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### COUNTY LAUNCHES BUDGET WEBSITE

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**Rocky Mount, Virginia** --- Franklin County, Virginia today announced it has launched an interactive budget portal on the County's website: <http://www.franklincountyva.gov> . While the County has long posted its budgets and financial reports online, the new budget portal synchronizes multiple budget items into one central location. The budget site provides informational topics designed for navigational ease including:

- Description guide to the budget process
- Calendar of budget meetings and work sessions
- Previous and current year budgets
- County financial health information
- Factors affecting current and future budgets
- Comparison budget and tax information from adjoining localities
- Citizen input module for residents wishing to give budget feedback and suggestions

In addition to the site's comprehensive budget information and navigational ease, the site further allows residents to stay connected with their County budget through social media avenues like Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. "Franklin County recognizes that citizens expect both transparency and connectivity in their daily activities. The local government budget is not excluded from this expectation" stated Richard E. Huff, II, County Administrator.

The County's budget website encompasses a comprehensive look at County finances, including demographic, tax, and spending comparative data. Website users can examine how the County fares with its neighbors in various program areas, as well as offer budget input and keep up with the latest budget activities (presentations, meetings, work sessions, public hearings, etc.).

The County encourages citizens to visit the budget website as the Board of Supervisors begins to work on next fiscal year's (2012-2013) budget. The website is available online 24/7 and will be continuously updated throughout the budget season. Please visit the site <http://www.franklincountyva.gov> and click the budget website link.