

AT A REGULAR MEETING FOR ADOPTION OF THE FY 2014-15 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 30, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN J.M. HIGGINS
MEMBERS: D.W. HINTY, JR., R.R. CAMPBELL,
R.S. FORD, A.W. LEWIS, JR.
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 Higgins called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Adoption of Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) for 2015 to 2019:

Deputy Director for Economic Development Chris Slaydon provided a concise update on the 2015-2019 CIP. The latest revision involved minors edits to Appendix E, *Rockbridge County Solid Waste and Recycling CIP*. He also stated the Planning Commission recommended the Board approve the 2015-2019 CIP.

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

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2014

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM 2015-2019

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code §15.2-2239, the Rockbridge County Planning Commission has prepared an updated capital improvement program bases on the comprehensive plan for the ensuing five (5) years; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission conducted its final review on April 9, 2014, and recommended approval of the Capital Improvement Program to the Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County, Virginia, as follows:

1. That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves and adopts the Rockbridge County, Virginia, Capital Improvements Program 2015-2019.

2. That capital improvement priorities and funding shall be determined and established through the Board's budget process for the fiscal year 2014-2015 and annually for subsequent fiscal years.

3. That the provision of this Resolution shall be effective on and from the date of its adoption.

Adopted this 30th day of April, 2014.

RECORDED VOTE:

AYES: Lewis, Hinty, Ford, Campbell, Higgins

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: _____
Chairman

Attest: _____
Spencer H. Suter, Clerk

Adoption of the FY 2014-2015 Operating Budget:

Chairman Higgins read prepared statements: "As an employee of the Rockbridge Regional Jail Commission, I have a personal interest in the adoption of the budget under the Conflict of Interest Act. However, I am not disqualified from participation in the adoption of the County budget. My disclosure statement is on file with the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors."

Supervisor Hinty read prepared statements: "As my wife is an employee of the Rockbridge County School Board, I have a personal interest in the adoption of the budget under the Conflict of Interest Act. However, I am not disqualified from participation in the adoption of the County budget. My disclosure statement is on file with the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors."

Chairman Higgins remarked that the Commonwealth of Virginia has not approved a state biennial budget as of tonight's meeting. The Board may need to return to amend the FY 2014-2015 budget for Constitutional Officers and staff if a future, passed state budget

dictates such action.

Supervisor Lewis observed that it was good to make that statement for the public.

At this point, Mr. Suter provided comments. He commended the Board on working together through another difficult budget. Mr. Suter added that there are certainly many challenges ahead, but the Board continues to proactively plan for the future. He continued by stating that next year will bring another set of challenges and all indications point to the fact that it will be even tougher to tackle than the budget before you. He said that he was hopeful that our efforts to grow and attract business will continue to bring positive interest and translate into additional dollars to help offset some of the known, coming costs.

Mr. Suter then took the opportunity to remind the Board that our staff remains our most valuable resource. He thanked Mr. Bolster and the Finance Committee for all the hard work, meetings, and tough decisions. He also thanked the full Board for their continued patience with himself and Mr. Bolster. Mr. Suter reminded the Board that last fiscal year was our fledgling shot at a budget and you worked with us through the challenges. He believes that this year was greatly improved and he knows the process next year will be even better.

Chairman Campbell commented that two years ago the Board of Supervisors viewed the budget over a 5-year period in an effort to determine and lessen the impact of raising taxes over time. He noted that the tax increases remain on track with projections made over the previous two years.

Supervisor Hinty thanked the finance committee for their leadership both now and for their past efforts. He appreciated the effort of working together to reach a consensus on the budget. He also expressed his thanks to the County employees.

Supervisor Ford moved to adopt the FY 2014-2015 operating budget and tax rate resolution, to include the reading of the 2014 tax rates.

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2014

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2014-2015 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR ROCKBRIDGE
COUNTY AND TO SET TAX RATES FOR 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR**

On motion by Supervisor Ford, seconded by Supervisor Campbell, 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, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015; 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 16, 2014 and April 23, 2014, 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 23, 2014, 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 \$40,339,286.00, as published in the County of Rockbridge Budget 2014-2015 effective July 1, 2014, 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 2014 shall be as follows:

Real Estate - \$0.715 per \$100 based on 100% valuation
Mobile Homes - \$0.715 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 30th day of April, 2014.

RECORDED VOTE:

AYES: Ford, Campbell, Lewis, Hinty, Higgins
NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: _____
John M. Higgins, Chairman

Attest: _____
Spencer H. Suter, Clerk

Chairman Higgins expressed his appreciation to staff for their work on the budget process. He's confident the Board's FY 2014-2015 funding decisions, especially for fire and EMS, and the landfill, will work for the best of Rockbridge County's citizens.

Adjourn:

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