

AT A REGULAR MEETING FOR ADOPTION OF THE FY2013-14 OPERATING BUDGET
, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY VIRGINIA, HELD IN
THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 150 SOUTH MAIN STREET
LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2013 AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN RONNIE R. CAMPBELL
MEMBERS: ALBERT W. LEWIS, JR, RUSSELL S. FORD,
JOHN M. HIGGINS, DAVID W. HINTY
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AND CLERK TO BOARD: SPENCER H. SUTER
COUNTY ATTORNEY: VICKIE L. HUFFMAN
FISCAL SERVICES
DIRECTOR: STEVEN J. BOLSTER
STAFF: CHRIS SLAYDON

Call to Order:

Chairman Ronnie Campbell called the meeting to order.

Supervisor Lewis delivered the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizen Comments:

Chairman Campbell opened the floor for citizen comments. Seeing none, he closed this portion of the budget adoption meeting.

Adoption of FY2013-14 Operating Budget:

Chairman Campbell commented on the Board of Supervisors' intent to view the budget over a 5-year period in an effort to lessen the impact of raising taxes over time. He emphasized that assistance was available to our senior citizens who might be impacted. Chairman Campbell asked senior citizens to contact their respective Supervisor if further assistance is needed.

Mr. Suter stated the FY13-14 budget was vetted in six open sessions and several finance committee meetings. He thanked the Board of Supervisors for their assistance in developing the final budget. In addition, Mr. Suter expressed his appreciation to Rockbridge County School Division Superintendent John Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent Jack Donald, and Finance Director Rick Patterson for working with the Board of Supervisors in generating a balanced budget.

Supervisor Lewis expressed his appreciation to County staff and the finance committee on their work and having vision on developing a long-term plan. He spoke on the importance of education and how the commitment by the Board of Supervisors and

the School Board to excellence in education is something our children deserve and an enhancement to the County's economic future.

Supervisor Higgins spoke about the Board of Supervisors' efforts to bring business into Rockbridge County. He commented on the 18 letters sent out by Chairman Campbell during the week, detailing business opportunities available in the County. Supervisor Higgins is confident future business development within the County will help bring taxes down for our citizens.

Supervisor Hinty thanked the staff, finance committee, and School Division leadership for their work on the budget. He expressed his pleasure at the camaraderie reflected between the County and School Division.

Supervisor Ford reiterated the thoughts communicated by other members of the Board of Supervisors. He echoed the comments of Chairman Campbell that help is available to senior citizens to include discount opportunities. He noted that the budget process was completed with transparency, in an effort to cushion the anticipated tax increases in the coming years. In addition, he stated that every Supervisor provided effective input in developing the FY13-14 budget, resulting in a solid final product. Lastly, Supervisor Ford commented his confidence the County will be able to garner savings over the next fiscal year in order to add back significant reserves. ■

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2013

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2013-2014 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY AND TO SET TAX RATES FOR 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR

On motion by Supervisor Hinty, seconded by Supervisor Ford, the Board, by recorded vote, adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County has developed an annual fiscal plan (annual budget) which is for informative and planning purposes only, and which budget is for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, a brief synopsis of the budget, proposed and current tax levies, and a notice of the public hearing were published in The News-Gazette newspaper, having general circulation in the

County of Rockbridge, on April 3, 2013 and April 10, 2013, and in the April 2013 edition of The Rockbridge Advocate, in accordance with the requirements of §15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended); and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held, pursuant to Title 15.2 and Title 22.1 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, on April 17, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., to take public comments regarding said annual budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the annual budget in the amount of \$38,893,234.00, as published in the County of Rockbridge Budget 2013-2014 effective July 1, 2013, be and is hereby adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the tax rates to be levied on taxable property in Rockbridge County for the tax year 2013 shall be as follows:

Real Estate - \$0.67 per \$100 based on 100% valuation

Mobile Homes - \$0.67 per \$100 based on 100% valuation

Personal Property Other Than Mobile Homes - \$4.25 per \$100 assessed valuation

Machinery & Tools - \$2.55 per \$100 assessed valuation

The Commonwealth's reimbursement rate for the Personal Property Tax Relief will be 45%

This resolution shall be effective upon and from the date of its adoption.

Adopted this 24th day of April, 2013.

RECORDED VOTE:

AYES: Hinty, Ford, Higgins, Lewis, Campbell

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Spencer H. Suter, Clerk

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for 2012 to 2017:

Deputy Director for Economic Development Chris Slaydon provided a concise update on the 2012-2017 CIP. He mentioned that the current and proposed CIP are available on the County's website. Mr. Suter noted that, while the expected upgrade to the County website, (a Board priority), is not reflected in the draft CIP, the potential exists for using other funding sources to complete this project in the near future.

Supervisor Lewis made a motion to approve the 2012-2017 CIP as presented, noting that there's an understanding that out-year capital improvements are open to change. Supervisor Higgins seconded the motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VDOT 6-Year Plan:

Chairman Campbell announced a work session to discuss the proposed VDOT 6-Year Plan would take place on May 13, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building's Board Room.

Adjourn:

With no further business, Supervisor Lewis made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Supervisor Hinty. With a unanimous vote by the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned.