry LeMond- Yes. The DCJS (Department of Criminal Justice Services) considers our department as inactive.

Norma Spencer- would the agreement that we have already signed with the county be the same or would it change.

Larry LeMond- It would be a different agreement with NHCO.

Matthew Yancy- would our officer provided by NHCO be considered a secondary employee?

Larry LeMond- The officer assigned to Cheriton would be dedicated to us but also assist NHCO, If needed.

Matthew Yancy- I am going to be hung up on these options. I don't think we should get rid of our police department. My only concern is if these options would cause the Town to lose our Police Department. I see it as going backwards instead of progressing.

Jackie Davis- In the past has there been difficulty getting staffing through the NHCO Sheriff's department. Have there been gaps or a problem in the past?

Joe Habel- (Past mayor from audience)- ye we were down to one person.

Jackie Davis- Aside from ticket writing how many hours or times do they ride or check through the town.

Larry LeMond- I asked David Doughty to get each officer working for us to ride through town multiple times during each shift.

Jackie Davis- My choice is option 2 as long as there is staffing for it.

Larry LeMond- We are not looking for a vote tonight just opinions for now.

Barry Downing- Unless you hire someone who is a deputy already then u are going to have to wait the 8 months. If you continue with the county we would not have to offer the VRS (Virginia Retirement System).

Jackie Davis- VRS is very expensive to offer.

Matthew Yancy- Can someone share with me why we want a Police Officer for this town?

Barry Downing- We need an officer to generate revenue for this town.

Matthew Yancy- So all council members agree that the primary want for a officer is to solely generate revenue?

All- Yes

Matthew Yancy- Are we comfortable with that being the sole concept for our town? Will this help us with growth?

Norma Spencer- I do not think having a Police Department is going to make that much of a difference to businesses that may be interested in coming into the town. I think lack of water and sewer is the big draw back for business growth in our town. The undesirable business buildings that we do have are not what people want either.

Matthew Yancy- I do not think the sole purpose of a Police Department is just for revenue. Our main revenue source should not be on the back of one source. We were all focused on making

the Police Department work, now we are relaxing. No one disagreed when Mr. Marshall gave ideas to the council to help make the town grow.

Barry Downing- I do not see Cheriton growing.

Robert Lewis- I do not see Cheriton growing without water and sewer. I did like seeing the Police in town and having the police presence.

Matthew Yancy- Is there any way we could keep our own Police department?

Larry LeMond- As of right now our police department is inactive not abolished.

Matthew Yancy- So if in 1 year or 5 years we wanted to go active would we have to go through all the start up again?

Larry LeMond- I cannot answer that question without further investigation from DCJS.

Matthew Yancy- Do we have to abolish the Cheriton Police Department to use option 2 or 3.

Larry LeMond- I will contact DCJS to see if we do or don't. We will need a decision tonight about if we are keeping the ID Networks contract and equipment for the E-Summons. We could receive a reimbursement for some of the equipment that has been installed.

Matthew Yancy- Since ID Networks seems to be so accommodating could we get in a conversation with them regarding a later hook up?

Larry LeMond- We could ask ID Networks.

Norma Spencer- We would save about forty thousand dollars over five years.

Jackie Davis- I am hoping that the Police Department will not our only source of revenue. I have already began talks to other agencies to help with other revenue streams.

Norma Spencer- I think we have to look at our budget, I think we should move forward with option 2 so we won't need the software for the car and ask Sheriff Doughty to move forward with option 3. We will be working on other revenue sources in the meantime.

Robert Lewis- option 3 would be a bargain for the town in my opinion.

Barry Downing- If we go with option 3 the town will still has the ability to also use the overtime program. So other officers would be available during our officers down times.

Larry LeMond- If the county assigned a Deputy to us it would be Monday thru Friday and we would be able to use the overtime program weekends and off time. We would be making more than it would cost.

Robert Lewis- I think that would be the ideal situation for the town.

Barry Downing- Last time we did not go to the Sheriff and tell him we were developing a police department that ruffled feathers and caused the deputies that did work for us to take offense.

Norma Spencer- This is the reason we want to be so thorough this time. Regardless of which way we go, we have to go back and adjust our budget.

Jackie Davis- could we continue with option number 2 until this fiscal year is over then come back for a decision at budget time?

Robert Lewis- If we wait until budget time then the Sheriff will not be actively looking for a deputy for us and we will still have a 4-8 month wait time after a decision is made if we go with option 3.

Norma Spencer- I think we should use option 2 while the sheriff is looking for someone for us .

Barry Downing- we have to consider the ID Networks software.

Norma Spencer- Motion to return ID Networks software and cancel the contract and maintenance agreement associated. Along with returning any equipment or selling it back.

2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Lewis

5-0 Motion passed

Wesley Travis- absent

Larry LeMond- So for now we will continue with option 2 indefinitely. We have our regular meeting in a couple of weeks and we can hear the public's opinion and will then consider other options.

Norma Spencer- We needs to focus on our budget and bring that in line with whatever decision we make.

Larry LeMond- Anything Further?

Mayor to do list- Contact ID Networks and cancel contract.

Contact the DCJS about how long we can stay in inactive status.

Get the police car fixed.

Barry Downing- will the sheriff be using our car?

Larry LeMond- It doesn't seem like they want to use our car.

Robert Lewis- If we go with option 3 they will be using our car.

At 7:47 pm Barry Downing made the motion to adjourn. It was second by Norma Spencer and was unanimous.