

AT A BUDGET WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY,
VIRGINIA HELD IN THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE BUILDING AT
150 SOUTH MAIN STREET, LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA
ON MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017 AT 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN D.W.HINTY, JR
VICE CHAIRMAN J.M. HIGGINS
R.S. FORD, A.W. LEWIS, JR., R.R CAMPBELL
CLERK TO THE BOARD: S. H. SUTER
COUNTY ATTORNEY: V.L. HUFFMAN

Scheduled Budget Meeting #3

School Board Chairman David McDaniel was present.

County Administrator Spencer Suter reviewed the following information: "At the Board's last budget discussion on March 6th, we discussed the fact that a lowered tax rate, based on the reassessment, would be \$0.6894. This equates to just over a 4.5 cent decrease in the tax rate. We also discussed that if the Board wanted to subsequently increase the reduced rate, a public hearing must be held - with 30 days advance notice/advertisement." He added that staff worked together to present a budget schedule from this point forward. He noted that the Board could potentially meet after the Joint School Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 16th, instead of Friday, March 17th, for consideration of the tax rate advertisement. Mr. Suter advised that, including a 3% increase for staff and with all revenues and proposed expenditures, the total budget gap was \$1,216,759. He also added that the School Board's Executive Committee met earlier in the day presented additional figures that could close the overall gap.

Mr. Bolster continued review of the Agenda Item: "At a Continued Board meeting on March 6th, staff presented an update to the draft FY 2018

budget position (planned expenditures over anticipated revenues at \$1,141,962) to the Board of Supervisors. The Board also discussed the budget and planning impacts of solid waste collections. Lastly, the Board directed staff to update the FY 2018 budget with a recommended 3% cost of living increase for County employees. This action item is complete and part of the updated FY 2018 budget. Since the March 6th meeting, staff has received a request from the Natural Bridge Soil and Water Conservation District (NBSWCD) to update their budget request with a 4% cost of living increase for their personnel. This information is part of the updated budget (see department 83010). The corresponding revenue (~90% of overall NBSWCD budget) is also up-to-date (see revenue line 24040-0012). The attached budget reflects an expenditure over revenue gap of \$1,216,759.

"Staff continues to work with Sheriff's Office personnel on updating the draft FY 2018 budget with information linked to the General Assembly budget bill provided to the Governor. Specifically, the following, 'Sworn deputies...with three or more years of continuous service in a Compensation Board funded position will receive \$80 for each full year of service, up to a maximum of thirty years. Non-sworn employees who have a minimum of three years of continuous service in a Compensation Board funded position will receive \$65 for each full year of service, up to a maximum of thirty years.' Staff is awaiting clarification from the Compensation Board on the interpretation of the term 'continuous service in a Compensation Board funded position.' Staff will update the draft FY 2018 budget once we receive clear guidance on this.

"The Rockbridge County School Division held a Public Hearing presentation related to their FY 2018 budget on February 21st. The

Division is scheduled to provide their formal FY 2018 Categorical Estimate of Needs later this month. Per the Board's directive, staff developed a recommended adjustment to the remaining FY 2018 budget schedule. The suggested schedule takes the following into consideration:

- Requirement for 30-day notice for public hearing on the real estate tax rate, should the Board wish to increase the rate from the lowered rate of \$0.69, which we believe is the case.
- The fact that Supervisor Campbell can't attend a proposed March 20th meeting. Thus, in order to get a Public Hearing advertisement into the local newspaper on the 22nd, the Board would need to meet on Friday, March 17th after the Joint Board meeting with the School Division on Thursday, March 16th.

Thursday, March 16th - Joint meeting with School Board - then continue Board meeting to Friday, March 17th @ 5:30 PM

Friday, March 17th - Discuss and direct advertisement of CY 2017 RE tax rate for Public Hearing on Monday, April 24th @ 6 PM (meets 30-day requirement for Public Hearing ad)

Wednesday, March 22nd - Advertisement (CY 2017 RE tax rate) posted in News-Gazette for Public Hearing on Monday, April 24th @ 6 PM

Monday, April 10th - Request advertisement of FY 2018 budget at regular Board meeting

Wednesday, April 12th - Advertisement (FY 2018 budget) posted in News-Gazette for Public Hearing on Monday, April 24th @ 6:15 PM (meets 7 day requirement for Public Hearing ad)

Monday, April 24th - Public Hearing on CY 2017 RE tax rate @ 6 PM

Monday, April 24th - Public Hearing on FY 2018 Budget @ 6:15 PM

Monday, May 1st - FY 2018 Budget Adoption Meeting @ 6 PM

"Staff is open to any schedule changes the Board may have." Mr. Bolster noted one error on his Agenda Item: the Joint Meeting with the School Board would be held at 4:30 p.m. - not 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Hinty reiterated that the Board has the opportunity to continue this meeting until Thursday, March 16th following the Joint School Board meeting - instead of Friday, March 18th - for the purpose of advertising for the tax rate Public Hearing.

Supervisor Ford asked to add a discussion on the tax rate on the Agenda for the 5:30 meeting, following this Work Session.

Chairman Hinty then asked the Board to review the VRS Retirement System handout. He then reviewed highlights from the School Board's Executive Committee Meeting:

Dual Enrollment and Credentialing estimated costs:

Dual Enrollment: \$4,350

Credentialing: \$9,085

Supervisor Campbell suggested that, sometime in the future, the County should consider paying for all dual enrollments.

Chairman Hinty asked Mr. Bolster to consider looking at this in the next budget.

Supervisor Higgins reviewed the overall budget highlights that followed the School Board Executive Committee Meeting.

Supervisor Ford asked Mr. McDaniel what the stipulations were for the reimbursement they would receive from the State in regards to the pay increases the School Board granted last summer.

Mr. McDaniel responded that there is no stipulation, because the raises were given during the required time frame to receive the reimbursement of \$65,000.

Chairman Hinty advised that, in the end, the School Board's Executive Committee has recommended an increase in the school budget of \$504,000 - equivalent to a 2 cent tax increase.

The Board agreed to send all questions related to the School Board's request to the Clerk to the Board, who would send them to the School Board prior to the Thursday, March 16th Joint Meeting, so that they could be prepared to answer all questions the Board has.

The Work Session concluded at 5:13 p.m.

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Call to Order

Chairman Hinty called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

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

Recognitions and Presentations

County Administrator Spencer Suter announced that this item had been moved to the March 27th Agenda.

Citizens Comments

Chairman Hinty announced that comments should be addressed to the Board and one speaker could speak on behalf of large groups.

Mr. Suter advised that, if there was anyone present wishing to speak about the Jordan's Point Dam, that item had been removed from the Agenda.

Patrick Bradley of Lexington read a letter signed by 85 of 88 faculty, staff, and administrators at Rockbridge County High School. The letter addressed concerns about the current state of funding at the high school and the upcoming budget. This letter was filed in the office of the Clerk to the Board.

Joan Godfrey of the Kerrs Creek Magisterial District spoke of the same topic as Mr. Bradley. She encouraged the Board to fully fund the School Board's budget request so that the CTE program can modernize.

Perry Hardin of the Natural Bridge Magisterial District spoke on behalf of the RCHS math department. He presented the Board with a letter signed by members of the math department that shared concerns about staffing, the graduation rate, and SOL scores. The letter also addressed two additional needs: new textbooks, and incentives for Dual Enrollment classes. It also asked the Board for necessary funding to hire one math position and continue offering their successful programs.

Scott Youngdahl of Lexington spoke on how important the CTE programs are and asked the Board to fund the Schools as much as possible.

Julie Knudson of Lexington shared that the quality of the local schools is key in attracting families to the area. She stated that one way to do so is to properly fund the schools. She added that she would be willing to pay more taxes just to help fund the school teachers.

Oishani Basu of the Buffalo Magisterial District, a student at Rockbridge County High School, spoke highly of her teachers. She shared that the school lacks resources in some areas such as the science labs. She

stated how important it is for the Board to approve the School's budget request.

Valentina Dimitriova, an RCHS parent, shared that she had read a report on the schools that showed the schools had cut their budgets for the past five (5) years. She added that teachers, supplies, and resources have been cut, leaving it up to the teachers to step in to compensate for the loss. Now that the economy is doing so much better, she asked the Board to give more funding. She shared that there has been an increase in enrollment, but still no increase in staffing. She again asked the Board to provide more funding for the schools.

Gretchen Sukow of Lexington stated that her son is a senior in high school and her daughter a freshman. She wanted her daughter to experience what her son had experienced all of his high school years; however, if the Board does not fund the schools properly, that will not happen. She added her concern about how the Regional Jail and Sheriff's Department has been given more funding than what they ask for but the schools get less.

Carl Sukow, a senior at the high school, shared that he had received an excellent education that included foreign language courses. However, he had heard that those courses may be cut due to lack of funding. He added the importance of foreign language as the world is globalizing. He asked the Board to fully fund the School Board's request.

Ingrid Sukow, a freshman at the high school, shared her concern that she may not be able to take foreign language classes as her brother did because of inadequate funding and asked the Board to fund the foreign language courses.

Sophia Youngdahl, a student at the high school, stated that underfunding the school is telling her that her education is not worth as much as it should be and is worth less than the police department and jail that are being overfunded - and is also telling she and her peers that they will have less of an education than other students at other schools.

Ross Waller spoke in regards to unintended consequences of budget cutting. He shared that he has donated hundreds of hours as a volunteer coaching at the high school; donated money when it is needed; and remains part of a citizens' group who is trying to create more playing fields for students at the horse center. He asked the Board not to undermine the quality of education and the enthusiasm he and other parents have regarding the opportunities and education at the high school.

Maria Nava of Lexington, a former teacher at the high school, stated that the teachers devote long hours and pay out of pocket for things they have no funding for. She added how important it is to have smaller classes, even though there would be a need more staff members, in order work closely with each student who may need more help than others. She asked the Board not to further cut the school's budget.

Denny Garvis of Lexington shared that he works at Washington and Lee and often times he is asked by a parent who is interested in moving to the area, what the public schools are like. He stated that he has to be honest with them - and if the budget keeps being cut, he will have nothing good to say.

Toni Sinn, a resident of the County, spoke to the age of high school's facilities and lack of maintenance in the budget. She asked the

Board to fully fund the school's budget to get the buildings modernized and habitable.

Chairman Hinty closed the citizens' comments at 6:04 p.m.

Supervisor Lewis stated that the citizens' words are "music to his heart". He added that he has worked for 5 years to communicate the pleas and intelligence that the citizens have spoken of tonight. He stated that he is proud to be a Board member and noted that the Board is on the brink of taking action on the concerns the citizens have spoken of.

Supervisor Higgins advised that there had been a budget work session at 4:30 and he wished the citizens had attended. He added that the Board is going to do the right thing; however, the concerns he has heard should have been taken to the School Board, as the Board of Supervisors have nothing to do with the programs that are being cut. He asked the citizens to attend a School Board meeting and take their concerns to them.

Supervisor Campbell stated that he has been in a constant battle with the School Board about their budget and how it is prepared. He added that the School Board has refused to listen to some Supervisors' requests that they present an anticipated budget, so that the Supervisors can look deeper into budgetary needs. He stated that raising taxes to provide more funding will only hurt the fixed income families. He advised that the Board of Supervisors is not aware of school courses and programs being cut and added that the Sheriff's Office is not receiving raises that they have not asked for. He reiterated what Supervisor Higgins asked: for the citizens to go to the School Board and share their concerns with them as the Board of Supervisors cannot control the way the funds are spent.

Supervisor Ford advised that Supervisors Campbell and Hinty were members of the School Board for a number of years. He added that he himself was a teacher for many years and the complaints he is hearing are the same complaints he heard when he started teaching in 1988. He shared that the Board of Supervisors did not hear about the cutting of courses, such as language arts, until last week when they began receiving letters. Supervisor Ford stated that curriculum is not the Supervisors' business; however, they will try to find out answers for the citizens. He reminded those present that the County recently funded the 28 million dollar middle school, and that all capital improvements can be funded and will be funded in the next 5 years.

Chairman Hinty shared that he was a School Board member for 8 years and reiterated that the Board of Supervisors release the money to the schools and the schools have complete control over how it is spent. He asked the citizens to meet with the School Board during one of their School Board Meetings. Chairman Hinty advised those present that there would be a joint meeting with the School Board and Board of Supervisors at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 17th. He noted that there would likely not be any public comments but they could hear what the Board of Supervisors have to say.

Items to be added to the Agenda

Supervisor Ford added, at the end of the meeting, a discussion on setting the tax rate.

Approval of the February 8, 2017, February 22, 2017, and the February 27, 2017

Supervisor Ford moved to approve the February 8, 2017, February 22, 2017, and the February 27, 2017 Minutes. Supervisor Campbell provided the second, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote by the Board.

AYES: Ford, Campbell, Lewis, Higgins, Hinty
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

County Financial Package/Approval of Appropriation Resolution

Finance Director Steven Bolster reviewed his Monthly Memorandum:

Section I - Commissioner of the Revenue

Activities for Month:

1. Completed a busy Business Professional Occupational License season.
2. Continues to work tax relief for elderly and disabled.
3. Continues helping citizens with State income tax preparing & processing.
4. Starting preparations for the Real Estate tax book.
5. Reconciling monthly DMV additions and deletions to gain accurate data.
6. Entering/auditing business personal property reports.
7. Scanning 2017 business licenses and business personal property forms.
8. Continuing to assist Board of Equalization.

Section II - Treasurer

Activities for Month:

1. County decals went on sale March 1st; deadline is April 15th.
2. Processing Debt Set-off transactions. Received payments involving 61 individuals in the amount of \$11,694.51
3. Beginning to see 2016 State income tax payments.

4. Land-use Program: as of April 1, 2017, the owner of any parcel of land whose taxes are not paid in full will receive a letter stating the land is subject to removal from the program.
5. Business Professional Occupational License processing continues.

Mr. Bolster then reviewed the Revenues Versus Expenditures Chart, the budget schedule and then County's Appropriation Resolution. While reviewing the resolution, Mr. Bolster noted some changes: there was a bill removed in the amount of \$2,184; and a bill added in the amount of \$40,600.

Supervisor Higgins moved to approve the amended Appropriation Resolution shown below and to pay the bills. Supervisor Ford provided the second, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote by the Board.

AYES: Higgins, Ford, Campbell, Lewis, Hinty
 NAYES: None
 ABSENT: None

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 ON MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M.

On motion by Supervisor Higgins, seconded by Supervisor Ford, the Board, by record vote, adopted the following appropriation resolution and payment of bills for the month as follows:

APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED: By the Board of Supervisors of Rockbridge County, Virginia, that the following appropriations are, and the same hereby is made, for the period ending **June 30, 2017**, from the UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS of the **GENERAL FUND** and expended as follows:

4-11-21010-3601 Bookbinding.....	\$13,217.00
Total General Fund Appropriations	\$13,217.00

Current County

11 - General Fund	\$606,835.19
94 - Central Stores	\$4,736.95
372 - Construction Project Fund	\$47,148.83
372 - Capital Purchases Fund	<u>\$890.22</u>

Total County Bills **\$659,611.19**

Current Fiscal Agent

80 - Regional Jail	<u>\$82,113.87</u>
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Total Fiscal Agent **\$82,113.87**

TOTAL ALL BILLS **\$741,725.06**

Convene Solid Waste Authority

Chairman Hinty convened the Solid Waste Authority at 6:26 p.m.

Solid Waste Authority Financial Package/Approval of Appropriation Resolution

Mr. Bolster presented the Solid Waste Authority's Appropriation Resolution.

Supervisor Ford moved to approve the Solid Waste Authority's Appropriation Resolution. Supervisor Campbell provided the second, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote by the Board.

AYES:	Ford, Campbell, Lewis, Hinty, Higgins
NAYES:	None
ABSENT:	None

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, HELD AT THE
 COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING,
 150 SOUTH MAIN STREET, LEXINGTON, VIRIGNIA,
 ON MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017 AT 5:30 P. M.

On motion of Supervisor Ford, with second by Supervisor Campbell, the Authority, by record vote, adopted the following appropriation resolution and payment of bills for the month as follows:

APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED: By the Rockbridge County Solid Waste Authority, that the following appropriations are, and the same hereby is made, for the period ending **June 30, 2017**, from the UNAPPROPROATED SURPLUS of the **SWA-LANDFILL FUND** and expended as follows:

4-19-19050-7002 Capital Outlay.....	\$38,030.00
4-19-19050-8001 Rental of Equipment.....	\$7,046.00
Total SWA-Landfill Fund Appropriations	\$45,076.00
Current SWA	
19 - SWA-Landfill	\$135,685.66
20 - SWA-Recycling	<u>\$9,014.21</u>
TOTAL SWA BILLS	\$144,699.87

Chairman Hinty closed the Solid Waste Authority at 6:27 p.m. and reconvened the Board of Supervisors regular meeting.

Public Meeting- Greenhouse Village Housing Production Project, Phase II

Director of Community Development Sam Crickenberger briefly reviewed the Agenda Item: "We are moving forward with an application through DHCD for Phase II of Greenhouse Village. The previous application was submitted in 2013 for the amount of \$288,935.90 to install the required infrastructure to support the development of eight homes in Greenhouse Village, a mixed income, open space community designed to address the need for affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families in the area. The estimated cost of total home construction was \$1,158,400, with \$60,000 available in down payment assistance for qualifying buyers. To date, four homes are occupied and two more are under construction. The section of road that serves these lots has been taken over by VDOT. The current application for eight homes will be submitted by the end of the month and,

again, is a collaboration with Habitat, the Central Shenandoah PDC and the County. The total grant amount is \$402,237.

"The estimated cost of total home construction is \$1,158,400, with \$60,000 available in down payment assistance for qualifying buyers. Habitat will be acquiring an additional 7 adjoining acres from a private landowner, which will give them the ability to build a total of 20 more homes over the next five years for Habitat-eligible low- to moderate-income families. Habitat typically builds four homes a year. Of these four, one is a modular home built by students in the building and trade department of Rockbridge County High school, which is moved in sections from the school grounds to its foundation on the Habitat lot. The lots to be developed by the grant are so positioned that infrastructure will be in place for future lot development. On a monthly basis, Rockbridge Area Habitat averages 10-12 families who inquire about or complete an application for housing.

"In a study completed in 2005 by students at Washington and Lee University, it was estimated that between 560 and 650 households might benefit from additional affordable housing opportunities. Low-interest, subsidized mortgage payments for a new three-bedroom, two bath, 1100 square foot Habitat home are approximately \$600 per month - including taxes and insurance. Rockbridge County data indicate an urgent need for safe, decent and affordable housing for families with modest income levels. An estimated 5,600 people live in houses with substandard construction in Rockbridge County, according to data from the Commissioner of Revenue. A household had to make over 150% of median income in 2016 to purchase a median-priced house. As a result, an increasing number of

gainfully employed workers who contribute to the economic and social well being of our community have a difficult time finding affordable housing in or near Lexington. The monthly fair market rent for a three-bedroom unit in the County is \$883. The income needed to afford this rental is \$26,320 annually, or an hourly wage of \$12.65, based on 40 hours per week. According to 2002 statistics from USDA, it is estimated that 33% of households in Rockbridge County earned less than \$25,000.

"The Housing Choice Voucher and Certificate Program provides supplemental rents throughout the Rockbridge area. According to the program coordinator, the Section 8 program for Rockbridge County served over 161 families in 2016, and 248 households were on the waiting list." He then presented the Board with a Greenhouse Village Housing Production Project- Phase II Fact Sheet.

Program Director Lynn Leech advised that there are always families who need help in the area, and she hoped the grant would be approved.

Presentation by VDGIF on Jordan's Point Dam

This item was removed from the Agenda.

Solid Waste Discussion

Mr. Suter briefly reviewed the Agenda Item: "During the Board's continued meeting on March 6, staff was given direction to provide the Board with additional information regarding existing collection (staffed and unstaffed) in each magisterial district. The information is attached. Additionally a task order has been issued to SCS Engineers to begin engineering work on the Kerrs Creek site."

Recycling Coordinator Tracy Shafer provided the Board with a packet of information including a spreadsheet of existing collection sites, a map of the existing collection sites, and articles from the local papers related to Solid Waste and Collection Sites.

Solid Waste Director Jeremy Garrett briefly reviewed the packets provided to the Board and advised that the Landfill would need an amended permit from DEQ to operate the proposed Collection Center inside the Landfill once the dumpster closures take place.

Supervisor Campbell asked if, instead of allowing citizens to go all the way down to the bailer building on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at the Landfill, the County could add a collection site just inside the entrance gate at the Landfill - so that an additional permit from DEQ would not be required.

Mr. Garrett responded that DEQ regulations would still be in force, because any such site would still be inside the boundary line of the Landfill. He further clarified that staff and operations at the Landfill are paid through the Solid Waste Authority, whereas staff and operations at collection centers are funded through the County's General Fund. Mr. Garrett continued explaining that staff is moving ahead with the approved plan, beginning with the Kerrs Creek and Natural Bridge Station sites, and at the Landfill.

Staff Reports

Supervisor Lewis moved to accept the Staff Reports. Supervisor Ford provided the second, and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote by the Board.

AYES: Lewis, Ford, Campbell, Higgins, Hinty
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

Added Item

Supervisor Ford had asked to add a discussion on setting the tax rate during the Work Session held at 4:30 p.m.

Supervisor Ford made the comment that he felt the schools have been asking for more money than they really needed, as they have had money saved at the end of the year. He asked the Board to consider starting at the low side of the schools' request to see if they could make do with a lesser amount. If for some reason they cannot and fall short, the Board of Supervisor could provide additional funds as needed.

Supervisor Campbell agreed with Supervisor Ford, adding that the schools seem to go out at the end of the year and spend a large amount of money just because they have left over funds. He stated his opinion that the schools have not honored what the Board of Supervisors have been asking for from them over the past years.

Supervisor Higgins reiterated what was previously stated - that the Board of Supervisors does not have control over how the School Board uses their funds, and that anyone who has questions or concerns about their funding, should go to the School Board.

Supervisor Lewis shared that he did not think it would be wise for the Board of Supervisors to take action on setting a tax rate at this meeting, since the Finance Director was no longer present, and the Board needed to meet with the School Board to discuss their budget before considering the tax rate.

Supervisor Ford asked why the Board would consider raising taxes to give the schools more money when they have had surplus at the end of each year.

Supervisor Lewis mentioned using some of the money in reserves to help support the schools.

In response to a question by Supervisor Lewis, Supervisor Ford stated that he felt this way because the schools were able to give their staff raises last year even though they were not given additional state funds to do. He added that the concerns by the citizens were more related to suspected curriculum changes than to funding. Supervisor Ford reiterated his previous statement that the Board should scale back on what they give the schools so it would put pressure on the School Board to show what they really spend. He stated that, if the schools have been able to put money in an escrow account, they didn't need the money to begin with. He asked the Board to consider flat funding the budget until the schools prove they need more.

Supervisor Lewis added that the schools still need more staff, more classes, and more course offerings.

The Board discussed the possibility of having the Finance Committee meet to further discuss the tax rate to be advertised, prior to Thursday's meeting with the School Board.

Continued Meeting

Chairman Hinty continued this meeting until Thursday, March 16th following the Joint Meeting with the School Board. The Continued Meeting

would be held at the School Board Office at 2893 Collierstown Road,
Lexington.