

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
April 3, 2018

Call to Order A regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Meg Bohmke, Chairman, at 3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, in the Board Chambers, George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center, 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, VA.

Roll Call The following members were present: Meg Bohmke, Chairman; Gary F. Snellings, Vice Chairman; Jack R. Cavalier; Thomas C. Coen; L. Mark Dudenhefer; Wendy E. Maurer; and Cindy C. Shelton.

Also in attendance were: Thomas C. Foley, County Administrator; Rysheda McClendon, County Attorney; Marcia C. Hollenberger, Chief Deputy Clerk; Cheryl D. Giles, Deputy Clerk; associated staff and other interested parties.

Mrs. Maurer motioned, seconded by Mr. Dudenhefer, to adopt the agenda as presented.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Bohmke, Cavalier, Coen, Dudenhefer, Maurer, Shelton, Snellings
Nay: (0)

Presentation of a Proclamation to Stafford Hospital Ms. Shelton presented a proclamation to Ms. Cathy Yablonski with Mary Washington Healthcare commemorating Stafford Hospital's 9th anniversary. Ms. Yablonski said that County has been so open and welcoming and it is the goal of Stafford hospital to make the County proud and for the Hospital and the County to take care of each other.

Presentation re. Proposed Drug Court Expansion Ms. Bohmke introduced Ms. Kelly Hale, Drug Court Administrator. Ms. Hale provided an overview of the origination of Drug Court in Dade County, Florida in 1989 and its origin in this region in 1998. It includes the City of Fredericksburg, and the counties of Stafford, Spotsylvania, and King George. There are 90 participants that are selected by the Commonwealth's Attorney and are non-violent drug or alcohol offenders with a felony conviction. If participants complete the entire one-year period, they can petition the Courts to remove the felony from their record. Participants are required to attend Court each Monday and to attend group meetings three times each week and to submit to unscheduled testing three to six times each week, and must also work a 30-hour week. There are incentives such as certificates, Wal-Mart or Pizza Hut gift cards, and recognition of accomplishments from the judges. The end goal is a recovery lifestyle.

If Stafford were to expand to have its own drug court, the cost to the County would be \$265,523 but they are looking for grants from the Bureau of Justice, which would be \$100,000 for three years and if it were tied to other grants, could be a higher dollar amount. Ms. Hale said the

grants were very competitive. A cost avoidance analysis was done and if 31 Stafford resident participants in October, 2017, were granted a plea agreement, it would save \$501,872.16 – or cost that if not for the existence of the Drug Court. Looking at one charge with a six-month jail interment, the cost would be \$436,565. Mrs. Maurer asked that Ms. Hale provide these statistics to the Clerk.

Ms. Bohmke asked if the participant's employer had to go along with the Monday court appearances and other requirements. Ms. Hale said that participants must let their employers know at the time they are accepted into the Drug Court system; she added that many of their participants are unemployed at the time they enter the program and have the opportunity to arrange their work schedule with new employers as the program progresses. Ms. Bohmke asked about the program's success rate. Ms. Hale responded that 55% of those who started, finished the program. Ms. Bohmke asked how many when back to drugs or jail. Ms. Hale said they did not keep those statistics but she would check with the Supreme Court and get those numbers to the Board. She said that the national average for completion was 20 to 30% so the local region was very successful at 55%.

Mr. Cavalier thanked Ms. Hale and said that he attended his second Jail Authority meeting where Ms. Hale had recently given a presentation, which was very enlightening. He said that Judge Willis (present at the Board meeting) and Judge Sharp were very much in favor of the Drug Court. Judge Sharp was initially very much a skeptic but he has seen the success of the program and was now a staunch proponent of Drug Court. Mr. Cavalier said that he hoped that this small investment would be made by Stafford County for a very big pay-off. Mr. Coen asked about the recidivism rate and Ms. Hale said she would check with the Supreme Court for those numbers. Mrs. Maurer asked if the 40 to 60 additional participants would be just in Stafford or in the region. Ms. Hale said it would be regionally. Ms. Bohmke thanked Ms. Hale and thanked Judge Willis for attending the presentation.

Presentations by the Public The following persons indicated a desire to address the Board:

Gregory Gavan - Power Point presentation regarding signage in road rights-of-way and the success of the County's sign removal program; thanked Jeff Harvey and Sue Blackburn for their help with this program and suggested that viewers send illegal sign information to Ms. Blackburn with the location and date and she would take it from there. Thanked Lisa Butler with the R-Board for the success of the trash pick-up program; showed a blue trash bag and a slide of trash collected and left in the blue bag, which Ms. Butler will pick up if she is called and let know the location. He said to keep the County and America beautiful.

Paul Waldowski - Ghengis Day in Buffalo, NY is the day after Easter Sunday. He wished he could filibuster the Board; Ted Cruz would be proud. Spoke about the permitting process for Stafford Meadows and supervisors who, in past years, voted for the development. 341, in the Air Force, means a mistake and permitting townhouses instead of apartments was a mistake. He still does not have a water/sewer bill after 35 years and the development is not listed in acreage; he will meet with the Board of Equalization regarding assessments that are raising taxes on teachers, blue-collar workers, and single mothers. He told the Board that it was nice to be important but more important to be nice to Stafford citizens.

Board Member Presentations Board members spoke on related topics and asked that items as identified be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and separate vote:

Ms. Bohmke - Attended the Amish by Design ribbon cutting on Route 1, just south of Potomac Creek. They have wonderfully built sheds that can be financed and beautiful picnic tables and outside chairs. Ms. Bohmke attended the Fine Arts Festival at Brooke Point HS and also the 3rd grade chorus, which reminded her of when her children were in elementary school. She also attended the Fire and Rescue awards ceremony and offered congratulations to the career and volunteer staff that were recognized. The Stafford Hospital 5k Run is scheduled for April 14th at 8:30 a.m. and viewers could still sign up for the Run on the Hospital's website. Ms. Bohmke thanked Mr. Dayton for attending the Town Hall meeting with her at Grafton Village Elementary School, to meet with the community to discuss traffic calming options on Edwards Drive, which is a cut-through to White Oak Road by the Giant, and spoke about the ballots necessary for this measure to move forward. She thanked those citizens that participated and needs approximately 25 more affirmative ballots in order for the speed tables to be installed.

Mr. Cavalier - Attended a ribbon cutting at Orange Theory Fitness in Doc Stone, which is a boutique, high energy gym with state-of-the-art equipment that should be very successful. Mr. Cavalier pulled Item #6 from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Coen - Praised the Sheriff and Fire/Rescue personnel for the search for the missing woman in his district; said that the reverse 911 calls worked well and citizens were also out looking for her. He attended the Rappahannock River Basin meeting where there were it was noted that there were a number of items on the Governor's desk awaiting signature or a veto. The Friends of the Rappahannock did a report card on the Rappahannock River and Mr. Coen will give a briefing to the Board at a later date. He attended the Fire and Rescue awards and commended everyone receiving recognition. Mr. Coen toured the Department of Social Services after he met with the Sheriff earlier in the day. The DSS tour was eye opening and those workers need support as they deal with a rising need in the community.

Mr. Dudenhefer - Addressed social media rumors, which either embellished the truth or were not truthful at all. He met with the Embrey Mill developer and Mine Road, from 610 to Courthouse Road will be complete by March, 2019, one year ahead of schedule. The Garrison development is not dead. Mr. Dudenhefer met with the developers last week who is anxious to get started but there are a million details being taken care of to get the project moving forward. The 610 widening project will be completed by the end of June, 2018 and in response to questions about the remaining barrels, Mr. Dudenhefer said they were there as a safety factor and once the road was turned over to VDOT, they would be removed.

Ms. Yablonski with Stafford Hospital said she hoped that the Board was proud of Stafford Hospital; Mr. Dudenhefer said that Stafford Hospital is the single most important thing that added to the quality of life for Stafford citizens that he could think of and thanked Ms.

Yablonski for her efforts on behalf of Mary Washington Healthcare and Stafford Hospital. In speaking about the tragic accident last Thursday where one teenager lost his life and another was hospitalized, Mr. Dudenhefer said that they were students at Mountain View HS and his heart went out to the parents of both teens; he asked that everyone reach out to the families who were hurting and facing a long recovery. He said there were derogatory comments being made on social media about the driver and that she made a mistake that she would have to live for the rest of her life so to be patient and forgiving with her as she puts her life back together. Mr. Dudenhefer said that losing his daughter in a car accident was why he got into politics and he would soon be proposing road safety updates. The accident happened in the west end of the County and he encouraged teenagers, before they were speeding or texting while driving, to think about the parents and friends they would leave behind.

Mrs. Maurer - Thanked Mrs. Cobb's class at Rock Hill ES for the wonderful thank you cards received after reading to the class. Mrs. Maurer's daughter is friends with both the teens involved in the accident. The surviving girl is doing well physically but needs prayers. Mrs. Maurer asked that people please be careful and be kind.

Ms. Shelton - Working on the VACo Board of Supervisors' Certification Course and the Planning Certification Course; attended the VACo Supervisors' Forum in Richmond, which was excellent. She discovered that Stafford County's problems and issues are found state-wide; all localities seem to have the same challenges. Toured Smith Lake and the Aquia Wastewater Treatment Plant, which was eye opening; she expressed support for the work done by Utilities staff and said that clean water should never be taken for granted. Ms. Shelton's roundtable did work regarding conditional use permits for drive through lanes in the County; she thanked them for their efforts. The roundtable takes place the fourth Thursday of each month at Stafford Hospital.

Mr. Snellings - Deferred comments.

Report of the County Attorney – Deferred comments.

Report of the County Administrator – Brought the Board up-to-date on the hiring process for a new Fire Chief, which would be discussed in Closed Meeting; and the Economic Development Director and Public Works Director interviews. Mr. Foley noted that the vacancies have created a challenge for staff and thanked Keith Dayton, Rick Colbert, Assistant Chief Roger Sutherland and Assistant Chief Joe Grainger for stepping up while these positions have been vacant (in the case of the ED Director and Public Works Director). Mr. Foley said that there will be another Assistant Chief position to be filled once a new Fire Chief is appointed.

Mr. Foley spoke about the priority projects and initiatives and the ongoing efforts to develop a downtown Stafford. There will be a tour of northern Virginia and D.C. to look at existing "downtown" areas, which should help to formulate the vision for downtown Stafford. He introduced Deputy County Administrator, Mr. Fred Presley, who continued the discussion of

the process of developing the vision and ultimately the construction of downtown Stafford. Mr. Presley said that Stantec was the firm working on the data and market analysis for a realistic approach to this project. They are incorporating a facilities need and space assessment into the build-out of downtown Stafford so as to avoid the County's having to continue leasing space for its offices and facilities. An architect is on board looking into the context of downtown Stafford and accommodating parking needs, which was a major contributor to consideration of the placement of the new Courthouse, etc. When completed and once the new I-95 interchange is in place, Courthouse Road will become a slower, more walkable main trunk-line for downtown Stafford. There will be meetings in April and May with the Infrastructure Committee and user groups including the judges, clerks, Commonwealth's Attorney, and Sheriff. The April 10th tour will expose Board members and staff to other developments and the potential for what downtown Stafford could eventually be. The tour is part of the visioning process and will provide context for moving the project forward. Public outreach will be a part of the master plan including a clear vision of the final outcome and renderings to illustrate it. This is a fresh approach to plans initiated in 2006 and again in 2009.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Maurer motioned, seconded by Mr. Coen, to adopt the Consent Agenda, pulling Item 6 at Mr. Cavalier's request.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Bohmke, Cavalier, Coen Dudenhefer, Maurer, Shelton, Snellings
Nay: (0)

Item 4. County Administration; Approve Minutes of the March 20, 2018 Meeting and the Minutes of the March 20, 2018 Budget Work Session

Item 5. Finance and Budget; Approve the Expenditure Listing

Resolution R18-87 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE LISTING (EL)
DATED MARCH 20, 2018 THROUGH APRIL 02, 2018

WHEREAS, the Board appropriated funds to be expended for the purchase of goods and services in accordance with an approved budget; and

WHEREAS, the payments appearing on the above-referenced Listing of Expenditures represent payment of \$100,000 and greater for the purchase of goods and/or services which are within the appropriated amounts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 3rd day of April, 2018 that the above-mentioned EL be and hereby is approved.

Item 6. Public Works; Authorize the County Administrator to Advertise a Public Hearing to Consider the Condemnation and Exercise of Quick Take Powers in Connection with the Juggins Road Improvement Project, for Temporary and Permanent Easements on TMP 21L-6 Mr.

Cavalier said that he was not familiar with this project. Mr. Dayton said that it was included in the improvements to Juggins Road at Chadwick where a very sharp curve was being straightened out. The property in question is owned by the homeowner's association (HOA) and they could not get the required two-thirds signatures from the property owners to grant the temporary and permanent easements. It was a procedural matter verified as necessary by the HOA's attorney. Mr. Dayton said that the easements were needed for installation of Utilities. Mr. Cavalier said that he would like to get involved and help to get the necessary signatures. He asked if it was two-thirds of a quorum, which was more common; he also asked about the timetable for this work. Mr. Dayton said that this was merely an authorization to hold a public hearing; that the public hearing would not be scheduled until May 1st. He said that they were going to make another bona fide offer due to a slight change in the acquisition documents changing the valuation from 95% to 100%, and that the public hearing could wait until May 15th if necessary. Mr. Cavalier said he wished to defer this item to give him time to go out into the neighborhood. Mr. Dudenhefer said that two-thirds was common and with the military in this area, there were likely a number of renters occupying the homes and finding the actual property owner could be difficult for the HOA.

Mr. Cavalier motioned, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to defer Item 6, proposed Resolution R18-83.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Bohmke, Cavalier, Coen Dudenhefer, Maurer, Shelton, Snellings
Nay: (0)

Item 7. Community Engagement; Proclamation Recognizing Mary Washington Healthcare on Stafford Hospital's Ninth Anniversary

Proclamation P18-06 reads as follows:

A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND STAFFORD HOSPITAL AND MARY WASHINGTON HEALTHCARE ON STAFFORD HOSPITAL'S NINTH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, this year marks the ninth anniversary of the founding of Stafford Hospital by Mary Washington Healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Stafford County and the surrounding area have significantly benefitted from the mission of Stafford Hospital to improve the health of the people in the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, to date, the hospital has delivered over 6,000 babies, cared for over 290,000 patients in the emergency department and served over 50,000 inpatients; and

WHEREAS, Stafford Hospital is a valuable community partner, assisting Stafford as a PulsePoint community partner with identifying the locations of automated external defibrillators; and

WHEREAS, the hospital continues to be on the cutting-edge of technology, providing an elevated level of healthcare and expertise to the county. It is one of only ten hospitals in Virginia to be designated as a Center of Excellence in Minimally Invasive Gynecology by the Surgical Review Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Stafford Hospital has enriched the community with wellness programs, special events and the annual Stafford Hospital 5K; and

WHEREAS, Stafford Hospital provides several jobs to Stafford's citizens and is a model business citizen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 3rd day of April, 2018, that it be and hereby does recognize and commend Stafford Hospital on its ninth anniversary for its invaluable service to Stafford County.

Item 8. Community Engagement; Proclamation Recognizing National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Stafford County, April 8 – 14, 2018

Proclamation P18-07 reads as follows:

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK, APRIL 8 – 14, 2018, IN STAFFORD COUNTY

WHEREAS, Americans are the victims of more than 20 million crimes each year, and crime can touch the lives of anyone regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, many victims face challenges in finding appropriate services, including victims with disabilities, victims of color, deaf and hard of hearing victims, the elderly, immigrants, teens, victims with mental illness, and others; and

WHEREAS, repeat victims who fail to receive support services are at greater risk for long-term consequences of crime; and

WHEREAS, the victim services community has worked to create an environment for victims that is safe, supportive, effective and intervening early with services that support and empower victims provides a pathway to recover from crime and abuse; and

WHEREAS, honoring the rights of victims, including the right to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, respect, and working to meet their needs helps to rebuild the victim's trust in the criminal justice and social services system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 3rd day of April, 2018, that it be and hereby does recognize National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Stafford County on April 8 – 14, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice providers who are committed to responding to all victims of crime so that they may continue to find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

Item 9. Community Engagement; Proclamation Recognizing April 1-7, 2018 as Local Government Education Week in Stafford County and Virginia

Proclamation P18-08 reads as follows:

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 1 – 7, 2018, AS LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN EDUCATION WEEK IN STAFFORD COUNTY AND VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, since the colonial period, the Commonwealth of Virginia has firmly held the institutions of local government; and

WHEREAS, local governments throughout the Commonwealth provide valuable services to the citizens of the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, citizen services such as law enforcement, public health and safety, recreational opportunities, and public education, are most often delivered at the local level; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the work performed by local governments, the Virginia General Assembly, on February 29, 2012, designated the first week in April as Local Government Education Week in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, April 2, 1908, was the creation of the Council-Manager form of government in the City of Staunton, thereby making the first week in April appropriate for this designation; and

WHEREAS, Stafford County honors Local Government Education Week with our annual Student Government Day inviting students from local high schools to engage and learn about local government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 3rd day of April, 2018, that it be and hereby does recognize April 1 – 7, 2018, as Local Government Education Week.

CLOSED MEETING

At 3:58 p.m., Mr. Snellings motioned, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to adopt proposed Resolution CM 18-08.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Bohmke, Cavalier, Coen Dudenhefer, Maurer, Shelton, Snellings
Nay: (0)

Resolution CM18-08 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Board desires to hold a Closed Meeting for (1) discussion of the award of a public contract to construct and operate a field house sports facility, involving the expenditure of public funds, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Board; (2) discussion and consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Board; (3) consultation

with legal counsel and briefings by staff members pertaining to actual litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the Board; and (4) discussion regarding recruitment for the Department head position in Fire & Rescue; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1), (3), (7), and (29) such discussion may occur in Closed Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 3rd day of April, 2018, does hereby authorize discussion of the above matter in Closed Meeting.

CLOSED MEETING CERTIFICATION

At 5:12 p.m., Mr. Snellings motioned, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to adopt proposed Resolution CM 18-08(a).

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (7) Bohmke, Cavalier, Coen, Dudenhefer, Maurer, Shelton, Snellings
Nay: (0)

Resolution CM-18-08 (a) reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY THE ACTIONS OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN A CLOSED MEETING ON APRIL 3, 2018

WHEREAS, the Board has, on this the 3rd day of April, 2018, adjourned into a Closed Meeting in accordance with a formal vote of the Board and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, as it became effective July 1, 1989, provides for certification that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify, on this the 3rd day of April, 2018, that to the best of each member's knowledge: (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were discussed in the Closed Meeting to which this certification applies; and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion by which the said Closed Meeting was convened, were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board.

Following the Closed Meeting certification, Mr. Foley announced that the County hired a new Fire Chief saying that Mr. Joseph A. Cardello comes from the Prince George's County, Maryland Fire/EMS Department where he is currently a deputy fire chief with more than 38 years' experience. "Joe has extensive experience at the command staff level in Prince George's County, a combined volunteer/career Fire/EMS department. The Board wanted a candidate who would strengthen the bond between the County's volunteer and career members as we move forward in meeting the needs of a population that continues to

expand,” Foley said. “Joe stood out among candidates with this strong fire/EMS management experience, progressive attitude, and his educational background.” Staff conducted a national search to fill the Chief’s positions after current Stafford County Fire and Rescue Chief Mark Lockhart announced he was retiring from Stafford County at the end of April after seven years of service to the County and more than 35 years in the fire and rescue field. Cardello’s first day as Chief will be May 1, 2018. The Prince George’s Fire/EMS department has 45 fire stations, more than 800 career and 1,000 volunteer personnel and responds to more than 145,000 calls for service annually. Cardello came up through the ranks in Prince George’s, starting as a firefighter in 1989, working his way up to Battalion Chief in 2009, Assistant Fire Chief in 2013, and Deputy Chief in 2016. He received the Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Bronze Medal of Valor in 2004 and numerous other letters of commendation and citations. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland in Fire Science, with a minor in Emergency Management. He completed the Paramedic Program at Anne Arundel Community College and is certified by the National Registry of EMTs. Cardello is currently working towards a Master’s Degree in Organizational Leadership at Johns Hopkins University.

At 5:15 p.m., the Chairman adjourned the afternoon session of the April 3, 2018 meeting.

At 7:00 p.m. the Chairman called the evening session to order. Ms. Bohmke gave the invocation and Mr. Cavalier led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Ms. Bohmke spoke about the anticipated over-flow crowd and additional seating being made available in the ABC Conference Room on the 2nd floor of the Government Center.

Presentations by the Public – II

Paul Waldowski - Clarified what he said was misinformation at the afternoon session of the Board meeting regarding HOAs; which (he said) were corporations that needed at least a two-thirds vote to dissolve. The County’s real estate system should have records on the whereabouts of each property owner. He then mentioned gerrymandering; I-95 and Route 1; five vertical lines; 55 square miles of Marine Corps Base Quantico; 610; 630; 627; and Route 17; Ferry Farm used to be a part of King George County so George Washington was gerrymandered. Churches are using school property, which isn’t right.

PUBLIC HEARING

Item 10. Finance and Budget; Consider the FY2019 Proposed Budget and the FY2019-2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Mr. Foley gave a presentation and answered Board members questions. The theme of the FY2019 budget is addressing growth, positioning for the future. An overview of the budget included addressing growth, education, and public safety being the two highest budget drivers. Mr. Foley’s presentation also included performance investments, future positioning for the County and its staff, and items for the Board’s consideration including the advertised tax rate of \$0.99/\$100, which on the average priced home in the County (\$301,300), would equate to a tax bill of approximately \$2,983.00. The County Administrator’s initially proposed budget included a reduced tax rate of \$0.965/\$100. The advertised rate adds approximately \$4 Million to the budget. The cost of the Schools’ request for a Schools Resource Officer in each elementary school is \$1.6

Million or one cent on the tax dollar. Mr. Foley noted that there would be another budget work session for the Board on April 17th at 1:00 p.m. and a joint budget work session scheduled with the School Board on April 19th at 5:30 p.m.

The Chairman opened the public hearing. The following persons indicated a desire to speak:

Teresa Bowers	Debra Levy	Heidi Freeman
Janet Gullickson	Jeffrey Trigger	Terri Welborn
Julie Parham	Roberta Schreiber	Justin Husar
Anne Kloeckner	Kathryn Nordeen	Alane Callander
Paul Waldowski	Andy Hayes	

Ms. Elizabeth McNally with the Safe Harbour Child Advocacy Center was unable to attend but provided written comments to the Board. Ms. Sharon Foley was also unable to attend but provided written comments to the Board.

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Mrs. Maurer thanked those who attended and spoke at the public hearing and noted that it was not by choice that this public hearing was held during Spring Break but to meet the deadlines on a strict calendar to get out the tax bills sent by the Treasurer's Office. She spoke about the tax rate public hearing scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on April 24th and encouraged citizens to call or e-mail with additional comments and concerns.

Mr. Coen, too, thanked everyone for attending the public hearing on Spring Break. He said that their input was appreciated and there were more steps for the Board to review and work sessions to continue consideration of the budget, CIP, and tax rates.

Mr. Dudenhefer spoke about the tragedy with the death of a Mountain View HS student in a recent traffic accident, which he said affects everyone; that he has been through it and there was no comparison to any other pain than losing a child. He said that the Board would be spending a lot of time discussion plenty of needs in the County including managing growth. He said that times have changed in Stafford County.

Ms. Bohmke also thanked the speakers who had the best interest of their families at heart. She said that she had three children who went through schools in south Stafford and that it was the teachers, not the buildings that motivated them and who they sought out when they returned home. She said that the community was molded around its schools, which were an investment in the future of the County and paid many dividends. She said there were lots of needs and it was the job and responsibility of the Board to make decisions that were in the best interest of all the citizens of the County. She said that the Board took to heart comments of its citizens.

Adjournment At 8:00 p.m., the Chairman adjourned the April 3, 2018 meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors.

Thomas C. Foley
County Administrator

Meg Bohmke
Chairman