Minutes of May 3, 2018 Public Hearing FY2018-2019 Budget

The continued meeting of the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the General District Courtroom, Lunenburg Courts Building, Lunenburg, Virginia for the purpose of public hearing for the proposed FY2018-2019 County Budget. The following members were present: Supervisors Frank Bacon, Alvester Edmonds, Edward Pennington, Robert Zava, Mike Hankins, and County Administrator Tracy M. Gee. Supervisors T. Wayne Hoover and C. Randy Slayton were absent.

Vice-Chairman Bacon called the meeting to order and gave the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrator Gee read the Public Hearing Speaking Resolution for the record.

Supervisor Pennington made motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds and unanimously approved, to enter Public Hearing for the FY2018-19 Budget.

Administrator Gee directed the Board to the FY2018-19 proposed budget. She noted that the advertised budget included the addition of one-half fiscal year collection on an increase in Personal Property Tax Rate from $3.60 per $100 valuation to $3.80 per $100 valuation for Calendar Year 2019, meaning that the collection on the new rate will not take place until the June 5th collection period of the next calendar year. This results in one-half of the expected $140,000 in additional revenue expected from the twenty cent increase in Personal Property Tax Rate for the upcoming Fiscal Year. However, due to the Reassessment values and keeping the Real Estate Tax Rate at $0.38 per $100 valuation, rather than reducing the rate to equalize collections, the County will see an additional $100,000 in revenue for real estate in the current operating Fiscal Year. Small changes to the budget brought the use of reserve from the General Fund from approximately $370,000 down to $267,000. Administrator Gee reminded the Board of Supervisors that they have not had to dip into the reserves the last two years due to keeping expenses low and collecting slightly more revenue than budgeted.

Administrator Gee indicated that the Code of Virginia requires that changes in tax levies must be set by the Board of Supervisors by public hearing before the tax books are printed and given to the Treasurer by the Commissioner of the Revenue for printing of tax bills.

Administrator Gee also indicated that the School Board has a request in the next Board meeting packet for use of their Capital Improvement Funds for two HVAC units at Kenbridge Elementary and one heat pump at the Central Office, all installed by School staff. The School would also like to purchase one bus with FY18 funds and will request to purchase another bus in FY19 if the Board approves the $85,000 transfer from Debt Service to Capital Improvement.

There was no public comment.
Supervisor Zava made motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds and unanimously approved, to exit Public Hearing for the FY2018-19 Budget.

Supervisor Pennington thanked the Finance Committee and Administrator Gee for their work on the budget. Vice-Chairman Bacon echoed Supervisor Pennington’s statements and commented that this budget was the earliest submission in recent years and thanked Administrator Gee.

Supervisor Bacon made motion, seconded by Supervisor Hankins and unanimously approved, to adjourn.

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Tracy M. Gee, Clerk          Frank W. Bacon, Vice-Chairman
County Administrator         Board of Supervisors