

PRESENT: Greg Benton, Livingston District
Greg Cebula, Berkeley District
Timothy J. McLaughlin, Chancellor District
David Ross, Courtland District
Gary F. Skinner, Lee Hill District
Paul D. Trampe, Salem District
Chris Yakabouski, Battlefield District

STAFF PRESENT: Mark B. Taylor, County Administrator
Mark Cole, Deputy County Administrator
Karl Holsten, County Attorney
Aimee R. Mann, Deputy Clerk

Mr. Ross called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Trampe gave the invocation and Mr. McLaughlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Ross shared that Mr. Skinner requested to participate remotely in the meeting because he was in Myrtle Beach, SC on business and unable to be in attendance.

On a motion by Mr. Trampe and passed 6 to 0 with Mr. Skinner absent, the Board suspended their bylaws and authorized Mr. Skinner to participate in the meeting remotely.

VOTE:

Ayes:	6	Mr. Benton, Mr. Cebula, Mr. McLaughlin Mr. Ross Mr. Trampe and Mr. Yakabouski
Nays:	0	
Absent:	1	Mr. Skinner
Abstain:	0	

On a motion by Mr. Cebula and passed 6 to 0 with Mr. Skinner absent, the Board suspended their bylaws to allow for roll call voting.

VOTE:

Ayes:	6	Mr. Benton, Mr. Cebula, Mr. McLaughlin Mr. Ross Mr. Trampe and Mr. Yakabouski
Nays:	0	
Absent:	1	Mr. Skinner
Abstain:	0	

POSSIBLE AGENDA ADDITIONS

Mr. Benton made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VOTE:

Ayes:	7	Mr. Benton, Mr. Cebula, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Ross Mr. Skinner, Mr. Trampe and Mr. Yakabouski
Nays:	0	
Absent:	0	
Abstain:	0	

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Rev. Michael Hirsch read an email he sent to Chairman Ross entering a formal complaint against Supervisor Yakabouski. He also referenced a proclamation proclaiming March as Women's History Month.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Mr. Cebula spoke about opening day for little league baseball and applauded the kids for playing on the muddy fields.

Mr. Yakabouski gave an update on the meeting between Mr. Benton, Ms. Grampp and himself regarding consolidated services with the schools. Mr. Yakabouski also addressed Rev. Michael Hirsch's allegations.

WORK SESSION

Budget Work Session

Finance staff presented a potential scenario for budget adoption.

Mr. McLaughlin made a motion to approve the budget as presented.

Mr. Skinner spoke about the schools using one-time money in the past for ongoing expenses and expressed interest in ensuring that any one-time money allocated to the schools in this budget be spent on nonrecurring expenses and identified in their budget.

Mr. Cebula expressed an interest in increasing the contingency fund back to 0.5% next year.

Mr. Yakabouski questioned how the budget scenario presented for adoption was prepared and expressed his concern for the lack of public input from Supervisors in creating it.

Mr. Benton made a friendly amendment to change the name from recommended budget to Dr. Trampe's proposal. The motion passed 6 to 1 by roll call vote with Mr. Yakabouski opposed.

VOTE:

Ayes:	6	Mr. Benton, Mr. Cebula, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Ross Mr. Skinner and Mr. Trampe
Nays:	1	Mr. Yakabouski
Absent:	0	
Abstain:	0	

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-45

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2018 BUDGET

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors to approve and control the County's fiscal plan for FY 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has received and reviewed the County Administrator's Recommended Budget for FY 2018, including fiscal policies; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has received comments on the recommended budget from citizens of Spotsylvania County at a duly advertised public hearing; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Supervisors that departments and agencies shall adhere to the budgeted funds in accordance with departmental budgets presented by the County Administrator and amended by the Board of Supervisors; and

RESOLVED by the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors this 4th day of April 2017, that the following budgets be, and are hereby, approved effective July 1, 2017, as set forth below; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that local tax supported expenditures of the School Division's overall budget of \$314,845,874 shall not exceed \$124,075,315 of local funds and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Board does hereby approve the FY 2018 PRTC subsidy of \$111,400, and the FY 2018 VRE subsidy of \$1,520,191, and does hereby authorize the payment of these subsidies during FY 2018 from the County's motor fuels tax revenue account, and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that all financial activities, purchases, travel, personnel actions, etc., shall be in accordance with the fiscal policies and procedures established by the Board of Supervisors and administered by the County Administrator.

FISCAL YEAR 2018 COUNTY BUDGETS

1. Total County Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 in the amount of \$502,739,136 to include the following funds:

a. General Operating Fund	\$124,562,391
b. Capital Projects Fund	\$9,838,216
c. Economic Development Opportunities Fund	\$906,755
d. Code Compliance Fund	\$3,993,647
e. Transportation Fund	\$8,358,320
f. School Operating Fund:	
Instruction	\$190,732,085
Administration, Attendance and Health	10,530,037
Pupil Transportation	18,231,984
Operation and Maintenance	21,124,645
Debt and Fund Transfers	25,581,896
Technology	8,324,538
Contingency Reserves	<u>\$0</u>
	\$274,525,185
g. School Food Service Fund:	
School Food Services and Other Noninstructional Operations	\$10,199,132
h. School Capital Projects Fund:	
Facilities	\$27,361,447
i. Utilities Operating Fund	\$30,927,443
j. Utilities Capital Projects Fund	\$12,066,600

2. Joint Fleet Maintenance Fund for Fiscal Year 2018 in the amount of \$2,760,110

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the County Administrator is authorized to take all necessary actions to give this resolution effect.

On a motion by Mr. McLaughlin and passed unanimously by roll call vote, the Board adopted the resolution as follows:

VOTE:

Ayes: 7 Mr. Benton, Mr. Cebula, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Ross
Mr. Skinner, Mr. Trampe and Mr. Yakabouski
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-46

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE TAX RATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2017

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors to set the tax rates for Calendar Year 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has received comments on the recommended tax rates from citizens of Spotsylvania County at a duly advertised public hearing; and

RESOLVED by the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors this 4th day of April 2017, that the following tax rates for Calendar Year 2017 be, and are hereby, approved, as set forth below; and, be it

CALENDAR YEAR 2017 COUNTY TAX RATES

Real Estate.....\$0.85 per \$100 of assessed valuation

Personal Property
(Boats & Boat Trailers).....\$6.25 per \$100 of assessed valuation, assessed
at 50% of fair market value

Personal Property
(other than Boats & Boat Trailers).....\$6.55 per \$100 of assessed valuation, assessed
at 50% of fair market value

Aircraft\$0.000001 per \$100 of assessed valuation,
assessed at 50% of fair market value

Business Furniture & Fixtures.....\$5.95 per \$100 of assessed valuation, assessed at
no greater than 50% of fair market value

Mobile Homes.....\$0.85 per \$100 of assessed valuation

Machinery and Tools.....\$2.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation

Heavy Duty Equipment.....	\$2.00 per \$100 of assessed valuation
Massaponax Special Service District Special Tax.....	\$0.15 per \$100 of assessed valuation
Harrison Crossing Special Service District Special Tax.....	\$0.39 per \$100 of assessed valuation
Lee Hill East Special Service District Special Tax.....	\$0.25 per \$100 of assessed valuation
Lee Hill West Special Service District Special Tax.....	\$0.45 per \$100 of assessed valuation

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the County Administrator is authorized to take all necessary actions to give this resolution effect.

On a motion by Mr. Trampe and passed unanimously by roll call vote, the Board adopted the resolution as follows:

VOTE:

Ayes:	7	Mr. Benton, Mr. Cebula, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Ross Mr. Skinner, Mr. Trampe and Mr. Yakabouski
Nays:	0	
Absent:	0	
Abstain:	0	

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-47

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 21-38 OF THE CODE OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA TO SET THE PERCENTAGE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AT THE LEVEL NECESSARY TO EXHAUST PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT FUNDS FOR 2017

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2005, and for tax years beginning in 2006, the Board adopted as Section 21-38 of the Code of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, the provisions of Item 503.E of Chapter 951 of the 2005 Appropriations Act of the General Assembly providing for computation of personal property tax relief as a specific dollar amount to be offset against the total taxes that would otherwise be due for personal property, and the reporting of such specific dollar relief amount on the tax bill; and

WHEREAS, the Board is required as part of its annual budget process, to adopt a resolution setting the percentage of tax relief at the level that is anticipated to exhaust Personal Property Tax Relief Act (PPTRA) funds provided to the County by the Commonwealth of Virginia for each tax year, and

WHEREAS, the ordinance requires that personal property tax bills set forth on their face the specific dollar amount of relief credited with respect to each qualifying vehicle, together with an explanation of the manner in which relief is allocated.

WHEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, that pursuant to Section 21-38 of the Code of the County of Spotsylvania, that the percentage of tax relief that is anticipated to exhaust PPTRA relief funds provided to the County by the Commonwealth shall be set for tax year 2017 as follows:

1. For personal use vehicles valued at \$1,000.00 or less, the percentage of relief shall be set at one hundred percent (100%)
2. For vehicles valued at more than \$1,000.00, the percentage of relief shall be set at thirty-seven percent (37%) for up to and including the first \$20,000.00 of value; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer shall insure that 2017 personal property tax bills set forth on their face the specific dollar amount of relief credited with respect to each qualifying vehicle, together with an explanation of the manner in which relief is allocated.

On a motion by Mr. Benton and passed unanimously by roll call vote, the Board adopted the policy revisions as proposed.

VOTE:

Ayes:	7	Mr. Benton, Mr. Cebula, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Ross Mr. Skinner, Mr. Trampe and Mr. Yakabouski
Nays:	0	
Absent:	0	
Abstain:	0	

On a motion by Mr. McLaughlin and passed unanimously by roll call vote, the Board adopted the resolution as follows:

VOTE:

Ayes:	7	Mr. Benton, Mr. Cebula, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Ross Mr. Skinner, Mr. Trampe and Mr. Yakabouski
Nays:	0	
Absent:	0	
Abstain:	0	

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-48

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2018 – FY 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors to approve and control the County's fiscal plans; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has received and reviewed the County Administrator's Recommended Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY 2018 – FY 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has received comments on the recommended CIP from citizens of Spotsylvania County at a duly advertised public hearing; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Supervisors that project managers shall adhere to the budgeted funds in accordance with project budgets presented by the County Administrator and amended by the Board of Supervisors; and

RESOLVED, that the following five-year capital plan is, and is hereby, approved effective July 1, 2017, as set forth below.

FY 2018 – FY 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

3. Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2018 – FY 2022 in the following amounts:

a. General Capital Projects	\$85,943,005
b. Transportation Capital Projects	\$23,756,073
c. Utilities Capital Projects	\$74,746,600
d. School Capital Projects	\$101,792,977

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the County Administrator is authorized to take all necessary actions to give this resolution effect.

Mr. Trampe clarified for those who spoke during the budget process that a \$0.02 tax rate increase would not have fully funded the budget based on financial policies. He also shared his concerns with support for the schools from activists being tied to a tax rate.

Mr. Yakabouski clarified he did not vote in opposition of additional school funding, he said his no vote was because he was disappointed in the lack of transparency in the creation of the budget brought forward tonight.

Mr. Cebula said he would like to see an increase in the threshold and deductions in the senior tax relief program in the next budget.

Mr. Ross announced April 2-8, 2017 is National Crime Victim's Rights Week. He also shared April 16, 2017 would be the 10 year anniversary of the Virginia Tech tragedy and the Sheriff's Office, Commonwealth Attorney's Office and the Victim Wellness Office would be holding a brief ceremony outside the public safety building on April 17, 2017 at 10am to remember the Virginia Tech tragedy and recognize all victims of crime. Mr. Ross also recapped the approved budget.

NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Mr. Cebula and passed unanimously by roll call vote, the Board cancelled their meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 6, 2017.

VOTE:

Ayes:	7	Mr. Benton, Mr. Cebula, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Ross Mr. Skinner, Mr. Trampe and Mr. Yakabouski
Nays:	0	
Absent:	0	
Abstain:	0	

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Cebula and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned its meeting at 7:39 p.m.

VOTE:

Ayes:	7	Mr. Benton, Mr. Cebula, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Ross Mr. Skinner, Mr. Trampe and Mr. Yakabouski
Nays:	0	
Absent:	0	
Abstain:	0	

Mark B. Taylor
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors