

(RESOLUTION #03-03-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to select Mr. Christopher L. Whitlow to be the next County Administrator of Franklin County and to direct the County Attorney to finalize the employment agreement as discussed and agreed upon in Closed Session.

MOTION BY: Ronnie Thompson
SECONDED BY: Lorie Smith
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum, Thompson

Roll Call was taken

Supervisor Smith spoke highly of Mr. Whitlow and wanted to take a moment and acknowledge how happy the Board is to have someone of Mr. Whitlow's caliber to serve the County of Franklin.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Cline Brubaker- Wanted to be the first Citizen to congratulate Mr. Whitlow with his new title. He then wanted to express his feelings of support for protection within the school safety topic. He was wondering if the County could employ trained personnel in the schools in civilian clothes, much like flight marshals, to defend against potential school shooting threats.
2. Bonnie Law (submitted electronically)-

Bonnie Law: Public Comments

March 17, 2020

Franklin Co., VA Board of Supervisors Meeting

Mr. Chairman and other Board members,

Good afternoon. My name is Bonnie Law with mailing address Boones Mill, VA. I would like to provide an update on the Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) project.

Today's information will center on MVP 's federal permitting problems. MVP has currently lost four (4) of the necessary United States federal permits that were required according to their Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) certificate issued October 13, 2017 to build the pipeline.

The four (4) required federal permits MVP has lost are as follows:

- 1) US Fish and Wildlife permit: NOTE: New information may be out end of March 2020.
- 2) US Army Corps of Engineers permit
- 3) US Forestry permit

4) US Bureau of Land Management permit: NOTE: This actually determines MVP's route which is NOT YET FINALIZED. Should announce a decision June 2020.

At the present time, no one knows for sure when or IF MVP will ever get all the required federal permits re-issued and if anyone tells you otherwise, they are simply not being transparent.

MVP proceeded ahead in early 2018 against all advice regarding construction concerns in topography with steep slopes, thin layers of soil, shallow bedrock, industrial flood plain development, perched aquifers, karst terrain, and roughly eleven hundred (1,100) water body crossings along the 303-mile route. Franklin County is the largest segment of the route in Virginia with approximately thirty-seven (37) miles of pipeline crossings with a multitude of water crossings.

MVP barreled ahead before all pending regulatory permitting matters were resolved. They started construction WITHOUT approximately four hundred seventy-five (475) signed easements and landowner contracts with payments in place. They moved against these 475 landowners with condemnation proceedings in the federal courts BEFORE all permitting issues were resolved in the federal courts.

Their wounds continue to appear self-inflicted as they are presently under court monitoring by the Commonwealth of Virginia and noncompliance erosion and sedimentation reports are still being reviewed by VA DEQ and other officials.

Don't be so eager to accept just anything any of their associated workers tell you. Wall Street obviously has concerns over what they're being told based on their market evaluations even prior to recent downturn.

The current majority owner of the MVP pipeline project, Equitrans Midstream Corporation, readily admits the MVP may NOT get built in multiple recent US Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) filings. These are public documents anyone can access at any time.

If you prefer to believe the bluster and posturing from EQT employees, MVP workers, or year-end press releases touting they have no problems that's up to you. I am inclined to give more weight to what they tell the VA Dept of Environmental in Quality (DEQ), the FERC and the United States Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) in their official documents.

If anyone has any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me at any time. Thank you.

Bonnie Law

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTING, APPROPRIATIONS, AND FEBRUARY 11, 2020, BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 18, 2020 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES AND FEBRUARY 25, 2020 BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Authorization to Revise Budgetary Appropriations				
To:	Franklin County Board of Supervisors			
From:	Brian J. Carter, Director of Finance			
Please be advised that on March 17, 2020, the Board of Supervisors of Franklin County authorizes by resolution, the following supplemental appropriations and transfers.				
<u>Department</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Account</u>		<u>Amount</u>
FY 2019-20				
Sheriff	Drug Restitution	3102-	55412	\$1,035
Sheriff	Video Visitation	3301-	57011	\$585
Sheriff	Court Ordered Drug Test Reimbursement	3301-	55404	\$430
Sheriff	Donated Equipment	3102-	57004	\$3,000
Sheriff	Pawn Shop Restitution	3102-	55411	\$5
Sheriff	DMV Grant Reimbursements	3102-	51002	\$1,000
Planning & Community Dev	Westlake Trail Grant	30120033-57013		\$633,559
Clerk of Court	Part-time Reimbursement	2106-	51003	\$3,117
Library	Donations/Reimbursements	7301-	55411	\$2,035
Social Services	Additional IV-E Funds	5307-	55811	\$690,000
Social Services	Family Partnership Meeting Funds	5306-	53013	\$3,000
				\$1,337,766
Transfers Between Funds, Departments or Capital Accounts				(Decrease), Increase
None				
Total Transfers				\$0

SMART SCALE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

In December of 2019, staff presented seven (7) potential SMART Scale Projects to the Board of Supervisors for possible consideration as pre-application projects. In addition, staff reported they would continue to work with VDOT staff to determine the best candidates for the funding of SMART Scale. Staff has discussed with both West Piedmont Planning District Commission (WPPDC) and Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission (RVARC) to submit a pre-application on the County's behalf for this round of SMART Scale.

SMART Scale is a statewide program that distributes funding based on a transparent and objective evaluation of projects that will determine how effectively they help the state achieve its transportation goals.

There are two main pathways to funding within the SMART Scale process-the Construction District Grant Program (DGP) and the High Priority Projects Program (HPPP). A project applying for funds from the DGP is evaluated against other projects within the same construction district. A project applying for funds from the HPPP is evaluated against projects statewide. The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) makes the final decision on which projects to fund.

For projects to be eligible, projects must address improvements to a Corridor of Statewide Significance, Regional Network, or Urban Development Area (UDA)/Designated Growth Area (DGA) that meet a need identified in the statewide multimodal long-range transportation plan, VTrans. In addition, projects may also address a documented safety need Potential for Safety Improvement (PSI) identified in VTrans.

The County is allowed to submit five (5) pre-applications for the fourth round of SMART Scale, but only four (4) of the five (5) pre-applications can be submitted for potential funding. Both West Piedmont Planning District Commission and Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission have agreed to submit one (1) pre-application each on behalf of the County.

The following are the five (5) pre-applications to be submitted by the County:

- Intersection and roadway improvements Bonbrook Mill Road (Route 635)/Route 220
 - Part of the Arterial Preservation Program and identified in VTrans 2040 Plan for Potential for Safety Improvement (PSI)
- Intersection and roadway improvements Henry Road (Route 605)/Route 220
 - Part of the Arterial Preservation Program and identified in VTrans 2040 Plan as a segment improvement need
- Intersection and roadway improvements Harmony School Road (Route 634)/Route 122
 - Identified in VTrans 2040 Plan as a safety improvement need
- Intersection and roadway improvements Lakemount Road (Route 1235)/Route 122
 - Part of the Westlake – Hales Ford Area Plan and identified in VTrans 2040 Plan for Potential for Safety Improvement (PSI)
- Intersection and roadway improvements Brooks Mill Road (Route 834)/Scruggs Road (Route 616)
 - Part of the Westlake – Hales Ford Area Plan and identified in VTrans 2040 Plan for Potential for Safety Improvement (PSI)

The following is the pre-application to be submitted by West Piedmont Planning District Commission:

- Intersection and roadway improvements Iron Ridge Road (Route 775)/Route 220
 - Part of the Arterial Preservation Program and identified in VTrans 2040 Plan as a safety improvement need

The following is the pre-application to be submitted by Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission:

- Intersection and roadway improvements Naff Road (Route 613)/Route 220
 - Submitted for SMART Scale third round funding was not approved/ Part of the Arterial Preservation Program and identified in VTrans 2040 Plan for Potential for Safety Improvement (PSI)

The following two (2) potential projects will not be submitted in the fourth round of SMART Scale because after researching further it was determined that the projects would not score well under the scoring system of SMART Scale. Staff will continue to search for funding sources for these two (2) intersections.

- Intersection of Ferrum Mountain Road (Route 602)/Route 40
- Intersection and roadway improvements Wirtz Road (Route 697)/Route 122

The deadline for pre-applications for SMART Scale is April 3, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Staff will be presenting the final projects to the Board of Supervisors in May or June. At this time a resolution of support for all projects is required from the Board of Supervisors before the final applications are submitted in August, including the support of projects submitted by the Planning District Commissions.

Staff respectfully requests that the Board of Supervisors authorize County staff to continue working on the pre-applications listed above for the County. Furthermore, continue to work with the PDCs in submitting the two (2) pre-applications on the County's behalf for SMART Scale funding.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT VEHICLE REPLACEMENT

Franklin County Public Works is responsible for supervising employees and maintaining all trash collection sites. The collection site manager utilizes a vehicle for visiting the sites in all weather conditions. The vehicle currently being used is worn out and needs to be replaced.

The vehicle in need of replacement is a 2007 Chevrolet Colorado due to dependability issues. The vehicle has 197,000 miles and the transmission is wearing out.

The replacement vehicle recommended is a Nissan Rogue AWD. The Rogue would be purchased from the state eVa contract for \$21,910. The Public Works Department will not be increasing its fleet and the funds are budgeted and appropriated for the purchase in Public Works vehicle account #3036 0071 57005.

Staff respectfully requests the Board to authorize the purchase of a Nissan Rogue for \$21,910 including delivery as noted from the Virginia State contract. Funds have been allocated and are available in the Public Works Capital Fund #3036 0071 57005.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ANTIQUE FARM DAYS SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT

Franklin County and the surrounding region have a rich history in agriculture and industry. These traditions are still very active. The SWVA Antique Farm Days has become one of the region's most significant heritage-based events celebrating agriculture.

Last year it drew many participants over the three days with many coming from outside the county, thus utilizing our hotels and restaurants. Franklin County Parks & Recreation partners to host this event.

The Festival will again be hosted at Franklin County Recreation Park. This festival demonstrates the diversity of the region and Franklin County and offers a glimpse into the culture that contributed to the County's past.

The Southwest Virginia Antique Farm Days is organized by a group of dedicated volunteers with help from the county's Parks and Recreation Department and Tourism Office. The volunteers are overseeing many of the tasks that need to occur before and during the event. The group estimates that there will be exhibitors participating in the festival.

There are approximately 425+ parking spaces at the park. This includes existing parking areas and multi-use fields. All parking areas will have attendants directing traffic, enter and exit areas will be marked with additional parking and shuttles provided. The event has been reviewed by the Franklin County Sheriff's office, the Department of Health, and the Franklin County Building Inspector, and has been cleared by these agencies. Staff has worked closely with this group as they have grown this event. Southwest Virginia Antique Farm Days has fulfilled the requirements under the Special Events permit application

Attached is the completed event application. Staff respectfully requests Board approval for this year's event.

FRANKLIN COUNTY SPEEDWAY APPLICATION FOR OUTDOOR OCCASION PERMIT

As in years past, the Franklin County Speedway is requesting approval for the 2020 Annual Outdoor Occasion Permit for the racing season. The attached Outdoor Occasion Permit is enclosed for your review.

All pertinent agencies per County Code Section 13-29.2 have signed off on the 2020 Outdoor Occasion Permit.

Per County Code Section 13-29.4 the fee of \$100.00 has been remitted and deposited with the County Treasurer.

Staff respectfully requests the Board consider approval of the 2020 Outdoor Occasion Permit application submitted by Franklin County Speedway.

(RESOLUTION #04-03-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to approve the Consent Agenda, with the note that the Board would like more clarification on the item #4, Franklin County Speedway Application for Outdoor Occasion Permit.

MOTION BY: Tommy Cundiff
 SECONDED BY: Tim Tatum
 VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
 AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum, Thompson

BRIAN CARTER, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

REF: 1. Monthly Finance Report

Mr. Carter presented the below presentation.



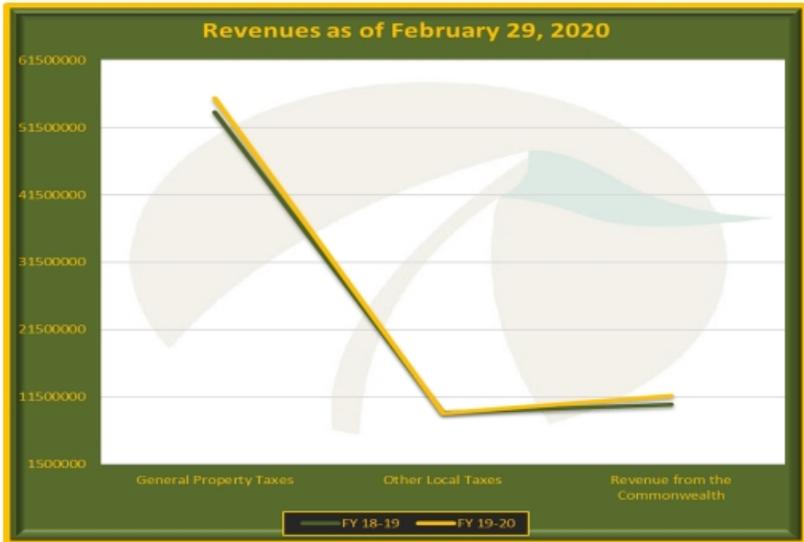
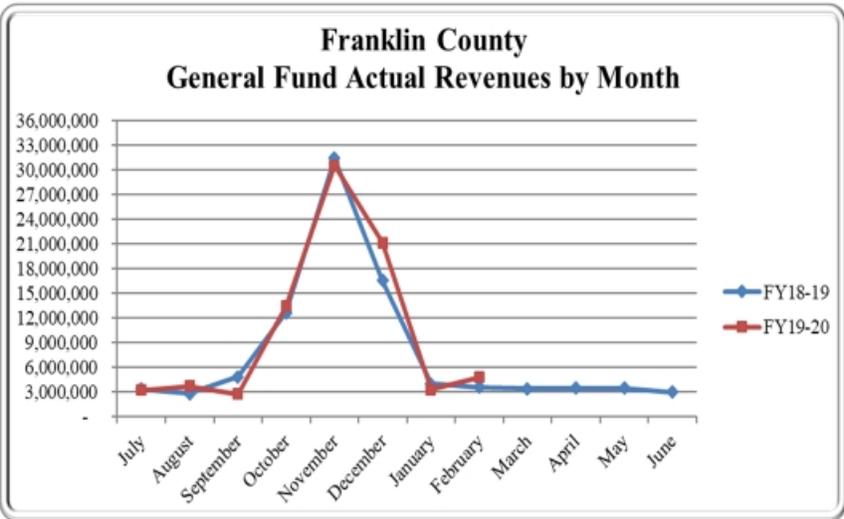
FRANKLIN COUNTY MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

March 17, 2020



Franklin County
Cash Basis Revenue and Expenditure Summaries (Unaudited)
General Fund and School Fund Only
For the Month Ended February 29, 2020

REVENUES:	Budget and Appropriations Current Year	Actual Year to Date Revenues	Balance To Be Realized	Percent of Budget
General Property Taxes	55,095,914	55,879,217	783,303	101.4%
Other Local Taxes	12,220,752	9,099,787	(3,120,965)	74.5%
Permits, Fees and Licenses	395,241	324,608	(70,633)	82.1%
Fines and Forfeitures	43,499	25,771	(17,728)	59.2%
Revenue from the use of Money and Property	644,790	504,125	(140,665)	78.2%
Charges for Services	2,697,276	2,101,589	(595,687)	77.9%
Miscellaneous Revenue	860,888	582,433	(278,255)	67.7%
Recovered Costs	603,690	385,425	(218,274)	63.8%
Revenue from the Commonwealth	14,508,798	11,618,290	(2,888,508)	80.1%
Federal Government	3,636,872	2,572,064	(1,064,808)	70.7%
Total	90,705,629	83,093,289	(7,612,240)	91.6%
Fund Balance/Carryover Funds				
Transfers	3,261,091	(78,034)		
Total General Fund	93,967,120	83,015,255		
Schools				
Caterers, Misc, State, Federal	53,357,617	32,930,022	(20,427,595)	61.7%
Local Funding from County	34,365,178	23,918,617	(10,446,661)	69.6%
Total School Fund	87,722,795	56,848,640	(30,874,255)	64.8%
EXPENDITURES:	Budget and Appropriations Current Year	Actual Year to Date Expenditures	Balance Expended	Percent of Budget
General and Financial Administration	4,864,589	3,505,019	1,359,570	72.1%
Judicial Administration	2,996,510	1,826,087	1,170,423	60.9%
Public Safety (Sheriff, Corrections, Fire, EMS)	15,125,619	9,695,932	5,439,687	64.0%
Public Works	4,098,231	2,433,792	1,664,439	59.4%
Health and Welfare	13,750,762	10,173,277	3,577,485	74.0%
Parks, Recreation, Libraries, Community College	2,308,328	1,541,189	767,139	66.8%
Community Development	3,252,868	2,028,037	1,224,831	62.3%
Transfers to Schools, Capital, Debt	47,570,213	36,134,580	11,435,633	76.0%
Total General Fund	93,967,120	67,327,913	26,639,207	71.7%
School Fund	87,722,795	59,127,918	28,594,877	67.4%





	<u>FY17-18</u>	<u>FY18-19</u>	<u>FY19-20</u>	18/19 to 19/20 % Change
Total Revenue Year to Date (July - Feb)	35,000,181	39,099,487	39,304,376	0.5%
Dollar Increase			204,889	
Percent of Budget	98.97%	99.06%	98.95%	



	<u>FY17-18</u>	<u>FY18-19</u>	<u>FY19-20</u>	18/19 to 19/20 % Change
Total Revenue Year to Date (July - Feb)	9,441,091	10,469,394	11,821,291	12.9%
Dollar Increase			1,351,897	
Percent of Budget	96.03%	98.36%	108.05%	





	<u>FY17-18</u>	<u>FY18-19</u>	<u>FY19-20</u>	18/19 to 19/20
Total Revenue Year to Date (July - Feb)	3,167,889	3,958,007	3,776,192	% Change
Dollar Increase			(181,815)	-4.6%

*Revenue collections are at 75.0% of Budget

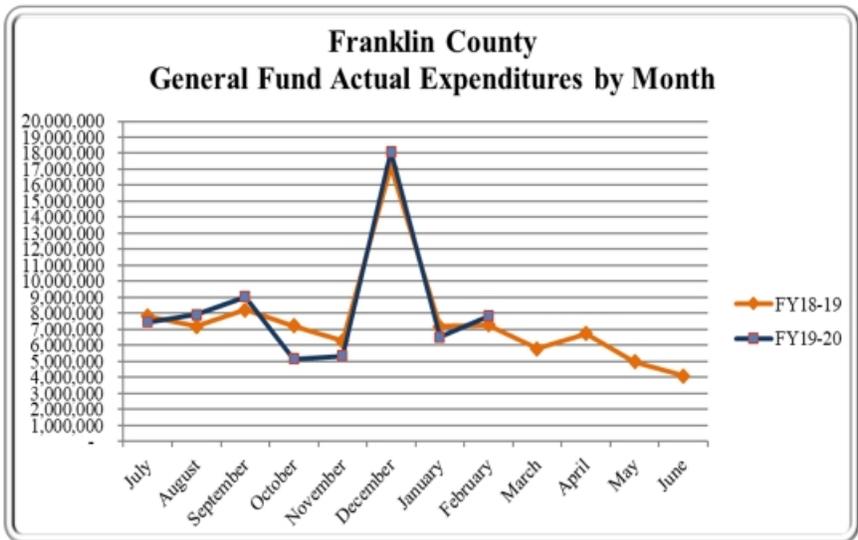


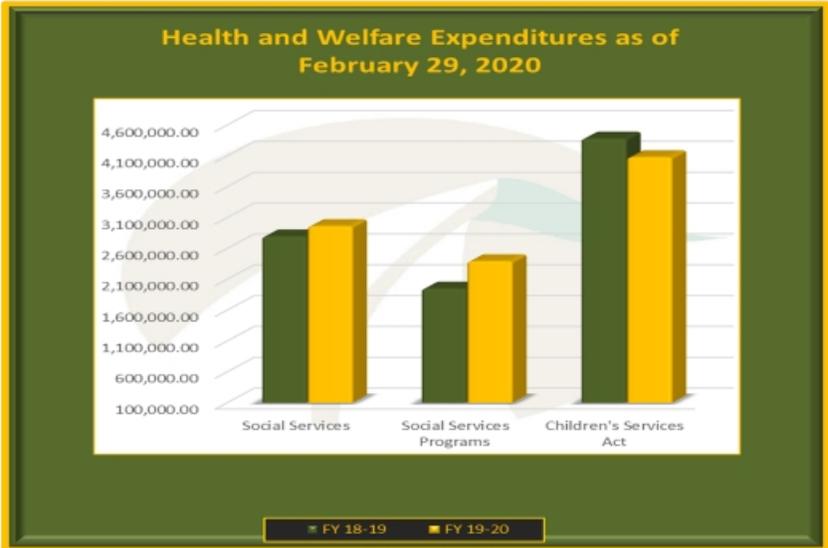
	<u>FY17-18</u>	<u>FY18-19</u>	<u>FY19-20</u>	18/19 to 19/20
Total Revenue Year to Date (July - Feb)	767,998	807,090	855,322	% Change
Dollar Increase			48,232	6.0%





Total Revenue Year to Date (July - Feb)	<u>FY17-18</u>	<u>FY18-19</u>	<u>FY19-20</u>	<u>18/19 to 19/20</u>
Dollar Increase	100,192	100,722	115,030	% Change 14.2%
			14,308	





Fund Balance

Unassigned Fund Balance 6/30/19	\$23,704,454
Less:	
BOS Approved Rollovers	-\$1,421,851
Capital Project Reserve	-\$1,400,000
School Carryover Approved	\$0
Policy Minimum 20% of GF Revenues	<u>-\$18,780,531</u>
Remaining Available	<u><u>\$2,102,072</u></u>



General discussion ensued.

MIKE BURNETTE, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

REF: 1. Summit View Business Park- Sewer Extension

Mr. Burnette reviewed the extension of public sewer from Shady Lane to Altice Mill that is needed to better serve the Summit View Business Park. Due to the number of businesses already announced within Summit View, the small 20,000 gallons per day Wirtz sewer treatment plant will be oversubscribed upon the opening of Traditional Medicinals. To handle the expected volume required and the need from future park entrants, sewer capacity must be expanded. The County is working with the Western Virginia Water Authority to complete the extension of sewer down U.S. Route 220 to tie into the Town of Rocky Mount wastewater system. Mr. Burnette requested Board approval of the project and the financing of it in partnership with the WVWA. The expansion will increase the capacity at Summit View to 110,000 gallons per day. Mr. Mike McEvoy, Director of the Western Virginia Water Authority, answered questions from the Board and added additional comments.

Mr. Carter asked if this sewer line is something a homeowner can use as the line may pass by their house. Mr. McEvoy responded by letting the Board know this is not sewer that is easily capable to be used in homes.

General questions and discussion ensued.

(RESOLUTION #05-03-2020)

RESOLUTION OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Authorizing the Execution of Project Schedule 5 and a Support Agreement under the County's Master Financing Agreement with the Western Virginia Water Authority

WHEREAS, the County is party to a Master Financing Agreement dated as of January 15, 2019 with the Western Virginia Water Authority (the "Authority") pursuant to which the County has agreed in principle to provide seventy-five percent (75%) of the debt service for the extension of the Authority's wastewater force main transmission line along US 220 to provide a connection with the Town of Rocky Mount's wastewater treatment system, a portion of which line will be the eight-inch (8") sewer force main along US Route 220 approximately 7,100 linear feet from Shady Lane to Glen Meadow Drive where it discharges into a sanitary sewer manhole that is gravity fed to the Town of Rocky Mount's wastewater collection system, and financing costs (the "Project"); and,

WHEREAS, the County has determined to execute and deliver Project Schedule 5 and accompanying Supplement Agreement in connection with the Authority's issuing its not to exceed \$5,350,000 Sewer

System Revenue Bond, Series 2020 (the "Bond Issue") for sale to the Virginia Resources Authority ("VRA") to finance the Project; and,

WHEREAS, there have been presented to this meeting a completed Project Schedule 5 and accompanying Support Agreement (the "Master Financing Documents") for the Board of Supervisors' consideration; and,

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the same and authorize him or his assistant to execute and deliver the Master Financing Documents to the Authority and to VRA as to the revenue stream necessary to support the Bond Issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, VIRGINIA that Project Schedule 5 and the accompanying Support Agreement are hereby approved and the County Administrator and the Assistant County Administrator, either ONE of whom may act, are authorized and directed to execute and deliver them to the Authority and to VRA, with such completions, omissions, insertions and changes not inconsistent with this Resolution as may be approved by the County Administrator or the Assistant County Administrator, whose approval shall be evidenced conclusively by the execution and delivery thereof. The County Administrator and the Assistant County Administrator, each of whom is authorized to act, are authorized and directed to make such certifications and take such further action as may be necessary or convenient to cause the financing and construction of the Project.

MOTION BY: Lorie Smith

SECONDED BY: Tim Tatum

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum, Thompson

STEVEN SANDY, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

REF: 1. Short Term Rentals

Mr. Sandy, Director of Planning and Community Development Presented the following PowerPoint.



Possible Solutions



Developing a short-term rental registry with annual application fee.



Methods to improve safety in structures currently used as short-term rentals.



Acquiring services of a 3rd party vendor to monitor and track short term rentals.



Increased fines for non-compliance



Uniform regulations for short term rentals in the zoned and non-zoned areas.



Consider lobbying the Virginia General Assembly to allow Franklin County to access an additional 2% transient occupancy tax.

Short Term Rental Registry

- ◆ Staff recommends creation of a countywide short term rental registry.
- ◆ This registry will require providers to register annually and pay an annual registration fee.
- ◆ The registry allows for a \$500 fine for providers who fail to register their short term rental.

Safety of Short Term Rentals

- ◆ Staff has discussed some possible safety considerations to include in short term rental requirements.
- ◆ Section 25-138 requires that each unit have a smoke detector and fire extinguisher. Staff recommends that requirement be enhanced to require a smoke detector in each sleeping area and require a specific fire extinguisher be mounted on the wall as well as providing an evacuation plan in the dwelling.
- ◆ Staff would recommend that an annual inspection be performed on each short term rental on an annual basis by a representative of the county Public Safety or local fire department.



3rd Party Vendor

- ◆ On February 25th a team of staff members from Planning, Building, Commissioner of the Revenue, and Finance viewed a presentation from a 3rd party consultant, Host Compliance, to provide solutions to short term rental registration, compliance monitoring, fraud, audit, and enforcement.
- ◆ The firm is currently partnering with ten (10) local jurisdictions in Virginia. Staff has spoken with Rockingham County who is in their 2nd year with Host Compliance. They indicate they have seen an increase in both the number of units located and tax revenue generated.
- ◆ Staff has also received feedback from the City of Lynchburg who just started in January.

Fines for Non-Compliance

- ◆ Staff has reached out to the County Attorney's office to help identify allowable fines under criminal or civil enforcement proceedings.
- ◆ The County is limited by state code on the amount of fines that can be levied on zoning violations. For instance, criminal fines are limited to not more than 12 months in jail and a fine of not more than \$2500, either or both.
- ◆ Civil penalties are currently allowed by County Code as \$100 per initial violation and not to exceed \$3000. State code would allow this to increase to \$200 and \$5000 respectively.
- ◆ State Code does allow a \$500 penalty/fine for failure to register your short term rental and this is proposed to be included in the registry.

Uniform Regulations

At the recent work session of the Commission and the Board, it was suggested that regulations pertaining to use and safety of short term rentals apply uniformly to structures whether they are in zoned or non-zoned areas. Staff is discussing this option with the County Attorney's office to determine the best location within the County Code to address this issue.

Taxing

- ◇ At the recent work session, there was discussion about seeking support from the County's General Assembly representatives to allow Franklin County to collect an additional 2% transient occupancy tax (increasing from current 5% to 7%) that would be levied on short term rentals.
- ◇ GA recently passed a bill that gives county equal taxing authority and would allow county to increase Transient Occupancy Tax.

- ◇ The Planning Commission respectfully requests that the Board of Supervisors concur with the Planning staff memo to begin implementing these items and also determine if additional work sessions between the Commission and Board are desired to discuss additional changes to short term rental regulations.
- ◇ Authorize staff to schedule a public hearing to establish a registry.
- ◇ Authorize staff to move forward with contract negotiations with Host Compliance under Cooperative Procurement process.

Ms. Smith would like staff to look at specific zones (restricted and R1) and she would like to amend PCD, RCDs. She would like staff to consider regulations countywide.

Supervisor R. Mitchell asked the County Attorney to look into what we can change or enforce as far as life safety.

Mr. Guynn suggested we get together a set of Ordinances by May 1, 2020 that address the Short-Term rentals and create a format the Board will be comfortable with before holding a public hearing to address this issue.

Mr. Sandy then suggested April.

***On the advice of the County Attorney a consensus was made* giving direction to** the Board of Supervisors to authorize staff to move forward with contract negotiations with Host Compliance under Cooperative Procurement process, draft ordinances in regard to the registry in preparation for a public

hearing in May, look into annual registration and other fees and begin looking into other zoning amendments.

DR. MARK CHURCH, FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT

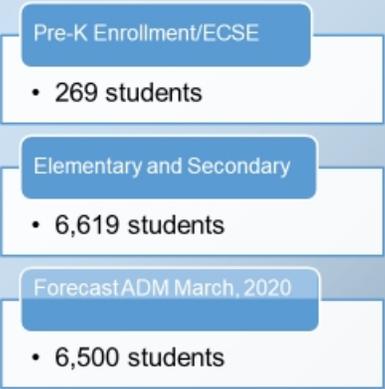
REF: 1. Franklin County Public Schools Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Presentation

Status of Schools

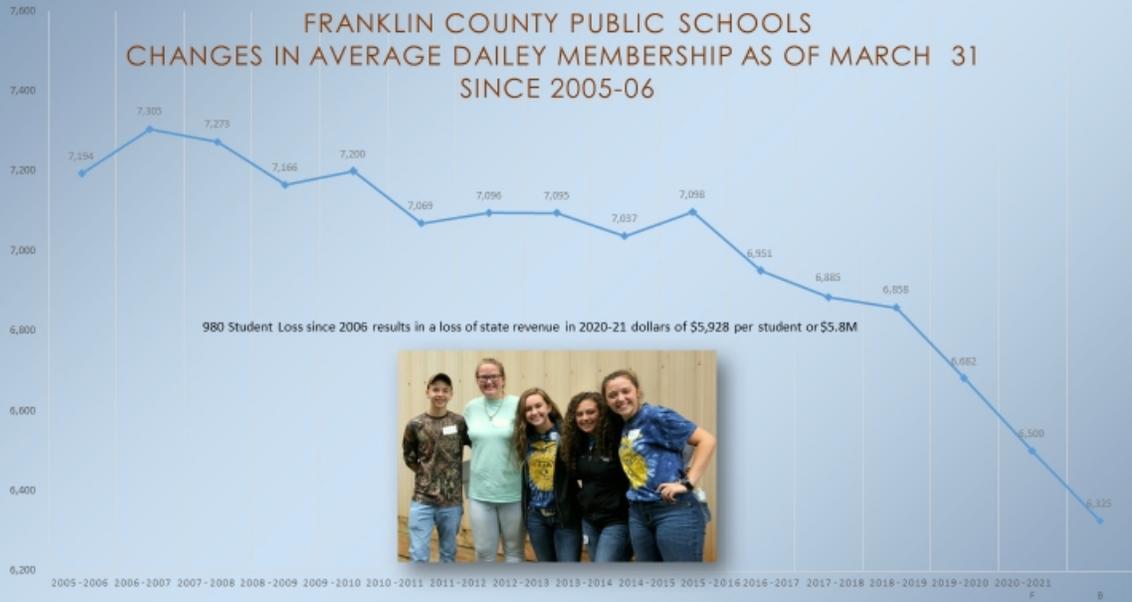
- All Franklin County Public Schools are fully accredited (Gereau accredited with conditions).
- FCHS was one of five schools who received the High School Program Innovation Planning Grant awarded by the Virginia Department of Education.
- \$7.1 million in scholarships were awarded to FCHS Seniors in 2018-19.



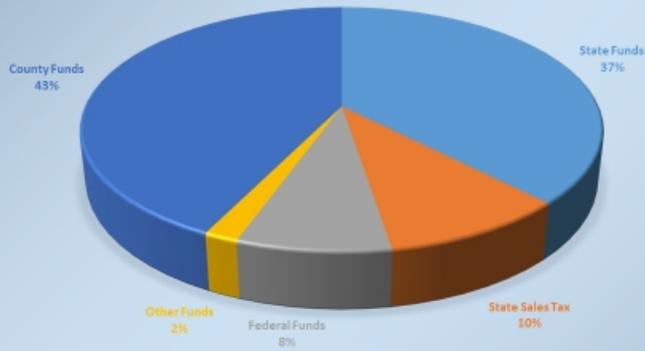
Enrollment



FRANKLIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHANGES IN AVERAGE DAILEY MEMBERSHIP AS OF MARCH 31 SINCE 2005-06



PROJECTED REVENUES

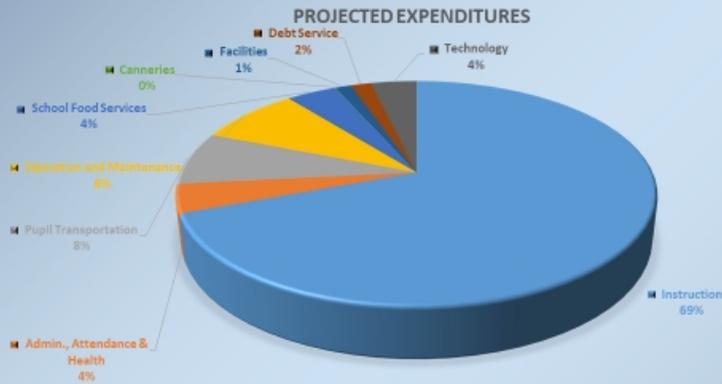


Budget Category	Budget		Difference
	2019-20	2020-21	
State Funds	\$33,890,166	\$35,721,286	\$1,831,120
State Sales Tax	\$9,003,039	\$9,244,065	\$241,026
Federal Funds	\$7,621,802	\$7,637,160	\$15,358
Other Funds	\$2,842,610	\$1,702,920	-\$1,139,690
County Funds	\$35,245,178	\$40,480,454	\$5,235,276
TOTAL	\$88,602,795	\$94,785,885	\$6,183,090

State Revenue Projections for 2020-21

Estimated State Revenues for 2020-21 are \$44,965,351

Increase of \$2,072,146 from 2019-20 Budget
Due mostly to SOQ Re-Benchmarking



Budget Category	Budget 2019-20	Proposed Budget 2019-20	Difference
Instruction	\$63,124,443	\$65,638,681	\$2,514,238
Admin., Attendance & Health	\$3,581,169	\$3,891,377	\$310,208
Pupil Transportation	\$5,735,250	\$7,283,836	\$1,548,586
Operation and Maintenance	\$6,883,764	\$7,838,768	\$955,004
School Food Services	\$3,747,385	\$3,793,966	\$46,581
Canneries	\$53,346	\$53,346	(\$0)
Facilities	\$1,220,000	\$1,220,000	\$0
Debt Service	\$1,597,572	\$1,561,154	(\$36,418)
Technology	\$2,659,866	\$3,504,757	\$844,891
TOTAL	\$88,602,795	\$94,785,885	\$6,183,090

Capital Maintenance Projects 2020-21

- Various Schools, Asbestos Removal, Tile Replacement, Plumbing Upgrades, and Electrical Upgrades - \$200,000
- Bus Replacement Purchase - \$340,000
- Seal and Stripe asphalt in 6 locations - \$75,000
- Replace HVAC units at Rocky Mount and Burnt Chimney Elementary (subject to available funding)
- Install Air Conditioning at Ferrum and Rocky Mount Cafeterias
- Continue to work with the Board of Supervisors on funding the CTE and renovation project at Franklin County High School
- Continue to work with the Board of Supervisors on funding the renovation project at Benjamin Franklin Middle School



Budget Impact Items

- Enrollment-State SOQ Funding Model based on declining average daily membership
- Health Insurance/Competitive Benefits Program
- Competitive Teacher Salary Schedule
- Competitive salary structure for all departments and positions
- Reduction of state funding for Regional SPED Programs (\$200,000)
- Compensation step increase for all employees with new teacher salary schedule that addresses competitiveness in steps 1-11 and salary compression at these steps
- Scheduled bus replacement plan-lack of adequate funding to purchase 8-12 buses a year
- Funding for facility Infrastructure repair and replacement
- VRS employer contribution rate increase for professional payroll (\$400k)
- Proposed new school counselor ratios for 2021 and 2022 will require us to hire six new guidance counselors by 2021-22
- Improving teacher quality and retention
- Strategic Plan Initiatives
- K-12 Legislative Initiatives from the General Assembly
- Step increase delta (\$1.4M) Teacher salary schedule delta (\$1.8M)

Issues that are Driven by Economics

- Salary Increase (Step Increase)
- Salary scale market value adjustment for all classified scales
- Teacher salary schedule recommendation to address competitiveness and salary compression issues
- Compensation and benefits adjustments for bus drivers, bus aides, and mechanics
- Revised Pay Scales for LPN's and Paraprofessionals (T/A's)
- Staff Retention/Competitiveness of support staff compensation
- Stipend increase recommendations for coaches and other employee classifications
- No increase in Health Insurance Rates due to favorable claims experience
- Premium holiday for health plan participants in 19-20, first one ever provided
- Benefits program enhancements for employees
- Address IT professional salary schedule issues



School Budget Funding Initiatives

Callaway Canopy Project	\$34,000
Coordinator of Professional Learning and Innovation	\$85,000
1 secondary Science and Math Teacher	\$135,000
School Bus Leasing Proposal	\$125,000
Update and replace the In-ground Lifts in Bus Garage	\$40,000
1 SPED for SLC	\$67,500
1 ITRT(due to Coordinator of Professional Learning)	\$106,850
Job Placement Apprenticeship Coordinator	\$67,500
Alternative setting-K-5 Rise Program and blending SLC and Choices (no facility costs)	\$198,000
Secondary Guidance Position	\$67,500
Begin market value adjustment of classified personnel salary scales	\$100,000
Coaching Stipend recommendation	\$100,978
Increase allotment of funds for pest control	\$40,000
Offer Bus Aides Benefits	\$50,000
Masters or Journeyman's license stipend	\$5,000
1 Science teacher-BFMS	\$67,500
Pay for a full 3rd personal day	\$9,000
Add 2 personal days to benefit package for bus drivers and bus aides	\$20,000
Increase LPN Salary Scale	\$225,000
Stipend -health office assistance	\$1,000
Increase Technician and Network Engineer Salary Scales	\$45,823
1 Network/Systems Engineer	\$47,950
Parking lot upgrade-more spaces needed for larger meetings-gravel	\$1,500
Family Liasons-1 per building 4.5 FTE	\$221,454
More Parking -Sontag in CJP, amount for Henry Elementary shown	\$3,007
Secure entrances-2/2013 Controlled access study-with inflation factor	\$263,173
improve instructional space	\$150,000
Change 11 and 12 month elementary secretary from Scale C to Scale D	\$24,340
Increase salary for 10 month secretaries-move from Scale B to Scale C	\$41,275
Salary adjustment to be competitive with Technician Wages	\$30,500
2 Elementary STEM Teachers	\$110,000
Early Learning Center	78D
ELL Translator	\$50,000
Special Education Routing Coordinator	\$47,250
Content Development	\$10,000
Employee Assistance Program (no cost to implement)	\$0
Sherriff's request for two additional SROs(estimated)	\$86,700
School Server Replacement	\$150,000
Fully fund Bus Replacement Program	\$780,000
Automobile Replacement Program	\$80,000
Mechanics salary adjustment	\$7,536
Traffic control Additional Staffing	\$27,000
Total Additions	\$3,722,336

Free & Reduced Lunch Percentages

School	Grade Span of School	2012-13 Total	2013-14 Total	2014-15 Total	2015-16 Total	2016-17 Total	2017-18 Total	2018-19 Total	2019-20 Total
Boones Mill	Pre-K, K-5	33.5	32.5	40.1	42.6	39.1	43.9	40.5	43.2
Burnt Chimney	Pre-K, K-5	44.9	43.8	47.2	44.0	44.3	51.7	51.3	49.8
Callaway	Pre-K, K-5	60.3	59.0	58.3	59.6	59.3	57.8	56.4	60.3
Dudley	Pre-K, K-5	47.5	45.7	46.4	44.0	42.6	42.8	45.7	46.0
Ferrum	Pre-K, K-5	61.5	62.2	61.4	61.4	61.4	61.4	61.4	61.4
Glade Hill	Pre-K, K-5	61.2	58.6	59.9	63.2	58.0	61.7	64.0	64.6
Henry	Pre-K, K-5	60.0	60.5	55.3	58.4	65.9	65.9	65.9	65.9
Lee M. Waid	Pre-K, K-5	65.0	62.9	62.3	61.7	61.8	61.8	61.8	61.8
Rocky Mount	Pre-K, K-5	70.9	71.7	71.7	71.7	71.7	71.7	71.7	71.7
Snow Creek	Pre-K, K-5	72.3	67.0	63.0	56.6	54.7	60.3	57.6	63.8
Sontag	Pre-K, K-5	74.4	73.9	73.9	73.9	73.9	73.9	73.9	73.9
Windy Gap	Pre-K, K-5	40.7	43.0	40.5	39.3	36.1	42.4	44.9	49.8
BFMS-East	6	52.1	51.3	52.6	50.1	49.0	50.6	51.1	53.5
BFMS-West	7th - 8th	49.9	48.5	49.5	48.3	45.4	47.4	50.1	51.0
Gereau Center	8th	46.9	48.4	48.2	45.7	45.9	46.7	51.5	45.6
FCHS	9th - 12th	42.4	41.3	42.1	39.3	37.8	38.9	41.4	43.7
Total		51.3	50.6	54.5	46.4	44.9	46.3	47.6	48.8



Note: Ferrum, Rocky Mount, Henry, Lee M. Waid, and Sontag Elementary students receive free breakfast and lunch through the Community Eligibility Program (CEP).

Proposed Teacher Salary Schedule for FY21 Budget Consideration

Step	2019-20 FCPS Scale	2020-21 FCPS Proposed Scale	2019-20 Roanoke County Teacher Scale 1.5% Steps	Increments between steps of new FCPS scale	% Increase for each step of new FCPS scale
1	\$36,662	\$41,000	\$39,555		
2	\$37,817	\$41,615	\$40,148	\$615	1.50%
3	\$38,573	\$42,239	\$40,751	\$624	1.50%
4	\$38,894	\$42,873	\$41,362	\$634	1.50%
5	\$39,591	\$43,516	\$41,982	\$643	1.50%
6	\$39,992	\$44,169	\$42,612	\$653	1.50%
7	\$40,394	\$44,831	\$43,251	\$663	1.50%
8	\$40,796	\$45,504	\$43,900	\$672	1.50%
9	\$41,197	\$46,186	\$44,558	\$683	1.50%
10	\$41,599	\$46,879	\$45,227	\$693	1.50%
11	\$42,000	\$47,582	\$45,905	\$703	1.50%
12	\$42,562	\$48,296	\$46,594	\$714	1.50%
13	\$45,631	\$49,020	\$47,293	\$724	1.50%
14	\$48,703	\$49,756	\$48,002	\$735	1.50%
15	\$51,258	\$51,258	\$48,722	\$1,502	3.02%
16	\$61,849	\$61,849	\$49,453	\$10,591	20.66%
17	\$61,849	\$61,849	\$50,195		
18	\$61,849	\$61,849	\$50,948		
19	\$61,849	\$61,849	\$51,712		
20	\$61,849	\$61,849	\$52,488		
21	\$61,849	\$61,849	\$53,275		
22	\$61,849	\$61,849	\$54,074		
23	\$61,849	\$61,849	\$54,885		
24	\$61,849	\$61,849	\$55,708		
25	\$61,849	\$61,849	\$56,544		
26	\$61,849	\$61,849	\$57,392		
27	\$61,849	\$61,849	\$58,253		
28	\$61,849	\$61,849	\$59,127		
29	\$61,849	\$61,849	\$60,014		
30	\$61,849	\$61,849	\$60,914		



FCPS Annual Salary Adjustment

2009-10

- No Salary Increase
- No Cost-of-Living Increase
- No Step Increases
- Health Insurance Increase--\$400 per year

2010-2011

- No Salary Increase
- No Cost-of-Living Increase
- No Step Increases
- Health Insurance Increase--\$0 per year

2011-12

- No Salary Increase
- Cost-of-Living Payment--\$200 Part-time, \$400 Full-time
- No Step Increases
- Health Insurance Increase --\$400 per year

2012-13

- 1.15% Salary Increase
- No Step Increases
- Health Insurance Increase

2013-14

- 1.5% Salary Increase to Cover 1.0% in Employee Paid VRS Contributions
- 2.50% Salary Increase and Move-Up-One-Step
- Health Insurance Increase

2014-15

- 1.15% Salary Increase to Cover 1.0% in Employee Paid VRS Contributions
- No Cost-of-Living Step Increases
- Cost-of-Living Payment - \$500 part-time; \$1,000 full-time

2015-16

- 1.70% Salary Increase or Step
- 1.15% Salary Increase to Cover Employee Paid VRS Contributions
- Health Insurance Increase of 14.8%

2016-17

- 2.00% Salary Increase or Step
- 1.15% Salary Increase to Cover Employee Paid VRS Contributions
- Health Insurance decrease of 5.7%

2017-18

- 2.00% Salary Increase or Step
- Health Insurance no increase or decrease

2018-19

- Step Increase
- 1% bonus at top of scale
- Health Insurance Increase--\$470,000

2019-20

- Step Increase
- 1% bonus at top of scale
- Health Insurance Increase--\$265,664 employer (4.6%) 2% employee

2020-21

- Step Increase with salary schedule update recommendation
- Health Insurance Increase of 0%

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**A POSITIVE
ATTITUDE
WILL LEAD
TO POSITIVE
OUTCOMES**

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General discussion ensued and general clarification questions were asked and answered.

CHRISTOPHER L. WHITLOW, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

REF: 1. 2020-2021 Budget Presentation

Mr. Whitlow, County Administrator presented the following budget.



**Proposed
Franklin County
2020-2021 Budget**

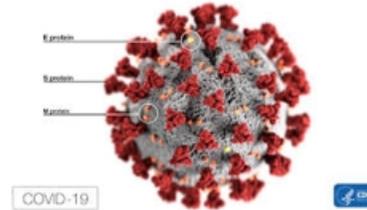
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Living through History

“History never looks like history when you are living through it..”

— John W. Gardner



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History 100 Years ago ... 1920

- ❑ The decade of 1920s started with great promise and ended with vast, unforeseen challenges.
- ❑ Returning from WWI, Americans began a decade of balancing innovation and growth.
- ❑ The Eighteenth & Nineteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution were passed.
- ❑ New economic growth began to occur in Franklin County with tobacco, textiles, and furniture.
- ❑ Many Americans began to own cars, radios, and telephones for the first time. New decade brought need for public roads, utilities, schools, and other services.

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Balancing a Decade Later: Today...

- ❑ Discretionary revenue limited compared to previous decade.
- ❑ Average new, budget discretionary revenue during the last decade has been approximately **1.8% or \$1 million per year** compared with the **previous decade** where new annual revenues averaged **7% with annual new revenue growth averaging \$2.5 - \$4 million** per year
- ❑ Since the recession, when one factors in population stagnation and natural inflation, then the result has been County budgets have been far more challenging in the 2010s than the 2000s.

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Balancing a Decade Later: FY 21

- ❑ Projected Discretionary Revenue increase of \$3.1 million or 4.43%
 - ❑ Estimated 5% growth from reassessment
 - ❑ Limited growth of new real estate of approximately 0.50% annually in new construction; reassessments only equate to 1.25% per year
 - ❑ Modest growth in personal property with an average of 3-4%
 - ❑ Softening sales tax revenue from 20% increase in FY 19; more modest growth of 5% is projected
 - ❑ Flattening interest income; interest income is anticipated to drop significantly if the Fed Funds rate stays at 0% - 0.25%

Revenue projections as of Mid-March 2020 and subject to change due to volatile market conditions 7



Funding Today's Capital Needs

- ❑ Capital Funding has remained relatively flat since 2003
- ❑ Approx. \$2.2 million (County) and \$1.2 million (Schools).
Funding has not significantly increased over last decade (+)
- ❑ Annual Capital Funding would be approximately \$2.9 million when adjusting for inflation
- ❑ School Capital Funding would be approximately \$1.6 million annually
- ❑ Need to begin phasing in additional funding to County and School Capital budgets going forward



Maintaining Aging Infrastructure

Numerous School Buildings & Vehicles

- ❑ 15 School Campuses
- ❑ 174 Buses
- ❑ Current Annual Capital \$880K
- ❑ Current Annual Bus Replacement \$340K





Funding Today's Capital Needs

Increasing costs of Fire & EMS Apparatus

- ❑ Rescue Ambulance cost **\$125K** in 2006 vs. **\$250K** today
- ❑ Fire Engine cost **\$219K** in 2006 vs. **\$550K** today
- ❑ Quint – Ladder - **\$1.2 Million**
- ❑ Tanker - **\$415K**
- ❑ Urban Interface - **\$400K**
- ❑ Brush Truck - **\$70K**



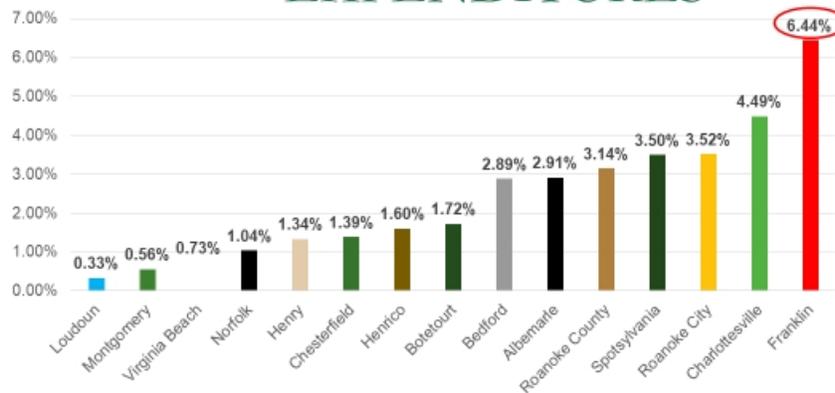
Balancing CSA Challenges



Source: Virginia Office of Children Services



2018 CSA EXPENDITURES PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL EXPENDITURES



CSA – Children Services Act Review

- ❑ Unsustainable Growth Absorbing Surpluses & New Discretionary Revenues for County, School System, & Others
- ❑ FY 19 – CSA Gross Expenditures Increased additional \$432K or additional \$122K in local funds
- ❑ FY 20 CSA Expenditures are currently holding steady and are projected to be comparable to FY 19
- ❑ Previous & Current Action Steps
 - ❑ Shared Approach to Control Growth & Reclaim Revenue
 - ❑ CPMT Appointments & Comprehensive Review of Program
 - ❑ Phased Implementation of CSA Budgetary expenditures for Private Special Education Costs w/ FCPS



Other FY 20-21 Operational Pressures

- ❑ Sustained increase level of inmates / corrections, resulting in \$125,000 cost increase
- ❑ Health insurance renewal increased County costs by 7.8% or \$187,000
- ❑ VRS employer rate increased by 1.55%, cost increase approximately \$275,000
- ❑ Approximately 25 new position requests to cover growing service demands
- ❑ EMS 24/7 Coverage Gaps



Retaining Today's Volunteers

- ❑ County previously had **10** active Volunteer Rescue Squads marked up to answer EMS calls.
- ❑ Following national and state trend, today the County only has **3** or sometimes **4** Volunteer Rescue Squad agencies marked up or answering calls.
- ❑ Volunteer Fire Companies and Rescue Squads are essential to community safety.
- ❑ Continued, targeted funding for Volunteer agency support needed (i.e. apparatus, gear, air packs, volunteer recruitment & retention incentive program, VOLSAP)





FY 20-21 County Department Budget Requests

- ❑ New operational funding requests of \$3.9 million
- ❑ Requests for 25 New Positions - \$1.5+ million
- ❑ New capital funding requests of \$1.2 million more than the annual \$2.2 million allocation
- ❑ Market Competitiveness Pay (Last Study Procured in 2015)
- ❑ Succession Planning with lean staffing. Several department directors and senior staff already at or nearing retirement in the next 5 years

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Strategic Visioning for Tomorrow

- ❑ Addition of new jobs in the community that pay \$20+ per hour
 - ❑ Business Park developed, marketed, and new occupants
 - ❑ Students and adults with comprehensive skills that prepare them for today and tomorrow's available jobs
 - ❑ 24/7 Fire/EMS coverage and marked improvement in response times across the entire County
 - ❑ Significant inroads in reducing illicit drug use and addiction
 - ❑ 1% annual population growth across all demographic categories
 - ❑ Equalize the number of workers coming into and leaving Franklin County to work each day
 - ❑ Ensure adequate facilities and services to address the needs of an aging population across the County
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Addressing Strategic Priorities

- ❑ **Economic Development** - Sites Development; Job Retention and Above Average Salary Jobs Recruitment; Reversing Commute
 - ❑ **Managed Growth** – Population Attraction -1%- & Village Planning
 - ❑ **Infrastructure** – Utilities, Broadband, Parks, Trails, Solid Waste
 - ❑ **Lifelong Learning** – Students & Adults with Comprehensive Skills
 - ❑ **Public Safety** – Fire-EMS & Law Enforcement (24-7 Coverage); Marked Improved Reaction & Response times;
 - ❑ **Financial Stability** – Fiscal Accountability, Quality Bond Ratings
 - ❑ **Operational Effectiveness** – Retention; Succession Planning; Competitive Compensation;
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Achieving Strategic Performance

Economic Development

SUMMIT VIEW

BUSINESS PARK

Think Outside.



Empire foods



- ✓ \$62 Million New Private Investment
- ✓ 211 New Jobs - \$23 / hour



Breaking New Ground





Opening New Facilities



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Welcoming New Investors



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Achieving Strategic Performance

Managed Growth & Population Attraction



County Village Planning



Creating Great Communities for All

- ❑ New Housing Market Studies Underway
- ❑ 250 New Apartment Units Approved in 2019
- ❑ 135 New Single Family Home Starts Since January 2019
(First Quarter 2020 is 14 % increase above First Quarter 2019)



Achieving Strategic Performance

Lifelong Learning



Infrastructure



- ✓ Broadband Plan
- ✓ \$3+ Million Grants
- ✓ Phase One Underway





Achieving Strategic Performance

Financial Stability & Operational Effectiveness



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School Budget FY 20-21 Review

- ❑ State Revenue Increases
 - ❑ State Funding increase of \$1,831,120 or 5.4%
 - ❑ State Sales Tax increase of \$241,026 or 2.7%

- ❑ Continued Drop in School Student Population
 - ❑ FY 19-20 ADM Loss of 182 Students
 - ❑ FY 20-21 ADM Projected Loss of additional **197** Students
 - ❑ School System has lost approximately 800 Students or **11%** student population drop since 2007. Projected **3%** reduction for FY21 over FY20

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School Budget FY 20-21 Requests

Major Initiatives

- ❑ 3.1% Move Up One Step Average Pay Increase - \$1,454,692
- ❑ Proposed New Teacher Salary Schedule Increase - \$1,485,413
- ❑ Additional Targeted Compensation Increase - \$1,207,491
- ❑ VRS Increase - \$400,000
- ❑ Health Insurance Rates – No Cost Increases

- ❑ Requesting \$5.2 Million from County over FY 19-20

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Local Funding FY 20-21 Budget - FCPS



- ❑ Operations Increase \$900,000
- ❑ Special Education (Private Day) \$525,122
- ❑ Capital Increase \$200,000
- TOTAL \$1,625,122
- ❑ Local Capital Funding of \$1,420,000
 - ❑ \$1,080,000 Capital
 - ❑ \$340,000 Bus Replacement

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FY 20-21 Budget – General Government

- ❑ No New Programs
- ❑ Six New FT positions from 25 requested (3 of which are EMS paramedics funded through insurance billing)
- ❑ \$3.9 Million cut from new Operational funding requests
- ❑ \$3.2 Million cut from new Capital funding requests

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FY 20-21 Budget Summary

- ❑ Operational Budget increase of 5.68%
 - ❑ Addresses Expenditure Pressures and Needs (3% COLA, Health Insurance, VRS, WVRJ, Solid Waste, Fire/EMS Volunteer Recruitment/Retention)
 - ❑ EMS Coverage Gaps (Adds 3 First Responders via Insurance Billing)
 - ❑ Identifies service demand workload and funds a position in Public Works (project manager); Parks and Recreation (maintenance); Human Resources (personnel support); Commonwealth Attorney & Clerk of Circuit Court (PT)
- ❑ Capital Budget Increase Local Funding of \$200K

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Proposed FY 20-21 Budget

- Following various Budget Work Sessions and Board discussion, staff has prepared a balanced budget with No Tax Rate adjustments.
- The recommended FY 20-21 Fiscal Plan is a maintenance budget that funds expenditure pressures and market inflationary costs, while continuing to support community strategic priorities.
- Overall, the proposed \$149,850,258 FY 20-21 Budget increases 4.2% from last year.

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FY 20-21 Proposed Expenditures



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FY 20-21 Proposed Revenues



Budgeting over a Century.....

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ROCKY MOUNT DISTRICT

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SUBJECTS OF TAXATION	Valuation	Rate State Tax Per \$100	Amount of State Tax	COUNTY AND DIST. LEVIES		TOTAL
				Real Estate and Tang. Prop. arty	Intang. Property	
Real Estate 1 Acres	25	25	7	59		66
Real Estate Acres		25				
Real Estate Acres		25				
Merchant's Capital						
Personal Property— Tangible (Schedule B)	80	25	20	188		208
Personal Property— Intangible (Classes 1, 3 and 4)		80				
Personal Property— Intangible (Class 7)		85				
Personal Property— Intangible (Class 8)		35				
Personal Property— Intangible (Class 4) Money		20				
Income— 1% up to \$3,000.00 2% on excess of \$3,000.00						
Capitation			\$1.50	100		250
TOTAL			177	347		524
Five Per Cent. Penalty						
TOTAL						

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FY 20-21 Budget Next Steps

■ Budget Information

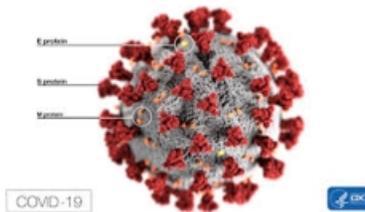
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■ Budget Work Sessions

- Since last November, held 9 Previous Work Sessions
- Additional Work Sessions (as needed March 19th – April 2nd)
- April 21st Budget Public Hearing 6:00 pm (tentative)
- April 28th Budget Adoption (tentative)

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One more thing
this Virus Thing Has Got To GO!!



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BILLY FERGUSON, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

REF: 1. COVID-19 Update

Mr. Ferguson gave a briefing on the COVID-19 update. He informed the Board a Task Force has been formed and is addressing issues as they arise.

OTHER MATTERS BY SUPERVISORS

Mr. Tatum spoke regarding the Fork Mountain fire department and Mr. Ferguson addressed his concerns.

Mr. R. Mitchell spoke and let the board know he still would like to know more about how we are helping our volunteers.

Chairman Mitchell recessed the meeting for dinner.

Chairman Mitchell called the meeting back to order at 6:15 PM

- 1. APPLICATION for SPECIAL USE PERMIT** – Application of George Coury and Patricia Coury, Applicants, and Poldark Properties, LLC, Owners, requesting a Special Use Permit with possible conditions, to allow for the short-term tourist rental of a dwelling, located on an approximate 1.25 acre property. The property, currently zoned A-1, Agriculture, is located at 2729 Naff Road in the Boone District of Franklin County and is further identified by Franklin County Real Estate Records as Tax Map/Parcel # 0200002800. Short term tourist rental of a dwelling is a permitted use by Special Use Permit in A-1 Agriculture zoning districts. The property has a future land use designation of Conservation Areas/Steep Slopes (>25%).

Mr. Sandy, Director of Planning and Community Development presented the following:

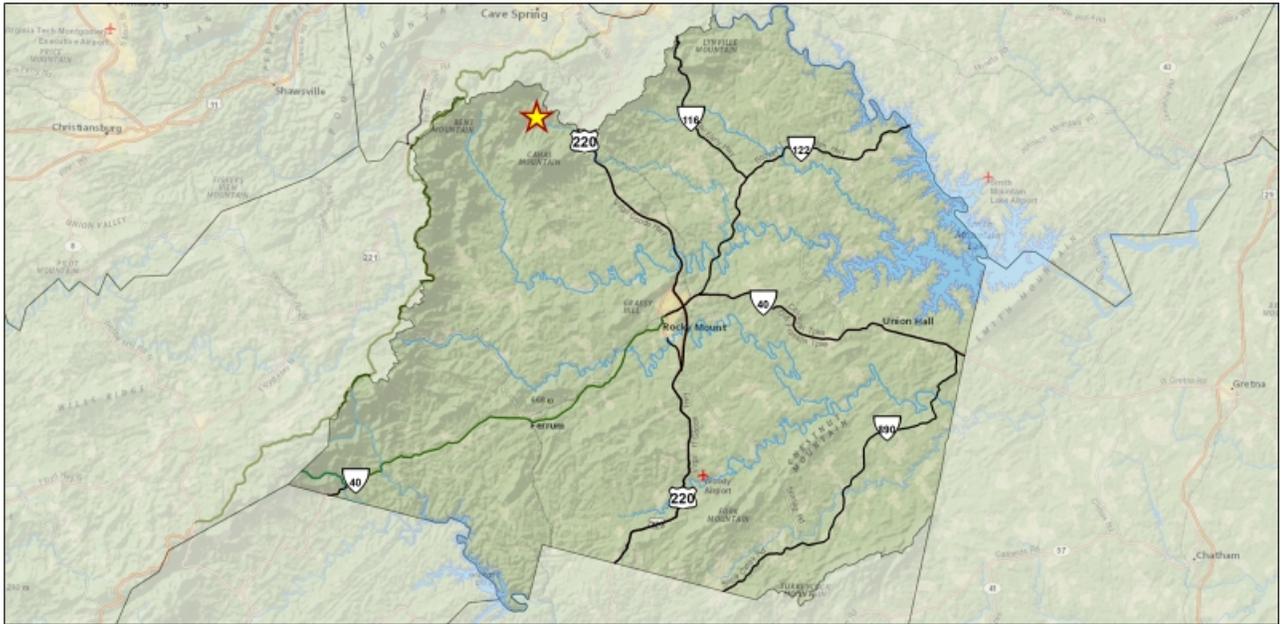
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Background

- The Coury's have filed this special use permit (SUP) application in response to a notification from the Commissioner of Revenue office that short term rentals must register in A-1 zoning districts.
- The Coury property is zoned A-1 Agricultural. Per Section 25-179 of the County Code, short term tourist rentals, (for periods of less than 30 days), are permitted in A-1 zoning districts provided the Board of Supervisors issues a special use permit for the use.
- Approval of this special use permit request for short term rental will allow tourists, vacationers, etc. to legally stay on the property for periods of less than 30 days.



Subject Property Location



Tax Map #0200002800
SPEC-01-20-16480
George & Patricia Coury



Franklin Co GIS
Date: 1/22/2020

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- Subject Property
 - Parcels
 - Special Use Permit
- Zoning Classifications**
- A1 - Agricultural



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Legend

- Subject Parcel
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Tax Map #0200002800
 SPEC-01-20-16480
 George & Patricia Coury



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Staff Analysis

- The proposed short term rental is in a low density area characterized by larger lots and few single family homes.
- Access to the short term rental will be from Naff Road. Rental occupants will not need to use Wades Gap Road that provides access to most of the land uses in this area, including the single family homes, the Brethren Church and the Naff Community Center.
- The proposed short term rental is a small structure (800 sq. ft., with two (2) bedrooms. If used in compliance with the Code, noise and traffic impacts should be limited.
- The property owners reside in the area and thus can more closely monitor the use of the property.
- There were two (2) public comments received at the advertised public hearing.

Recommendation of the Planning Commission

The Planning Commission recommends approval of this special use permit request for a short term rental use of the existing residential structure, by a vote of 5-0-2-0, with the following conditions:

- 1) The use of the property for short term rentals shall always comply with the performance standards for short term rentals contained in Section 25-138 of the Franklin County Code. The applicant/property owner shall also complete the Short Term Rental Certificate of Compliance Form prior to the structure being used for short term rental.
- 2) In accordance with Health Department regulations and procedures, the owner shall retain the services of a professional soil scientist to evaluate the design and capacity of the existing septic system, and shall undertake any improvements necessary to ensure the septic system complies with department standards for the proposed use and expected demand. All necessary improvements shall be undertaken prior to the structure being used for short term rental.
- 3) The Building Official and the Fire Marshall shall each inspect the short term rental dwelling for compliance with applicable codes prior to the structure being used for short term rental.

Public hearing was opened

No one spoke.

Public hearing was closed

(RESOLUTION #06-03-2020)

APPLICATION OF GEORGE COURY AND PATRICIA COURY, APPLICANTS AND OWNERS, REQUESTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE SHORT TERM TOURIST RENTAL OF A DWELLING ON PROPERTY ZONED AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT (A-1) CONSISTING OF +/- 1.25 ACRES, LOCATED AT 2729 NAFF ROAD, IN THE BOONE DISTRICT OF FRANKLIN COUNTY AND IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP/PARCELS # 0200002800 (CASE # SPEC-1-20-16480).

WHEREAS, George and Patricia Coury did file an application requesting a Special Use Permit to allow for the short term tourist rental of a dwelling on an approximate 1.25 acre parcel, located in the Boone District, and

WHEREAS, the 1.25 acre Coury property is zoned A-1, Agricultural, and short term tourist rentals of a dwelling are a permitted use by special use permit in A-1 districts, and

WHEREAS, after due legal notice as required by Section 15.2-2204/2205 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors did hold public hearings on February 11, 2020 and March 17, 2020, respectively, at which time, all parties in interest were given an opportunity to be heard, and

WHEREAS, after full consideration, the Franklin County Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the Special Use Permit with the following three (3) conditions:

1. The use of the property for short term rentals shall always comply with the performance standards for short term rentals contained in Section 25-138 of the Franklin County Code. The applicant/property owner shall also complete the Short Term Rental Certificate of Compliance Form prior to the structure being used for short term rental.
2. In accordance with Health Department regulations and procedures, the owner shall retain the services of a professional soil scientist to evaluate the design and capacity of the existing septic system, and shall undertake any improvements necessary to ensure the septic system complies with department standards for the proposed use and expected demand. All necessary improvements shall be undertaken prior to the structure being used for short term rental.

3. The Building Official and the Fire Marshall shall each inspect the short term rental dwelling for compliance with applicable codes prior to the structure being used for short term rental.

WHEREAS, after full consideration, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors determined that the requested Special Use Permit is consistent with the purpose and intent of the County's Comprehensive Plan and good zoning practice and will not be a substantial detriment to the community and APPROVED the request with the three (3) conditions recommended by the Planning Commission as contained in this Resolution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Clerk of the Planning Commission, the Franklin County Commissioner of Revenue and the Franklin County Zoning Administrator and that the Clerk be directed to reflect this action to APPROVE the Special Use Permit in the records of Franklin County.

On the motion by Supervisor Thompson to approve the requested Special Use Permit, and seconded by Supervisor R. Mitchell, said motion was APPROVED by the following recorded vote:

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum, Thompson

2. **PUBLIC HEARING-** In accordance with the provisions of Section 15.2-1800 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the Franklin County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at approximately 6:00 P.M., on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 in the Board of Supervisor's Meeting Room located in the Franklin County Government Center, 1255 Franklin Street, Suite 104, Rocky Mount, Virginia to consider a lease arrangement for a period of up to four (4) years for agricultural purposes on approximately eighty-four (84) acres of land located at the corner of Six Mile Post Road (Route 640) and Waid Park Road (Route 800) in the Blackwater Magisterial District, and approximately forty (40) acres of land, tax item 2080001201, located at the Perdue Lane in the Rocky Mount Magisterial District.

Public hearing was opened

No one spoke.

Public hearing was closed

(RESOLUTION #07-03-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to award the received bids for (4) years for agricultural purposes on approximately eighty-four (84) acres of land located at the corner of Six Mile Post Road (Route 640) and Waid Park Road (Route 800) in the Blackwater Magisterial District, and approximately forty (40) acres of land, tax item 2080001201, located at the Perdue Lane in the Rocky Mount Magisterial District.

MOTION BY: Mike Carter

SECONDED BY: Tim Tatum

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum

3. **PUBLIC HEARING-** The Franklin County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, as required under applicable law, in accordance with the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, to receive public input on disposition of public property for economic development. The County is considering transferring its interest in 3.05+/- acres more or less of property jointly owned with the Town of Rocky Mount, known now or formerly as Tax Map & Parcel Number 20300 00101, commonly known as the Rocky Mount-Franklin County Joint Industrial Park, as an economic development incentive for investment and job creation by an as-yet unnamed prospect.

Public hearing was opened

No one spoke.

Public hearing was closed

(RESOLUTION #08-03-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to approve transfer of the property subject to the execution of a mutually acceptable performance agreement between the business, the Town of Rocky Mount and Franklin County.

MOTION BY: Ronald Mitchell

SECONDED BY: Tim Tatum

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum

4. **PUBLIC HEARING-** The Franklin County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing at approximately **6:00 P.M., on Tuesday, March 17, 2020**, at the Franklin County Government Center, 1255 Franklin Street, Suite 104, Rocky Mount, Virginia to consider proposed amendment to **(Chapter 20: Article I, Section 20-3 and Article II, Section 20-16)**. Proposed amendments will read as follows, upon adoption:

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, Virginia that Chapter 20, Taxation, Article I, In General, Section 20-3 and Article II, Real Estate Taxes, Division 1, Generally, Section 20-16, When Due and Payable; Penalty on Delinquencies, of the Franklin County Code is hereby amended and reenacted as follows:

Sec. 20-3. - Interest on unpaid taxes.

There is hereby adopted a charge of ten (10) percent per annum interest on any unpaid taxes commencing the first day of the first month following the due date of the unpaid taxes as advertised for the County of Franklin.

Any taxes due to Franklin County, whether such taxes be real property taxes or personal property taxes, which become delinquent on or after December 6, shall accrue interest as set out in section 20-3 of the Franklin County Code beginning January 1 of the year following the due date of the delinquent taxes.

Sec. 20-16. - When due and payable; penalty on delinquencies.

All county real estate taxes shall be due and payable in two (2) equal installments, the first installment being due and payable on June fifth of each calendar year and the second installment being due and payable on December fifth of each calendar year ~~the year in which they are assessed.~~ Any taxpayer failing to pay the full amount of such tax on or before such date shall be subject to a penalty of ten dollars (\$10.00) or ten (10) percent of the tax past due, whichever shall be greater; provided, however, that the penalty shall in no case exceed the amount of the tax due. This penalty shall be added to the amount of the tax assessed against the real property and the county treasurer shall make every effort to collect the past due tax, interest and penalties.

Supervisor Thompson asked more about the cost of the software needed to get this process going. Susan Wray, Treasurer, spoke on the cost of the real estate bill. They will put two vouchers in one mailing. They anticipate sending out a post-card reminder for this year the change occurs to remind of payments due. Supervisor Thompson asked if the Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue's Office can handle this workload with the staff they currently have.

Public hearing was opened

Lester Thompson spoke against this change. He thinks if the citizens knew paying in more than one sum is an option, they would do this, and the change does not have to happen.

Public hearing was closed

Mr. Cundiff agreed with what Mr. Thompson voiced to the Board and he does not support the twice-a-year tax collection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors.

Roll call was taken

(RESOLUTION #12-03-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to appoint David Rotenizer to the West Piedmont Planning District Commission as the citizen member.

MOTION BY: Tim Tatum
SECONDED BY: Mike Carter
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum, Thompson

(RESOLUTION #13-03-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to appoint of Lorie Smith to CPMT to fill the unexpired term of Mike Carter as the Franklin County Board Member representative.

MOTION BY: Mike Carter
SECONDED BY: Ronnie Thompson
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum, Thompson

(RESOLUTION #14-03-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Michael Banks to the Recreation Advisory Committee to serve as the Boone District representative.

MOTION BY: Ronnie Thompson
SECONDED BY: Ronald Mitchell
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum, Thompson

(RESOLUTION #15-03-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to approve of agreement with Foothills Produce Auction to use SVBP Pavilion for 2020 to hold their twice weekly sales.

MOTION BY: Ronnie Thompson
SECONDED BY: Ronald Mitchell
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum, Thompson

Mr. Whitlow thanked the Board of Supervisors again for his appointment as County Administrator and the trust placed in him by the Board. He then requested any direction from the Board of Supervisors on closing of County facilities or curtailing of operations due to COVID-19. The Board of Supervisors advised to err on the side of caution and expressed trust in his judgement on the matter.

The Board of Supervisors decided to hold a budget work session on 3/25/2020 starting at 4pm, Chairman Mitchell recessed the Board until 3/25/20.