

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD THEIR SPECIAL MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020, AT 5:00 P.M., IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM B75 LOCATED IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 1255 FRANKLIN STREET, ROCKY MOUNT, VIRGINIA.

THE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH (ORDINANCE #02-04-2020) EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO EFFECTUATE TEMPORARY CHANGES IN CERTAIN DEADLINES AND TO MODIFY PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH PANDEMIC DISASTER

THERE WERE PRESENT:

Mike Carter
Tommy Cundiff
Leland Mitchell
Ronald Mitchell
Lorie Smith
Tim Tatum

ABSENT:

Ronnie Thompson- arrived at 6:00 PM and left again around 7:30 PM

OTHERS PRESENT:

Christopher Whitlow, County Administrator
Jim Guynn, Legal Counsel
Madeline L. Sefcik, Clerk

Chairman Mitchell reconvened the board meeting previously recessed on May 19, 2020.

CLOSED MEETING

(RESOLUTION #23-05-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to enter into a Closed Meeting in Accordance with 2.2-3711, (A)(1), Personnel Discussion of appointments to County Boards, Commissions, etc.; (A) (3) Acquisition & disposition of property; (A) (5) Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry, (A) (29) Discussion of the award of a public contract, of the Code of Virginia, as Amended.

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

Roll Call was taken

MOTION: Tommy Cundiff
SECOND: Tim Tatum

RESOLUTION: #24-05-2020
MEETING DATE: May 26, 2020

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712(d) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Franklin County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

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.

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

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

ABSENT: Thompson

Roll call was taken

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Chairman Mitchell recessed the board meeting to previously scheduled Public Hearings

1. A HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FY 2020-2021 BUDGET

In Accordance with Sections 15.2-2503 and 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, on **Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at approximately 6:00 P.M.** or soon thereafter, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors will conduct a hearing on the proposed FY 2020-2021 County budget at the Government Center, 1255 Franklin Street, Suite 104, in Rocky Mount, Virginia.

The following synopsis of the budget is provided for fiscal planning purposes only. No entry in the budget constitutes an obligation on the part of the County until such funds are appropriated by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors.

SYNOPSIS OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR FY 2020-2021

<u>Expenditure Function</u>	<u>Proposed Expenditures</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
General and Financial Administration	\$ 4,941,209	3.4%
Judicial System	2,925,611	2.0%
Public Safety	16,166,810	11.1%
Public Works	4,321,197	3.0%
Health and Welfare	14,984,934	10.3%
Schools	87,309,638	59.8%
Recreation and Cultural	2,486,679	1.7%
Community Development	3,038,973	2.1%
Debt Service	5,188,797	3.5%
Non-Departmental	1,108,706	0.7%
Capital Outlay	3,456,775	2.4%
Utilities	24,000	0.0%
Sub-Total	\$145,953,329	100.0%
Transfers Between Funds	43,654,534	
Total	\$189,607,863	
	Proposed	Percent

<u>Revenue Function</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Of Budget</u>
General Property Taxes/Other Local Taxes	\$67,843,190	46.5%
State Funds – County	\$14,932,827	10.2%
State School Funds	\$42,488,104	29.1%
Federal School Funds	\$9,129,854	6.3%
Local School Funds	\$1,702,920	1.2%
Other County/Federal Funds	\$9,856,434	6.7%
Sub-Total	\$145,953,329	100.0%
Transfers Between Funds	\$43,654,534	
Total	\$189,607,863	

*Chairman Mitchell opened the public hearing
No citizen spoke
The Public Hearing was closed*

2. HEARING ON SETTING OF TAX LEVIES

In accordance with Sections 15.2-1427 and 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Franklin County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, May 26, 2020**, at approximately **6:00 P.M.** in the Government Center, 1255 Franklin Street, Suite 104, Rocky Mount, Virginia.

A HEARING TO SET TAX LEVIES FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSES OF PROPERTY:

1. Setting a tax levy of \$.61/\$100 of assessed value on real estate, public service corporation property, and mobile homes; pursuant to the authority of 58.1-3200, 58.1-3201, 58.1-3202, 58.1-3203, 58.1-3204, 58.1-3205 of the Code of Virginia, as amended.
2. Setting a tax levy of \$2.46/\$100 of assessed value on personal property, pursuant to the authority of 58.1-3500, 58.1-3501, 58.1-3502, 58.1-3503, 58.1-3506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended.
3. Setting a tax levy of \$1.89/\$100 of assessed value on personal property, classified as heavy construction machinery, including but not limited to land movers, bulldozers, front-end loaders, graders, packers, power shovels, cranes, pile drivers, forest harvesting and silvicultural activity equipment and ditch and other types of diggers owned by businesses pursuant to the authority of 58.1-3508.2 of the Code of Virginia, as amended.
4. Setting a tax levy of \$0.70/\$100 assessed value on machinery and tools based on original cost and declining depreciation over a 7-year period. By the seventh year of depreciation, the effective rate is \$0.28 per \$100 assessed value. This rate is levied pursuant to the authority of 58.1-3507(B) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.
5. Setting a tax levy of \$1.08/\$100 of assessed value on merchants' capital, pursuant to the authority of 58.1-3509, and 58.1-3510 of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

Chairman Mitchell opened the public hearing

The below comments were submitted via US mail to the Board.

May 21, 2020

Board of Supervisors
Franklin County
1255 Franklin St. Suite 104
Rocky Mount, VA 24151

Supervisors:

We are a senior couple very concerned and very disappointed about your proposal to raise Personal Property and Real Estate taxes again this year! We live on a strict budget and feel that our Supervisors should as well. As you know everything we purchase has gone up in price especially recently. Citizens are having a hard time now making ends meet. This is county-wide. Our small businesses are hurting as well as those who have lost their jobs because of the virus. It may take months before they can recover financially.

(We urge you not to raise our taxes again this year.) This would be a real burden on all of us!! Not another increase!!

Sincerely,

Lillian C. Hall, Eugene R Hall
1758 Algoma Rd.
Boones Mill, Va.
24065

May 22, 2020

TO: Members of the Board of Supervisors
Franklin County, VA

I find it hard to comprehend that you are considering ANOTHER TAX INCREASE this year on Personal Property and Real Estate. This is too much at a time when we all are having a tough time dealing with all the hardships we are going through now and probably will be for some time.

If you will read your own Mission Statement you swore to "balance needs and desires of the public with available resources.....and administer policies in a fair manner". It seems to me that you have forgotten your duty as our representatives to look out for the welfare of the residents of Franklin County.

This is certainly not the time to even think about raising taxes!

Very Concerned, *Eugene R Hall*
Boons Mead Va 24065

The Public Hearing was closed

3. COUNTY OF FRANKLIN- PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX REASSESEMENT

Pursuant to Section 58.1-3321 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, notice is hereby given that the County of Franklin proposes to increase real property tax levies.

1. **Real Estate Assessment:** Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 5.13 percent.
2. **Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment:** The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$0.5802 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."

3. **Effective Rate:** The County of Franklin proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$0.61 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$0.0298 per \$100, or 5.14 percent. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate." Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.
4. **Proposed Total Budget Increase:** Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of the County of Franklin will exceed last year's by 2.19 percent.

The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to the assessment of public service corporation property by the State Corporation Commission.

*Chairman Mitchell opened the public hearing
 No citizen spoke
 The Public Hearing was closed*

(RESOLUTION #25-05-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Deborah Crawford to the Planning Commission as the Union Hall representative.

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

(RESOLUTION #26-05-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint C.W. Doss to the Planning Commission as the Blue Ridge representative.

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

(RESOLUTION #27-05-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Josh Gibson to the Recreation Advisory Committee as the Blue Ridge representative.

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

(RESOLUTION #28-05-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint David Phelps to the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission as the Franklin County citizen appointment.

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

RESOLUTION #29-05-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Kim Seagle to the Social Services Board as the Snow Creek representative.

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

RESOLUTION #30-05-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to appoint Mark Young to the Social Services Board as the Gills Creek representative.

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

RESOLUTION #31-05-2020)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to re-appoint Bill Cooper to the Western Virginia Community College Board as the Franklin County citizen representative.

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

Recess until June 2, 2020 at 4:00 PM