

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA  
DRAFT MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
April 16, 2019

Call to Order A regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Gary Snellings, Chairman, at 3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, in the Board Chambers, George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center, 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, VA.

Roll Call The following members were present: Gary Snellings, Chairman; L. Mark Dudenhefer, Vice Chairman; Meg Bohmke; Jack R. Cavalier; Thomas C. Coen; 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; associated staff and other interested parties.

Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing National Telecommunicator's Week (April 14-20, 2019). Mr. Dudenhefer presented a proclamation to Captain Ray Davis, Lieutenant Brian Jacobs and newly hired E-911 dispatchers recognizing their hard work and dedication. Mr. Dudenhefer's 8-year old grandson was on hand to present the proclamation and shake hands; Alex Dudenhefer, when he was 18 months old, aspirated on a popcorn kernel and had to be transported to the hospital. Mr. Dudenhefer said that Alex would not have survived if not for the hard work and timely efforts of the dispatchers and first responders.

Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Aquia Harbour's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mr. Cavalier and Ms. Shelton gave a presentation of a proclamation to Mr. Steve Holder, a member of the Aquia Harbour Board of Directors, recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Aquia Harbour. Mr. Holder recognized Ms. Patricia Harmon and said the Harbour's initial charter was submitted on April 16, 1969. Mr. Cavalier noted that he has lived in Aquia Harbour for 36 years. Ms. Shelton said she almost moved into the Harbour. Mr. Cavalier said it was a wonderful place to raise a family with its own police force and fire department that worked in concert with Stafford County's public safety; they are good community partners.

Update on the General Assembly Session. Ms. Julie Hammond gave a presentation on the conclusion of this year's General Assembly session. She noted that this Session was different from others and there were challenges but with support from VACo and VML, Stafford County's legislative agenda fared very well and provided a wrap-up of 13 items including:

1. HOA Property Transfer Trigger Point – provided that localities may not release the developer's securities on bonds for a housing development until 100% of common areas are transferred to the HOA; and 100% of the property transfers identified in the proffer statement are complete. This was carried by Senator Surovell, SB1756, he is awaiting the Attorney General's opinion but it was signed by the Governor with the language setting very specific disclosures developers must make to HOAs.
2. Public Day School Funding – pilot program for the Children Services Act (CSA) for State support of local/regional public day school established jointly between the School Board and governing body; language studying the impact of public/private day school placements via JLARC included in the budget; report is due in October 2019. JLARC report is anticipated to be favorable.
3. Proffer Changes – changes to the 2016 conditional zoning law; HB2342 (Del. Thomas) and SB1373 (Senator Favola) were signed into law by the Governor. Ms. Hammond said it was not perfect but was much better than the previous iteration of the proffer law.
4. Broadband/Telecommunications Facilities – Amended § 15.2-2403 "Powers of Service Districts to Add Broadband and Telecommunications Facilities to those types of Facilities that may be Constructed pursuant to the Power Granted to Service Districts; HB2141 (Del. Thomas) was signed into law by the Governor. Ms. Hammond said there was a battle with telecom companies but a compromise was found and issues were worked out.
5. Portable Pumps Acceptable for Draining Impoundments – Amended DCR's regulations to specifically allow the use of portable pumping systems as a means of draining impoundments. DCR Director, Clyde Cristman agreed to work with the County to permit the use of portable pumps for existing drainage impoundments; the matter was resolved without legislation but staff retained legislation language in the event it is needed and remains in contact with DCR.
6. Training Standards for School Protection Officers (SPO) – HB2142 (Del. Thomas) was vetoed by the Governor who contended that the duties of a SPO were ill-defined and he opposed training of officers by an employing agency as it is "not subject to the same level of oversight" as other officer training classes including School Resource Officers (SRO) and School Security Officers (SSO). SB1207 (Sen. Stuart) was defeated in the house by a vote of 50/49 in an attempt to override the Governor's veto; 66 yes votes were required to override the veto. Ms. Hammond thanked the Stafford Sheriff's Office staff who made themselves available to appear in Richmond with very little notice; she said that localities and Sheriff's Offices across the Commonwealth were in favor of this bill. Mr. Cavalier said he was shocked that this did not pass and would keep up with it next year. Ms. Bohmke said that VACo and localities across the State were in favor and asked Ms. Hammond if she knew what was behind the Governor's veto. Ms. Hammond said it would come back next year with additional details included into the training requirements; she spoke about DCJS coming up with the guidelines and said that its failure made no sense and more details would be incorporated into next Session's talking points.

7. Local Real Estate Tax Relief Expenses for Disabled Veterans – a disproportionate amount of veterans are located in Stafford County and in the Hampton Road area, which are hurt by the lack of State support for this mandate; it was a matter of funding in a non-budget year; no one spoke against it and it will go back to the Governor next year.
8. Hydrilla Mitigation – petitioned VDAC to include hydrilla in its mitigation plan; VDACS added ydrilla to its noxious weed list; no legislative action was needed.
9. Widewater State Park – operational budget funding in FY2021 for Widewater State Park; language was not included in either Chamber's draft budget; DCR is likely to revisit next year as new money is available. Funding is secure for FY2020's operating budget.
10. Timbering Regulations – Del. Thomas is working with the Department of Forestry to arrange a time to discuss Stafford's concerns. No legislation was introduced in the recently completed Session.
11. TDR Sending/Receiving Area Changes – HB2139 (Del. Thomas) was signed into law by the Governor, which authorizes a locality to designate receiving areas or receiving properties that shall receive development rights only from certain sending areas or sending properties specified by the locality.
12. VRS Changes for Law Enforcement Personnel – tabled in House appropriations; item requires companion budget language; will be brought back to next GA Session.
13. Smart Scale Program Changes – no legislation was introduced. Del. Thomas is communicating with the Secretary of Transportation regarding ways to improve the Smart Scale process based on criteria identified by the George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC).

Mr. Snellings thanked Ms. Hammond for her presentation and excellent representation of Stafford County in Richmond.

Mrs. Maurer motioned, seconded by Mr. Coen, to adopt the regular agenda. There were no additions or deletions to the regular agenda.

The Voting Board tally was:

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

Presentations by the Public The following persons addressed the Board:

Paul Waldowski - Brought his cup from Waffle House because Paradise Diner was under new ownership; talked about potholes on Poplar Road, which he had yet to call in; went to (former) supervisor Bob Gibbons' house. Mr. Gibbons was working but Mr. Waldowski saw Mrs. Gibbons who signed his petition. Spoke about UVa and the foul committed and the double dribble (at the Final 4 game), said player got touched two times, which was

unsportsmanlike conduct even from when he (Mr. Waldowski) played basketball; six eyes missed the double dribble and said it was like with the LA Rams when they went to the Super Bowl. He listened to the General Assembly update and said there were no issues, just opportunities; Uncle Joe (Biden) ran for Senate seven times; got sworn in then resigned to take Vice President seat (took a check for both positions). HOAs are “houses of aristocrats” and Aquia Harbour needs a mayor. He said he would see the Board at the evening session.

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 - Ms. Bohmke was invited to attend a meeting with Ruby Brabo, King George Supervisor on a water implementation plan; it was attended by members of the Governor’s staff and by elected officials from all over the state. Stafford County met its 2020 requirements but requirements are always increasing. There is a crackdown on Pennsylvania, which has been given a free ride for the last 10 years; the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has introduced a separate addendum relative to increased enforcement for Pennsylvania.

Mr. Cavalier - Mr. Cavalier took part in the Aquia Harbour Lion’s Club event; said they do a yeoman’s job with fund raising for various community issues. He also participated in a Fox 5 News interview on the Schools’ redistricting and participated in the Stafford Hospital 5k with Mr. Coen, Ms. Bohmke, Ms. Shelton, and Mr. Snellings (Ms. Shelton won and Mr. Snellings got an award for his age group). Mr. Cavalier attended Brooke Point High School’s “Inspire VA” voter registration drive; BPHS won the Governor’s Award for senior voter registration for the second time in a row. He attended the Shirley Heim Middle School Showcase of Learning, which featured all the different programs offered and had a great turn-out. Mr. Cavalier also presented a proclamation to Mr. Percy Pondexter’s nephew at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Unfortunately, Mr. Pondexter was not well enough to attend the event.

Mr. Coen - Mr. Coen attended the RAAA Healthy Generations meeting and participated in the Stafford Hospital 5k. He met with VDOT, Delegate Thomas and Ms. Bohmke on River Road/Route 3 issues; attended the Brooke Point HS event with Mr. Cavalier, it was like old times (he used to teach there); attended a live fire tour of Marine Corps Base Quantico and referred to the guns and bombing as the “sounds of freedom.” Mr. Coen attended the Molly Gill Awards with Mr. Snellings; this year’s winner was Deputy Brandon Boyle. He also participated in the DARE 5k but had to leave early due to a ribbon cutting event at the new Triton Fitness Center on Route 1, run by two retired Marines. Mr. Coen encouraged everyone to check it out. He attended a HOA meeting at the Riverbend neighborhood where there are issues with collapsing cliffs that overlook the Rappahannock River. Mr. Coen thanked everyone for their participation at Student Government Day; there were 20 students from each high school and Mr. Dudenhefer explained about the Armed Services Memorial, which in the evaluations was one of the most memorable parts of the day. He gave a shout out to staff for

helping with Student Government Day. Two of the student-participants also participate in the County's Y.E.S. program and he was impressed with how well informed they were with the system and work flow on the dais at the mock Board meeting, which he said was a credit to staff and the Y.E.S. program.

Mr. Dudenhefer - Mr. Dudenhefer spoke about a study being done on bus service and a new route between Aquia Town Center and the VRE Station at Quantico with stops along the way. It starts May 1<sup>st</sup> and will cost \$1.75 each way, which he said was exciting and would keep more vehicles off the road. He attended the PRTC meeting with Mrs. Maurer and PRTC put in for a grant for four large bus routes from Route 610 to Washington, D.C. and the Pentagon; staff will know in the fall if it will be fully funded. Mr. Dudenhefer said it would be a great option for commuters.

Mrs. Maurer - Mrs. Maurer attended the recent VRE meeting and spoke about \$109 Million in new money for the I-95 corridor from state line to state line with a focus on the worst traffic in the nation. She said that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) decided on end-of-year funding and it could free up additional money for more regional projects for the "worst traffic in the nation." Mrs. Maurer attended FAMPO and GWRC meetings the previous night and spoke about Smart Scale and the Route 3 parking lot being off the table, which could disperse more funds to projects within the Region; there was a change in submission dates on matching funds and she requested that staff be brought up-to-date on the changes, which could turn \$1 Million in \$2 Million with matching State funds. She said she was sorry she missed the Stafford Hospital 5K, she was on a second dose of antibiotics. Her boss was there and her company was a sponsor. Mrs. Maurer thanked fellow Board members who spoke to Vernon and welcomed him warmly. Pulled Item 1 from the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Shelton - Ms. Shelton noted that the Aquia District had the largest turn-out at the Stafford Hospital 5k event and she had to outrun Ms. Bohmke for the finish line. She said she was hyper focused on the "worst traffic in the nation" and had been also working on broadband at Widewater State Park, in the Aquia District, and other areas. Ms. Shelton said she needed 20 more signatures on the petition in the Greenridge area for traffic calming and to please call her if willing to sign the petition. She went out to Culpeper with the CTB to understand the changes and said it was a beautiful drive with little traffic. The R-Board is concerned about recycling; there are changes coming and there is no place to put recycled materials.

Mr. Snellings - Deferred his comments in the interest of time.

Report of the County Attorney – Ms. McClendon deferred her remarks.



Report of the County Administrator – Mr. Foley introduced Deputy County Administrator, Mr. Mike Smith, who gave a presentation/update on the Healthy Growth Community Engagement process. Mr. Smith spoke about the goals of Healthy Growth and provided an update on activities since adoption of the Plan and background on the engagement process and timeline. He spoke about stakeholder interviews and roundtable discussions saying that stakeholders were selected as those identified as being most impacted directly by Healthy Growth priorities or retaining specific expertise in the matter. The list of individuals was provided to a third party consultant who called and scheduled interviews and roundtables with those that were available. Interviews were conducted by the consultant and without County staff to permit free dialogue, as were the roundtables. The Board was shown a list of roundtable questions and told that public meetings were scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at Margaret Brent Elementary School, and on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at T. Benton Gayle Middle School. The meetings are open to the public and aimed at getting perspective of all community members. There will be a presentation then a break-out for group discussions. Mr. Dudenhefer asked if there were any surprised in the interviews. Mr. Smith said there were none so far. Ms. Bohmke asked about the social media presence to get the details about the meeting out to the public. Mr. Smith said a special website was established where interested people could see presentations and make comments there in case they were unable to attend one of the two meetings. Mr. Foley said that the website was up as of last Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Foley introduced Budget Division Director, Ms. Andrea Light, who gave the Third Quarter Financial Review. Ms. Light said that real estate tax revenues were lagging behind budget projections due primarily to an increase in exonerations, which were over \$1 Million so far in 2019. New construction was also under budget projections and a change in the tax rate for CY2019 would affect the June collections. Consumption taxes were projected to outpace the budget but the growth was slowing a bit, particularly strong were sales and use and meals tax. Interest revenue was anticipated to significantly outpace budget projections and the Children's Services Act (CSA) and Social Services were both projected slightly under budget as the County continued to hold the 5% appropriation hold. Total general fund expenditures were projected to be under budget; budgeted vacancy savings of \$500,000 were still projected to be met; health insurance was tracking under budget and Ms. Light said that typically, this continued savings would prompt staff to ask the Board to consider transferring the prior year savings to OPEB. In the FY2020 proposed budget, staff projected \$876,000 in savings and the Board would be asked to consider holding this savings until FY2021. Due to revenue projecting slightly under budget at mid-year, staff advises continuing to hold the 5% appropriation hold back. Private Day School costs are still projecting below budget and staff recommends continuing to hold the appropriation; Social Services is projected to have savings; additional funding of \$285,000 for a new classroom for Public Day School was not appropriated; and staff will continue to monitor and advise the Board if subsequent appropriation may be warranted. Mrs. Maurer asked if the 5% appropriation for Social Services was no filled in all the allocated positions.

Ms. Light said they filled all but two positions and that 100% of foster care funding was not used. Mrs. Maurer asked for assurance that it would not hurt Social Services and Ms. Light replied, "not at all." She provided an overview of the fund balance/capital projects reserve and set asides for major school projects as well as set asides for the Courthouse design and temporary parking lot. Ms. Light talked about Schools' Operating and said that State revenue was projected to be higher than originally budgeted but the final amount was not yet known. School expenditures were trending slightly below budget with an approximate 1% operational savings; School health insurance costs trended higher than prior year and staff is continuing to monitor this. Regarding Transportation, gas tax revenues continued to outpace budget projections and FY2018 collections through the same time last year, primarily due to the gas tax floor legislation. Operating expenditures were tracking in line or below budget. Utilities Fund revenues/user fees continued to increase at a manageable and predictable rate; pro-rata fees, specifically those for sewers, exceeded budget projections due to development and operational expenditures were tracking below budget and all projections indicated year-end savings in the Utilities Fund. Ms. Light concluded her presentation saying that revenues were anticipated to be in line or slightly below budget; the continued hold of 5% appropriation of CSA and Social Services were conservative measures that were being monitored. The \$285,000 for the additional Public Day School classroom has not been appropriated and staff anticipates adding this to the fund balance at year end. Expenditures are projected to be under budget and Financial Policy and fund balance requirements are met and projected to be achievable at year end as well.

Mr. Foley introduced Alex Owsiak, Transportation Program Manager with the Department of Public Works, who provided the monthly construction report. His presentation provided updates on Fire Station 14; the Poplar Road/Mountain View Road Intersection Improvements project; Brooke Road safety improvements; Garrisonville Road Public-Private Transportation Act project; Route 1 at Courthouse Road intersection improvements; Belmont-Ferry Farm Trail, Phase 4; Belmont-Ferry Farm Trail, Phase 6; improvements to Juggins Road; Berea Church Road safety improvements; Route 1 and Woodstock Lane intersection improvements; and Route 1/Enon Road improvements. Mr. Owsiak also updated the Board on the Claiborne Run Sewer Interceptor; the Lower Accokeek Pump Station; and the Route 1/Wayside Sewer Interceptor. Mr. Dudenhefer noted that the County had to compete for additional funds for the Route 1/Enon Road project, approximately \$500,000, with other projects in the Region; there was a possible option to do a scaled-down version of the Project. Ms. Bohmke asked about Brooke Road and the reference to the General Fund and if that money came from the General Fund or the Transportation Fund. Mr. Owsiak said that the Transportation Fund was paying back the General Fund. Ms. Bohmke suggested a footnote on that project to reflect that. Ms. Shelton asked for a definition of a vinyl sheet pile. Mr. Owsiak said it was to hold back soil; they were usually metal but VDOT recommended vinyl but it will be redesigned to use sheet metal, hopefully at no additional cost to the Project. Ms. Shelton said she thought Accokeek

was released in November. Mr. Owsiak said there were issues with easements and timing of the project.

### **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Coen motioned, seconded by Ms. Bohmke, to adopt the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item 1, pulled by Mrs. Maurer.

The Voting Board tally was:

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

Item 1. County Administration; Approve the March 19, 2019 Work Session Minutes; the April 2, 2019 Board Meeting and Work Session Minutes, and the April 9, 2019 Budget Work Session minutes.

Mrs. Maurer pulled this item to abstain from voting on the April 9, 2019 budget work session minutes as she was absent from that meeting.

Mrs. Maurer motioned, seconded by Mr. Coen, to adopt Item 1 on the Consent Agenda with the abstention of Mrs. Maurer's vote from the April 9, 2019 budget work session minutes.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(6)	Bohmke, Cavalier, Coen, Dudenhefer, Shelton, Snellings
Nay:	(0)	
Abstain:	(1)	Maurer

### **Item 2. Finance and Budget; Approve the Expenditure Listing**

Resolution R19-109 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE LISTING (EL)  
DATED April 2, 2019 THROUGH April 15, 2019,

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019 that the above-mentioned EL be and hereby is approved.



Item 3. Information Technology; Authorize the County Administrator to Execute a Contract for Computer Software Services for Electronic Plan Review

Resolution R19-110 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO  
EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR COMPUTER SOFTWARE SERVICES FOR  
ELECTRONIC PLAN REVIEW

WHEREAS, the County uses the on-line permitting (electronic plan review) as a desired software service and funding is available in the County's General Fund; and

WHEREAS, SHI International Corporation (SHI) currently provides to the County electronic "software as a service" for electronic plan and permit review that is complementary to and compatible with existing computer software programs used by the County to enable online permitting; and

WHEREAS, SHI is a named vendor under Virginia state contract to provide these services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, that the Board be it and hereby does authorize the County Administrator to execute a contract for services with SHI International Corporation with the payment of One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars \$170,000, with an option to renew for one additional year in the same amount, unless amended by a duly-executed contract amendment.

Item 4. Information Technology; Respond to Comcast Cable's Request to Start Early the County's Franchise Agreement Renegotiation Process

Resolution R19-120 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR TO RESPOND TO COMCAST'S REQUEST  
TO BEGIN FRANCHISE RENEWAL NEGOTIATIONS EARLY

WHEREAS, Stafford County (County) and Comcast of California/Maryland/Pennsylvania/Maryland/Pennsylvania/Virginia/West Virginia, LLC (Comcast) are currently parties to a Cable Franchise Agreement;

WHEREAS, the County received a request from Comcast to enter into franchise renewal negotiations early pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 546(h); and

WHEREAS, the County may, but is not required to, enter into such franchise renewal negotiations early; and

WHEREAS, staff believes it is in the best interests of the County to deny Comcast's request;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, that it be and hereby does authorize the County Administrator to respond to Comcast's request to begin franchise renewal negotiations early by denying such request.

Item 5. Public Works (Utilities): Authorize the County Administrator to Modify a Contract for Waterline Supplies for County Infrastructure

Resolution R19-112 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH L/B WATER SERVICE, INC. FOR WATERLINE SUPPLIES FOR THE COUNTY'S INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, the County contracted with L/B Water Service, Inc. in 2016 to provide maintenance parts and supplies on an "as-needed" basis for the repair of water and wastewater infrastructure for one year, with four optional renewals, in an amount not to exceed \$89,355 (Contract); and

WHEREAS, the Contract was increased to an amount not to exceed \$100,000 in 2018 for the purchase of additional supplies, including brass fittings repair clamps, and expansion wheels, in Resolution R18-129;

WHEREAS, the County has contracted with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to relocate the County's waterline on VDOT's Route 1/Potomac Creek Drive turn lane, VDOT project UPC 111753 (Project); and

WHEREAS, the Project will require the purchase of additional waterline materials estimated to cost \$75,000; and

WHEREAS, the current Contract may be amended to allow for the additional purchase of \$75,000 in needed materials for the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to execute a contract amendment with L/B Water Service, Inc. to increase the contract amount an additional Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to purchase additional maintenance parts and supplies for the waterline relocation associated with the Virginia Department of Transportation's Route 1/Potomac Creek Drive Turn Lane Project, the total contract amount shall not to exceed One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000), unless amended by a duly-authorized contract amendment.

Item 6. Public Works (Transportation): Authorize the County Administrator to Advertise a Joint Public Hearing with VDOT to Consider the Proposed FY2020-2025 Secondary System Six-Year Program

Resolution R19-117 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING WITH THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FY2020-FY2025 SECONDARY SYSTEM SIX-YEAR PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Board sets priorities for the road improvement projects in the County for the Secondary System Six-Year Program (SSYP); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to receive the funding provided by the FY2020-FY2025 SSYP to complete road improvement priorities in the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code § 33.2-331, the Board and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) are required to conduct a joint public hearing on the proposed FY2020-FY2025 SSYP; and

WHEREAS, the Board will consider the recommendations of VDOT and staff, and the public testimony, if any, received at the public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, that the County Administrator be and he hereby is authorized to advertise a public hearing for consideration of the proposed FY2020-FY2025 Secondary System Six-Year Program.

Item 7. Planning and Zoning; Authorize an Extension to the Time Limit for the Planning Commission's Review of the Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan

Resolution R19-114 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION ADDITIONAL TIME TO PREPARE AMENDMENTS TO THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES PLAN ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2017, the Board adopted Resolution R17-284, which requested that the Planning Commission prepare amendments to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan element of the Comprehensive Plan (Plan), hold a public hearing, and provide its recommendation to the Board by June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2018, the Board adopted Resolution R18-171, which granted the Planning Commission a time extension to November 30, 2018 to prepare amendments to the Plan, hold a public hearing, and provide its recommendation to the Board; and

WHEREAS, on November 27, 2018, the Board adopted Resolution R18-272, which granted the Planning Commission a time extension to April 30, 2019 to prepare amendments to the Plan, hold a public hearing, and provide its recommendation to the Board; and

WHEREAS, staff has recently completed a draft of the Plan and will soon be presenting the plan to the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, additional time is required for the Planning Commission to review the draft plan, conduct a public hearing, make any necessary recommended changes to the Plan based on public input, and make a final recommendation on the Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, that it be and hereby does grant the Planning Commission's request for an extension on providing its recommendation on amendments to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan element of the Comprehensive Plan, and such recommendation will be provided by August 14, 2019.

Item 8. Planning and Zoning: Authorize an Extension to the Time Limit for the Planning Commission's Review of the Cluster Ordinance Amendment

Resolution R19-115 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
ADDITIONAL TIME TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF  
AND TO DEVELOP MODIFICATIONS TO THE CLUSTER  
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2018, the Board adopted Resolution R18-97, which requested that the Planning Commission conduct a comprehensive review of and develop modifications to the cluster development regulations and provide its recommendation to the Board by March 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has been preparing amendments to the subdivision and zoning chapters of the County Code related to cluster developments; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2019, the Planning Commission determined that it had not concluded its work and voted to request the Board to grant it additional time to create such amendments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, that it be and hereby does grant the Planning Commission's request for additional time to provide a comprehensive review of and to develop proposed amendments to the County's cluster development regulations and the proposed amendments may be returned to the Board for its review at such time as the Planning Commission finishes its work.

Item 9. Economic Development and Tourism; Authorize a One-Year Extension to the Regional Tourism Marketing Partnership Program

Resolution R19-119 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT TO RENEW THE REGIONAL TOURISM MARKETING AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER FREDERICKSBURG REGIONAL TOURISM PARTNERSHIP FOR ONE YEAR

WHEREAS, since 1994, Stafford County has participated in a regional tourism partnership with the City of Fredericksburg; and

WHEREAS, Spotsylvania County joined the partnership in 1999; and

WHEREAS, the partnership has enhanced the County's ability to leverage resources to promote tourism in the region; and

WHEREAS, the County executed the Regional Tourism Marketing Agreement with the Greater Fredericksburg Regional Tourism Partnership on August 25, 2016 (Agreement) and such Agreement expires on June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Stafford County Tourism Fund has supported the annual contribution of \$171,000 from lodging tax revenue, which must be reinvested in tourism marketing programs pursuant to Virginia law; and

WHEREAS, these funds and the cooperative marketing efforts of the region's localities are used to increase travel-related employment, taxable sales, and related economic benefits in each participating locality; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the partnership promotes the welfare of the County, its citizens, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that a one-year renewal of the Agreement is appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day April, 2019, that it be and hereby does authorize the County Administrator to execute an agreement to extend the Regional Tourism Marketing Agreement for one year, and budgets and appropriates One Hundred Seventy-one Thousand Dollars (\$171,000) for such one year extension of the Agreement, from the FY2019 Tourism Budget, to the Greater Fredericksburg Regional Tourism Partnership.

Item 10. Community Engagement; Proclamation Recognizing Mr. Francisco Civdanes for Years of Dedication to Boy Scouts in Stafford County

Proclamation P19-25 reads as follows:

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MR. FRANCISCO CIVDANES FOR HIS PARTICIPATION WITH BOY SCOUT TROOP 850 FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS.



WHEREAS, Francisco Cividanes has played many roles in the past 20 years in Boy Scout Troop 850, including parent, Scout Master, and Merit Badge Counselor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cividanes has helped guide our youth to be productive members of our community and make a meaningful impact in the lives of Stafford residents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cividanes attended many campouts and weeklong summer camps, met with troops to make sure merit badge and rank requirements were taught and the Scouts were proficient in those skills; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cividanes' gift of his time, effort, and genuine concern for each youth has had an impact on each Boy Scout, from the time that the Scout participates in their first meeting until the last one they attend; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019, recognizes Mr. Francisco Cividanes for his 20 years of service to the youth of Boy Scout Troop 850 and the community.

Item 11. Community Engagement; Proclamation Recognizing Aquia Harbour's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Proclamation P19-29 reads as follows:

A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
AQUIA HARBOUR

WHEREAS, Aquia Harbour is a beautiful community located along the Potomac River in Stafford County with more than 9,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, Aquia Harbour has horse stables, swimming pools, a Country Club, a 9-hole golf course and driving range, a variety of parks and playgrounds, and the beautiful Aquia Harbour Marina; and

WHEREAS, the community of Aquia Harbour is fortunate to have its own private police department, and Stafford County Deputies and Aquia Harbour Officers routinely work together on serious calls for service in Aquia Harbour and at times, the Aquia Harbour Police Department is called upon to assist Stafford Deputies on serious incidents where extra manpower is needed, and the close working relationship between the two departments is a benefit for both Aquia Harbour and Stafford County residents; and

WHEREAS, Aquia Harbour partnered with Stafford County on locating Stafford Fire and Rescue Company 9 in the community, benefiting both the Harbour and Stafford County; and

WHEREAS, the residents of this community have made many valued contributions to the community by serving in community organizations, public office, churches, schools, law enforcement and many other ways; and

WHEREAS, the Aquia Harbour neighborhood itself has served as an model community in Stafford County and a draw for a diverse group of residents; and

WHEREAS, Aquia Harbour is celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its being an unparalleled waterfront community;

BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, that it be and hereby does recognize Aquia Harbour on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and for the many contributions of its residents and the impact of the community on Stafford County.

Item 12. Community Engagement; Proclamation Recognizing National Telecommunicator's Week (April 14-20, 2019)

Proclamation P19-08 reads as follows:

A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE APRIL 14-20, 2019, AS  
NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK  
IN STAFFORD COUNTY

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require a response from the Sheriff's Office and Fire and Rescue personnel; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of deputies, firefighters, and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, the safety of Stafford County deputies and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from individuals who call 9-1-1 or telephone the Stafford County Emergency Communications Center; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact County citizens have with emergency services and they are ready to take a call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators are the single most vital link for Stafford's deputies, firefighters, and paramedics by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, the public safety telecommunicators of the Stafford County Sheriff's Office and Emergency Communications Center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and emergency treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators are more than a calm and reassuring voice at the other end of the phone contributing daily to the public safety needs of the community; they are the "unseen first responders" serving the public in countless ways, many times without recognition; and

WHEREAS, each Stafford County public safety telecommunications officer has exhibited compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their duties by providing a timely and quality response to those who have experienced emergencies;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors, on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, be and hereby does recognize and honors its public safety telecommunications and their dedication to the citizens of Stafford County.

Item 13. County Administration; Authorize Recommendation to the Circuit the Appointment of Mr. Jeffrey Spinnanger as Alternate to the Board of Zoning Appeals

Resolution R19-122 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN  
ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE STAFFORD COUNTY BOARD OF  
ZONING APPEALS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-2308 and County Code Sec. 28-341, members of the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) shall be appointed by the Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, County Code Sec. 28-341 authorizes the BZA to consist of seven members and two alternates; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2019, the Board adopted Resolution R19-63, which recommended that Ms. Adela Bertoldi be appointed to the BZA as a regular member representing the Falmouth District; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2019, the Circuit Court entered an order appointing Ms. Adela Bertoldi as the Falmouth District Member, which created a vacancy for the alternate position on the BZA previously held by Ms. Bertoldi; and

WHEREAS, the term of such vacant alternate position on the BZA expires on December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to recommend to the Circuit Court the appointment of Mr. Jeffrey Spinnanger as an alternate member on the BZA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, that

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>EXPIRATION DATE</u>
Jeffrey Spinnanger	Alternate	December 31, 2023

be and he hereby is recommended for appointment as alternate member for the term stated above, to the Stafford County Board of Zoning Appeals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator, or his designee, shall provide a copy of this Resolution to the Circuit Court.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Item 14. Public Works (Code Compliance); Authorize the County Administrator to Advertise a Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of a Code Amendment regarding Vacation of Unsafe Structures Unfit for Occupancy Mr. Trenton Funkhouser addressed this item and introduced Chief Building Inspector, Ms. Cary Jamison. He said that the Fire Department had the ability to declare structures unsafe and uninhabitable following a fire but currently the Chief Building Inspector did not have that authority. Mr. Funkhouser spoke about circumstances where this could hinder the health and safety of a structure's occupant(s). Ms. Shelton asked if there were any such structures currently under consideration. Mr. Funkhouser said no, this was a reactive policy, not a proactive one that would follow incidents such as heavy storm damage, etc., and would only be used as a last resort; that the County would work with property owners on repairs and restabilization of dwellings. Mrs. Maurer asked about Mr. Funkhouser's reference to "other people interested in the structure or its occupants." Mr. Funkhouser said he was speaking about family members concerned about relatives in possibly unsafe structures. He talked about Social Services doing welfare checks. Ms. Shelton asked how living in a structure without electricity or water/sewer could be a danger to others. Mr. Funkhouser said that living in a dwelling without water was a Code violation. He said that parents or other relatives may express concern and also spoke about there being possible fire hazards in unsafe dwellings. Mr. Foley said that staff was not looking for trouble and any ruling was subject to appeal. Public Works Director, Mr. Jason Towery, spoke to the Board saying that this topic was discussed at a recent Community and Economic Development Committee (CEDC) meeting and it would focus on unsafe, condemnable structure; that there was no desire or intent to get in the middle of a family situation but that sometime a resident could be in unknown but imminent danger and it would be best to vacate a dwelling.

Ms. McClendon asked if the item could be considered time sensitive. Mr. Snellings said that he was in agreement with the request and there was a tragedy two nights ago where a Stafford resident was killed by a falling tree, which was a prime example of house that may be so damaged that it could be considered an unsafe dwelling. The item was referred to the Board's Consent Agenda at its May 7, 2019 meeting for a vote on the requested public hearing authorization.

Item 15. Discussion Regarding a Proposed Signal at the Intersection of Garrisonville Road and Travis Lane Mr. Smith spoke about this item saying that no Board action was requested; that there was a cost associated with acquisition of the needed piece of property, which would be paid by the Pence Group. Mr. Dudenhefer said it was a huge safety issue and no agreement could be reached with the land-owner who doubled the price he wants for a tiny piece of land

on which to locate a pole for a traffic signal. He said it was important to move forward. Following discussion this item was deferred to the May 7, 2019 Consent Agenda for approval.

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### **CLOSED MEETING**

At 4:23 p.m., Mr. Dudenhefer motioned, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to adopt proposed Resolution CM 19-07.

The Voting Board tally was:

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

Resolution CM19-07 reads as follows:

#### **A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSED MEETING**

WHEREAS, the Board desires to hold a Closed Meeting for consultation with legal counsel employed by the Board regarding the Transfer of Development Rights program, which is a specific legal matter requiring the provision of legal advice by counsel; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A)(8) such discussions may occur in Closed Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors that on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, that it be and hereby does authorize discussion of the above matter in Closed Meeting.

### **CLOSED MEETING CERTIFICATION**

At 4:38 p.m., Mrs. Maurer motioned, seconded by Mr. Coen, to adopt proposed Resolution CM 19-07(c). Mr. Dudenhefer read Resolution CM19-07(c).

The Voting Board tally was:

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

Resolution CM19-07(c) reads as follows:

**A RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY THE ACTIONS OF THE STAFFORD  
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN A CLOSED MEETING ON  
APRIL 16, 2019**

WHEREAS, the Board has, on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, 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 provides for certification that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with the law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stafford County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify, on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, 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, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the Motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened, were heard, discussed, or considered by the Board.

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At 4:40 p.m., Mr. Snellings recessed the afternoon session of the April 16, 2019 meeting.

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At 7:00 p.m., the Chairman called the evening session to order. Mr. Coen gave the invocation, and Boy Scout Troop 850 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mr. Dudenhefer and Ms. Shelton presented a proclamation to Lt. Colonel Francisco Cividanes commending him for his years of dedication to Boy Scouts in Stafford County. Representatives from Troop 850 presented Mr. Cividanes with his old Boy Scout uniform, framed and displaying the merit badges he earned as a Scout. Mr. Dudenhefer spoke about his and Mr. Cividanes military connection and Ms. Shelton said she did not have the pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Cividanes but they were residents of the Aquia District and she was happy to be on hand to congratulate Mr. Cividanes and thanked him for his military service. Mr. Cividanes thanked the Board for the proclamation and said he worked on his summer badge as a boy in Arizona; it took him three summers to get it. Ms. Bohmke took pictures of the presentation.

Presentations by the Public – II The following person addressed the Board:

Christian Peabody - President of the Stafford Education Association and music teacher at Falmouth ES. He thanked the Board for its dialogue and said he understood and shared the Board's frustration with the School Board; he said that it took every employee to keep the Schools' Division afloat and said the SEA was a professional education advocate. All employees should receive the 5% increase, which created a remarkable opportunity to recruit and retain quality employees and to reduce Mr. Coen's term of hemorrhaging employees. He said that Mr. Cavalier publicly endorsed the 5% increase and spoke about empowerment and uplifting new set of standards putting excellence above the rest with nothing to go wrong.

Robin Gardner - Said that Fauquier County addressed its budget last Tuesday; the City of Fredericksburg had a 5% consideration before its Council. She used to work for Stafford before going to Fauquier County for its higher salary scale; Fauquier did a salary

compression where some employees got 8% raises and some got 15% salary increases. She said the SEA named its initiative “No ifs, ands, or buts” and that includes a 5% increase across the board; they did not want the sides pitted against each other.

Bill Johnson-Miles - 20 year Navy veteran; drove south on I-95 and saw sign for Jefferson Davis Highway and wondered by Stafford County was honoring a racist traitor who led the fight against the Country; he said it was outrageous to honor him and was a slap in the face to those people here with relatives that were slaves in the days of the Civil War. He said that the City of Alexandria renamed it Richmond Highway and obviously found a loophole around the ruling that localities could not rename state highways without approval of the General Assembly. He said that 2019 was not post-Civil War; it was not 1865 or 1922 in the Jim Crow era and citizens should not honor Jefferson Davis.

Rebecca Russo - Hartwood educator and tax payer in favor of the 5% increase and \$1.03 real estate tax rate; spoke about Prince William County and Spotsylvania not always being congruent with Stafford as they have more commercial land available but the Board should advocate for students and teachers and \$1.03 would go a lot further in proving a quality education for all students in the County.

Name Inaudible (no speaker card) – Spoke about economic development opportunities and needing an educated workforce with training in robotics, coding, etc. and said the Board should look at the tax increase and 5% through that lens and encourage people to live, work, and thrive here; think about kids coming out of Stafford schools and economic prosperity.

Matthew Lentz - Spoke about retention and hemorrhaging teachers, which he said was the main point of the “Red for Ed” movement; it was no secret that teachers leave the County to go elsewhere for higher pay, he said it was overwhelming. He sees the budget as being the best for the kids if it provides consistency. He said students would ask him if he would be there next year (teaches at Colonial Forge HS), which was sad and led to student’s insecurity, which led to many other problems. He said that kids learn best in a safe environment, which cannot be offered to them if teachers and staff are underpaid and overwhelmed and there is constant turn-over. He asked the Board to please fund the schools.

David last name inaudible (did not fill out a speaker card) – Said he was not yet a stakeholder but would be someday and talked about how money was spent and giving teachers’ the pay they deserved and hiking the tax rate if that made sense. He said if the basement flooded, he would fix it and it was common sense to give the needed money to the Schools. He said that 4% of the school buses were air conditioned and questioned why, when the buses were purchased, they were not purchased with air conditioned vs. the cost of retro-fitting the remainder of un-air conditioned buses. He said a second culinary arts was being built and asked why a second kitchen was needed when teachers and staff was underpaid. He said he

was in support of a tax rate hike to pay teachers, bus drivers, etc. Mr. Snellings told him that he made a most sensible argument.

Paul Waldowski - The Boy Scout motto was "Be Prepared." He asked if the Anthony referred in the GA update was the former County Administrator and said that common sense was not common; the Scouts should move to New York, one of 46 states. Virginia is a commonwealth, not a state. Regarding Healthy Growth, he said the Board chose the stakeholders; he spoke about the Commissioner of the Revenue serving hot dogs and caviar; said he would see the Board at Margaret Brent ES and read the Boy Scout ideals; talked about the commercial corridor on Route 610 and Gary's Car Wash near another car wash near McDonald's; pot holes near Park Ridge and sidewalks to nowhere; said that Independents had open minds and spoke again about "Uncle" Joe Biden who was elected seven times then took the oath as Vice President.

Mr. Snellings asked Mr. Foley for confirmation that the Board did not choose the stakeholders. Mr. Foley said groups of stakeholders and representative groups were identified and Board members did suggest a few names but did not choose the Healthy Growth stakeholders.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Item 16. Public Works (Utilities); Consider a Rate Increase in the County's Water/Sewer Fees  
Mr. Paul Santay, Assistant Director of Public Works Customer and Development Services, gave a presentation and answered Board members questions. He provided an overview of the events leading up to the request to hold a public hearing on a proposed 1.5% rate increase, which was in accordance with the Utilities Fund Fiscal Policy and Consumer Price Index for the Washington/Baltimore Area.

Mr. Santay noted that the Utilities Fund Fiscal Policy established rates and fees annually and there were multiple factors considered in the need for the Department to recommend user-fee rate changes including continual optimal service levels and customer demands; maintain increasing customer accounts due to growth; water sales per household use decreasing by comparison; paying down debt; and maintaining 150 days cash reserves. He said that since November 2018, they added six miles of pipe, seven miles of sewer, and 149 new hydrants.

Mr. Cavalier asked if there were not three consecutive years of 9% price increases and said he did not anticipate another requested increase after three years of 9% increases. Mr. Towery said that the 9% for three years was to catch-up and the County and Utilities Fund was now in a place comparable with other localities. There would be a yearly increase to keep up and to avoid potentially larger increases in future years, which was established in the approved Utilities Fund Fiscal Policy. Mr. Coen asked if farmer were considered family or non-

residential. Mr. Towery responded they were considered family/residential; that they did not distinguish between them.

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

Paul Waldowski                      John White

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Mr. Coen motioned, seconded by Mrs. Maurer, to defer a vote on proposed Ordinance O19-27 to the Board's May 7, 2019 meeting. Mr. Coen said this was to give him an opportunity to talk with the farmers in his District.

Ms. Bohmke asked if it was time sensitive. Mr. Towery said the Utilities Commission approved the rate increase, which was incorporated into the proposed FY2020 County budget. Ms. Bohmke said the Board knew about this and the financial advisors recommended it over the last four or five years so she was not surprised but thought it was okay to defer the item until May 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Coen said he was not surprised but there were many issues to be considered.

Ms. Shelton reminded the Board that the increase was incorporated into the proposed FY2020 budget that would be considering later on that evening. Mr. Snellings said the budget could be amended. Mr. Foley said it needed to be adopted (if the Board were to adopt it) so that it could be in place by July 1, 2019 but that it was okay to defer a vote at that time.

The Voting Board tally to defer a vote until May 7, 2019, was:

Yea:                      (5)      Bohmke, Cavalier, Coen, Maurer, Snellings

Nay:                      (2)      Dudenhefer, Shelton

Item 17. Finance and Budget; Authorize the FY2020 VPSA Debt Ms. Andrea Light addressed this item and answered Board members questions. She said that this included specific projects that would be brought back to the Board individually at the time the project was underway or ready to be underway.

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

Paul Waldowski

The Chairman closed the public hearing.

Mrs. Maurer motioned, seconded by Ms. Bohmke, to adopt proposed Resolution R19-96.

The Voting Board tally was:

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

Nay:                      (0)

Resolution R19-96 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$14,650,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS OF STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA TO BE SOLD TO THE VIRGINIA PUBLIC SCHOOL AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the Board) of Stafford County, Virginia (the County) has received a request from the Stafford County School Board (the School Board) to contract a debt and issue general obligation school bonds (the Bonds) of the County in an amount not to exceed \$14,650,000 to finance (a) capital school improvement projects for public school purposes (collectively, the Projects), including, but not limited to, (i) renovation and expansion of Ferry Farm Elementary School, (ii) repairing the mechanical systems at Rockhill Elementary School, (ii) repairing the exterior envelope at North Stafford High School, and (iv) repairing the track at Mountain View High School, and other general school infrastructure projects that are approved for bond funding in the Capital Improvements Program (such as school site improvements, paving improvements and environmental upgrades) as the Board may amend it from time to time, and (b) costs of issuing the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is necessary and expedient to issue the Bonds to finance the Projects; and

WHEREAS, the Board held a public hearing on April 16, 2019, on the issuance of the Bonds in accordance with the requirements of § 15.2-2606, Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (the Virginia Code); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it may be necessary or desirable to advance money to pay the costs for the Projects and to reimburse such advances with proceeds from one or more series of Bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

Authorization of Bonds and Use of Proceeds. The Board hereby determines that it is advisable to contract a debt and to issue and sell the Bonds of the County in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$14,650,000 for the purpose of financing the Projects. The issuance and sale of Bonds to the Virginia Public School Authority (VPSA) in one or more series is hereby authorized and approved.

Declaration of Intent. The Board hereby adopts this declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation § 1.150.2. The Board reasonably expects to reimburse advances made or to be made by the County or School Board to pay the cost of the Projects.

Submission of Application to VPSA. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the County Administrator of the County (the County Administrator) to submit an application to VPSA in order to sell the Bonds to VPSA at such sale or sales of VPSA as the County Administrator may determine in his sole discretion, subject to the limitations set forth in Paragraph 1 above.



Form of the Bonds. Each series of Bonds shall be in such form as may be attached to any subsequent resolution that approves the details of such series of Bonds.

Payment. All payment terms of a series of Bonds shall be set forth in a subsequent resolution that approves the details of such series of Bonds.

Execution of the Bonds. No Bonds shall be executed until the Board adopts a subsequent resolution approving of and setting forth the details of the Bonds.

Pledge of Full Faith and Credit. For the prompt payment of the principal of, and the premium, if any, and the interest on the Bonds as the same shall become due, the full faith and credit of the County are hereby irrevocably pledged, and in each year while any of the Bonds shall be outstanding there shall be levied and collected in accordance with law an annual ad valorem tax upon all taxable property in the County subject to local taxation sufficient in amount to provide for the payment of the principal of, and the premium, if any, and the interest on the Bonds as such principal, premium, if any, and interest shall become due, which tax shall be without limitation as to rate or amount and in addition to all other taxes authorized to be levied in the County to the extent other funds of the County are not lawfully available and appropriated for such purpose.

Filing of Resolution. The appropriate officers or agents of the County are hereby authorized and directed to cause a certified copy of this Resolution to be filed with the Circuit Court of the County.

Further Actions. Subject to the limitation on the execution of Bonds set forth in Section 6, the County Administrator, the Chairman of the Board, and all such other officers, employees, and agents of the County as either of them may designate are hereby authorized to take such action as the County Administrator or the Chairman of the Board may consider necessary or desirable in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds and the filing of any application with VPSA and any such action previously taken is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The undersigned Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Stafford County, Virginia (the Board), hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Board held on April 16, 2019, and of the whole thereof so far as applicable to the matters referred to in such extract. I hereby further certify that such meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting and that, during the consideration of the foregoing resolution, a quorum was present. The front page of this Resolution accurately records (i) the members of the Board present at the meeting, (ii) the members who were absent from the meeting, and (iii) the vote of each member, including any abstentions.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Board of Supervisors of Stafford County, Virginia, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Item 18. Finance and Budget; Consider Calendar Year 2019 Taxes; and the Lynhaven Lane Service District Tax Rate Ms. Maurer asked that the Lynhaven Lane Service District Tax Rate be considered first before the CY2019 tax rates.

Mrs. Maurer motioned, seconded by Mr. Dudenhefer, to adopt proposed Resolution R19-90.

The Voting Board tally was:

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

Resolution R19-90 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE LYNHAVEN LANE SERVICE  
DISTRICT CALENDAR YEAR 2019 TAX RATE

WHEREAS, at its meeting on August 21, 2018, the Board approved Ordinance O18-33 creating the Lynhaven Lane Service District; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed calendar year 2019 tax rate was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 7:00 P.M., at Brooke Point High School, located at 1700 Courthouse Road, Stafford, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Board carefully considered the recommendation of staff, and the public testimony, if any, received at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to set the calendar year 2019 tax rate for the Lynhaven Lane Service District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, that the tax rate be and it hereby is established for the Lynhaven Lane Service District for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2019 at \$0.20 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Ms. Shelton motioned, seconded by Ms. Bohmke, to adopt a CY2019 real estate tax rate of \$1.02/\$100.

Mrs. Maurer made a substitute motion to adopt a real estate tax rate of \$0.99/\$100 of assessed value. Mr. Cavalier asked for confirmation that there would be a resolution sent to the School Board as was done last year directing that the use the allocation intended for salary increases of could be withheld if it were not used for that purpose.

Mr. Coen said he had great consternation about this and at the \$.99 rate there would still be hemorrhaging of teachers and school staff as well as hemorrhaging of public safety staff. He said that the Sheriff lost 12 deputies and Fire/Rescue lost about the same amount. Mr. Foley said with the \$.99 tax rate, it was impossible to meet all of the County's service needs. He said at the budget work session, the Board heard earlier there would have to be serious cuts that would endanger some of the Board's priorities and it was not prudent. Ms. Shelton said she followed Mr. Coen and while she did not want to raise taxes, she did not want to cut public services and asked where the County was supposed to find the money; she could not support cutting services and one cent on the tax rate was \$30 per year, which was the cost of her dinner. She said the Board had to be mindful of the future and making it brighter and she would never support a tax rate that required a cut in services.

Mrs. Maurer said to Mr. Foley that it assumed \$18 Million in additional funding; Mr. Foley said it was actually \$14.7 Million in State and County increases to the Schools'. He said there would be needed cuts to the County and Schools budget to fund the 5% increase and not raise taxes. She said she could not support raising taxes; it was not a reassessment year and there was a tax increase last year. Mrs. Maurer said the key word was priorities. Mr. Cavalier said he had been through 16 budgets and asked Mr. Foley about the County absorbing the 5% pay raise within the \$.99 tax rate. Mr. Foley said it would mean \$1.6 Million in cuts and would involve cutting employees in place now, Social Services, Sheriff's Deputies, Fire and Rescue personnel and represented a significant challenge. Mr. Cavalier said that there was \$1.6 Million in Non-Departmental and between that and other categories, those departments would not suffer. He said that with a cut of a bit more than 1% to the Schools' budget, they could manage the 5% raise for all School employees. He said that to date, the Schools did not offer any cuts and that within two \$300 Million budgets, there had to be room for a 5% salary increase across the board.

Ms. Bohmke said she was very concerned about the Schools hemorrhaging staff and County staff leaving, and deputies and Utilities and Fire/Rescue being understaffed, it was time to reinvest in employees but that cost a lot of money each year. She said that people did not want to be mentors knowing that those who they mentored would be gone in three years to a place with higher salaries. She said that any good organization, whether government or corporate America, knows that it is best to invest in people, which was why she agreed to the \$1.03 tax rate. She said class sizes were very large and teachers could not be retained. She said Spotsylvania gave 4% to Schools, 3% to administrators, and 2.4% to the County side as a COLA. Ms. Bohmke said the County could not afford a 5% across the board raise at the \$.99 tax rate. She said the per-pupil expenditures were not at the level where they should be. She read the entire School budget and they could make some cuts but then other things will not be added at the \$.99 tax rate; she said it was like riding on three wheels with a half gas tank.

Mr. Coen asked about bringing public safety staff up to market this year. Mr. Foley said at the \$.99 rate, it would be very challenging considering the 5% pay increase, too. He said that cutting back on the market would be difficult as it was a high priority but staff would look at all the positions involved. Mr. Coen spoke about public safety and Social Services making strides in the 21<sup>st</sup> century with the growing diverse population and not turning a blind eye on that diverse population.

Ms. Shelton spoke about holding the \$870,000 that should normally go to OPEB and said she was worried about a health insurance increase. She said water sales were decreasing and there were changes going on, which made it hard to understand not increasing taxes. She asked how the County would fund capital costs with bringing on High School #6 and the new Courthouse and being #1 in traffic congestion. She said these things would not come from decreasing Social Services or not building a new fire station; they have to be paid for and moving out the new elementary school would have no impact on the next five years. She said the County's credit card was maxed out and there has to be room to grow but there is no flexibility in how to afford that growth.

Ms. Shelton told Mr. Cavalier that the Non-Departmental line to which he referred was all contracts that could not be eliminated. Mr. Cavalier said he looked at the details and there was much more than contracts, there was a whole laundry list of items that could be cut. He said that he would do away with the market adjustment in favor of the 5% salary increase across the board and if the market adjustment was moved back a year or so, there would be funding for the 5%. He said it was not about keeping up with neighboring counties and if the 5% was not paid this year, the County would be digging a deeper hole. He said to stop singling out specific employees and do it across the board for both County and Schools employees.

Mr. Snellings said he heard a lot of terrible things and how the sky was falling and schools were going down the tubes. He said Stafford was not a terrible place to live; there was more infrastructure built in the last ten years than in the previous 40 years. Stafford schools were among the top in the Commonwealth and the County is one of only 40 in the United States with three AAA bond ratings, which was not easy to get. He said to look at where the County was and he would not vote to give a \$12,000 raise to someone making \$226,000 per year; the \$1.9 Million needed to be kept in the budget and he favored a 4% raise for administrators and below and a 3% raise for administration and above like Spotsylvania did and he would not vote for a \$.99 tax rate if it included a 5% raise across the board. Mr. Cavalier said he did not wish to follow Spotsylvania's lead on anything. Mr. Dudenhefer said he was not sure that Mr. Snellings was talking about the tax rate and was unsure what Mr. Snellings just said. He said the motion was for a \$.99 tax rate which already incorporated a 2.5% increase. He asked Mr. Snellings if he advocated for a tax increase. Mr. Snellings said he would not vote for \$.99 if it meant a 5% salary increase across the board. Mr. Dudenhefer said that discussion would be better served when talking about the budget, not the tax rate. He said the County could not

sustain another tax increase and historically, the County had never raised taxes in a non-reassessment year. He said there was no discussion about what would happen next year; would it be an 8% increase? He said the County was hemorrhaging money due to State regulations on veteran's relief. He said the Board could discuss the budget in three weeks at its next meeting.

Mr. Snellings reconfirmed that the motion was for \$.99/\$100 real estate tax rate with all other rates remaining as advertised. Ms. Bohmke asked about the amount Schools would have to cut from its budget if they were given a 4% raise for all but administrators who got 3%. Ms. Light said it would be approximately \$2 Million to fund that scenario. She said the County would have to come up with approximately \$715,000. Ms. Bohmke noted that the County's budget had been scrubbed line-by-line and could possibly find \$700,000 +/- but should not let go of any staff in this growing County. Mrs. Maurer noted that there were 20 new positions in the budget; it would not require laying off any current staff. Ms. Light pointed out that several of the 20 new positions were revenue or cost neutral. Mrs. Maurer asked about the number of new students projected for the upcoming school year. Ms. Light said that 400 was the number of new students being projected by the School Division. Mrs. Maurer said they were asking for 83 new positions, which was one new position for every 4.5 students, and though some of those positions are compliant to State regulations, not all of them fall into that category. She said that last year they had 55 new positions and not all were compliant; that there was one, two, or three times more than State requirements and said she had trouble with the ration of one new employee for every 4.5 students; there may be areas there where the School Board can cut its budget and said it would be cutting increases not the base.

Mr. Cavalier asked if the basics could be covered at \$.99/100 tax rate. He said \$3.7 Million was added to the Schools budget from the County and \$3.5 Million new in the County budget so just under \$7 Million meant that working within constraints, there was enough new money to provide the 5% increase to everyone across the board.

Ms. Bohmke said she did the math and with 83.5 new school positions, that was \$5.1 Million when of that amount, only \$1.7 Million were compliant leaving \$3.4 Million when \$1.6 Million was required for staffing standards and best practices. She said she did not agree with others interpretation of the numbers. Mr. Coen said if there was a one cent increase on the tax rate, it equated to approximately an additional \$30 per year on the average tax bill or \$15 in June and December. He said the Schools could prune some from its budget and said the County has already gone through that process, which was terrific, but he was concerned that the first cut the School Board made would be the Fire Training class, which was a meaningful program and would hurt the County long-term so far as looking for local talent to fill deputies and Fire/Rescue positions. He said the County should fill its new positions and while he understood the argument, the \$.99 tax rate was not helpful.



Ms. Shelton spoke about future transportation savings and earmarking the gas tax revenues for wedge widening. She asked if those funds were enough to fill the gap between a 2.5% and a 5% salary increase. She spoke about finding the funds for upcoming projects without going to a referendum. Mr. Cavalier told Mr. Coen that the Schools cut the Fire Training class last year even though the cost of that class was minimal, the program was not “sexy” enough, which he said was sad because it had its value. Mr. Cavalier said it was sad that there was no one from the Schools at the earlier budget work session to ask about what they would cut; he said they got seven pages of budget materials from the Schools and there was no CIP in the Schools’ budget book and he could not condone the School Board’s non-participation that they’ve shown this year and he was the most disappointed he has been in his 16 years on the Board.

Mr. Dudenhefer spoke about the VRE subsidy and there being no dependable source of income for transportation that could be counted on at year end. He said the VRE/PRTC subsidy was reduced by a small amount but in 2020 the amount relies on ridership. He talked about the wedge widening projects said again there was no dependable source of income for transportation projects in the County.

Ms. Shelton said she had a passion for income/revenue. She said this budget was a challenge with every cent sent across the street and this budget challenge could happen again next year and the Board could not afford to keep raising taxes. She said that staff and Mr. Foley did a great job and she appreciated their efforts but they could not keep raising taxes to pay the County’s bills.

Ms. Light said that she miscalculated and the cost for a 4% for all below Administrators, and 3% for Administrators was closer to \$3 Million. Ms. Bohmke said it was putting the Schools in a \$2.6 Million hole with a \$.99 tax rate.

Mrs. Maurer restated her motion of \$.99/\$100 with all other advertised rates remaining the same.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea:	(4)	Cavalier, Dudenhefer, Maurer, Snellings
Nay:	(3)	Bohmke, Coen, Shelton

NOTE: Later in the meeting the vote for a \$.99 tax rate was over-turned and another vote for a \$1.01 real estate tax rate was adopted. So as to avoid confusion, only the finally adopted tax rate resolution has been incorporated into the body of the minutes for the April 16, 2019 meeting (see Pages 34-36).

Item 19. Finance and Budget; Consider the FY2020 Budget and FY2020-2024 Capital Improvement Program

Mrs. Maurer motioned, seconded by Mr. Dudenhefer, to defer a vote on proposed Resolution R19-72 (FY2020 Budget) to the Board's May 7, 2019 meeting; and to defer a vote on Resolution R19-74 (the FY2020-2024 CIP) to the Board's May 21, 2019 meeting. It was further noted by Mr. Dudenhefer that the proposed increase in Board of Supervisors' salaries be omitted from the proposed FY2020 budget when brought back to the Board for a vote.

The Voting Board tally was:

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

Mrs. Maurer said that an additional work session was needed on both the CIP and suggested a work session on the proposed FY2020 budget be held prior to the Board's regularly scheduled meeting on May 7, 2019. Mr. Foley said that would be a challenge as the School Board had to adopt its budget on April 30, 2019 in order to meet the statutory date for teacher contracts and the County should provide the School Board with direction regarding the salary increase prior to its April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. He said there should be a motion on the percent of increase so guidance could be given to the School Board.

Mr. Cavalier motioned, seconded by Mr. Dudenhefer (for discussion), to provide a 5% increase to all County and School employees.

Mr. Cavalier said that if you did not know his position on the percent of increase to please ask him. Ms. Shelton said there were multiple scenarios presented at the work session and all of them above the \$.99 tax rate required an increase in taxes, which was going to force budget cuts. She said there was no fat in the budget and she could not support the 5% increase; the School Board had not done due diligence to decrease its budget by 1% and cutting \$700,000 from the County's budget was stretching the bridge too far.

Mr. Coen said the quandary was looking at employees, wanting them to stay and enticing them with an increase put the County in a box. He spoke about enticing deputies to stay and if a 5% increase would make them stay, that's what they should get. Ms. Bohmke said she would support 5% with a higher tax rate, not with the approved \$.99 rate.

The Voting Board tally was:

Yea: (3) Cavalier, Dudenhefer, Shelton  
Nay: (4) Bohmke, Coen, Maurer, Snellings

Mrs. Maurer motioned, seconded by Ms. Shelton to give all employees except for the Superintendent of Schools a 5% raise and to give the Superintendent a 3% increase, which she said was what was recommended in the Superintendent's proposed budget. His budget had administrators receiving 3%. Mr. Foley repeated that the School administrative staff would get 3% and everyone else would receive a 5% increase. Ms. Bohmke asked Mr. Foley at what point would the County have to have a decision about its employees. Mr. Foley said that May 7<sup>th</sup> was the date unless a special meeting was called. Ms. Bohmke asked if there could be a work session prior to May 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cavalier said he was happy with giving 5% to all employees, which is exactly what the SEA meant with their "no if's, ands, or buts" campaign. Mr. Snellings said that one of them was on Spring Break in Key West and would get a \$12,000 raise if 5% were to be approved by the Board. He said that should be given to bus drivers, front office personnel, para-professionals, and teachers.

Mr. Cavalier said that Mrs. Maurer's motion would screw a whole category of employees including principals and assistant principals who work 12 months a year doing a great job and it would be messing with their futures. He said 5% to everyone but the Superintendent he did not have a problem with as he was making a lot more money here than in Harrisonburg. Ms. Shelton suggested a friendly amendment. She talked about sending a message to administration; she said she could not support the combined motion. Mr. Cavalier said it only pertained to the Schools, not the County. He asked Mrs. Maurer if she would accept a friendly amendment. Mrs. Maurer said she would wait for the substitute motion.

Mr. Cavalier made a substitute motion to give all School employees a 5% raise except for the Superintendent and to send a resolution to the School Board requiring them to use the money as stipulated for employee raises. Mr. Cavalier's motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Snellings said they were back to the original motion but he was concerned about the 5%-3% and what that did to the County; how much that would cost the County. Mr. Foley said if those percentages were applied to the County it would be approximately \$1.3 Million that the budget would have to be reduced. Mr. Coen said he was flummoxed and it gave him great consternation. He spoke about the Schools' administrative assistants that were below market pay who might get 5% or a move to move them up to the minimum of the market. He said the adopted tax rate put the Board in a very precarious position and was very frustrating.

Ms. Bohmke said she agreed with Mr. Coen; the Board was in a pickle and they could squeeze the orange but not get enough juice out of it. Mr. Snellings said the salary increase was not set yet. Mr. Dudenhefer asked why they were discussing the salary rate for schools when the School Board could not be counted on to take care of its own people. He said there should be another joint work session and that the entire discussion was very distasteful to him. He said that the Board tried categorical funding and that did not work. He said he would love to see the teachers get a 5% increase and supported Mr. Cavalier's substitute motion.

Mr. Foley said the Board voted on the \$.99 tax rate, which gave \$3.7 Million to the Schools over last year and the Board would have to agree to send a message to the School Board that it had to make other cuts to get to the 5% and 3% and if they did not make those cuts voluntarily, the County would give them less than the planned \$3.7 Million. Mr. Foley said staff had to know how much less the School Board would be getting. Mrs. Maurer said that included in that calculation was the 2.5% initial raise. Mr. Foley said the basis for the 2.5% was supported in the \$.99 real estate tax rate as well as maintaining per pupil costs. He said that 5% was more than what was set aside. Mrs. Maurer spoke about the additional dollars being provided to the Schools from the State and from the County. She talked about consequences and said just sending a budget message across the street was not appropriate. Ms. Bohmke said that she understood that voting for the substitute motion would cost the School Board another \$3.9 Million. Mr. Snellings said he could not vote for it. He said he thought the County could cut \$700,000 but not \$1.3 Million and would never get there.

The Voting Board tally on Mr. Cavalier's substitute motion was:

Yea:	(3)	Cavalier, Dudenhefer, Maurer
Nay:	(4)	Bohmke, Coen, Shelton, Snellings

Mrs. Maurer said she was out of motions. Ms. Bohmke asked if the tax rate could be reset. Mr. Cavalier said he was willing to do it if there was assurance of the 5% increase across the board. Ms. Bohmke and Ms. Shelton asked that the Board recess for a few minutes. At 9:13 p.m., the Chairman recessed the meeting.

When the meeting reconvened at 9:30 p.m., Mr. Cavalier motioned, seconded by Ms. Shelton to reconsider the vote on the previously adopted tax rate of \$.99/\$100 assessed value. Mr. Dudenhefer questioned if the "second" had to be on the prevailing side and was told that he/she did not.

Mr. Cavalier then motioned, seconded by Ms. Bohmke, to reconsider the real estate tax rate at \$1.01/\$100 assessed value. Mr. Cavalier reiterated that his motion was tied to a 5% increase to all school employees. Ms. Shelton clarified that it was for all, not just Schools. Mr. Snelling said that you could not put conditions on adoption of a tax rate. Mr. Foley said they were back to where they were and staff needed guidance on what to tell the Schools; that there had to be a legitimate conversation with them about budget cuts to arrive at the 5% number.

Mr. Dudenhefer asked about the financial implications of \$1.01. Mr. Foley said it was \$5.9 Million with \$1.6 Million in local government cuts and \$4.3 Million in School cuts. Mr. Foley said if the Board did not make a clear cut decision, nothing would go to the Schools. Mr. Cavalier said it was not his intent that nothing go to the Schools; if his motioned passed, the Board will intend on a 5% raise for all School and County staff across the board. Mr. Snellings said the resolution should contain the same language as last year.

Chief Financial Officer, Ms. Maria Perrotte addressed the Board saying the rough numbers were \$4.4 Million for Schools and \$1.6 Million needed for the County to get to the 5% increase. Ms. Bohmke asked about making a friendly amendment to exclude the Superintendent. Mr. Cavalier asked if the Superintendent was tied to COLA increases given to other staff. Mr. Chris Fulmer, the Schools' Chief Financial Officer, was in the audience and he spoke to the Board saying that per Dr. Kizner's contract, he was entitled to the receive the lesser amount given to School employees regardless.

The Voting Board tally on Mr. Cavalier's motion to reconsider the tax rate at \$1.01/\$100 with all other taxes remaining as advertised was:

Yea: (4) Bohmke, Cavalier, Coen, Shelton  
Nay: (3) Dudenhefer, Maurer, Snellings

Resolution R19-71 reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019  
TAX RATES

WHEREAS, the Virginia Code requires that the Board establish an annual levy of certain taxes for each calendar year; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed calendar year 2019 tax rates was held on April 2, 2019, at 7:00 P.M., at Brooke Point High School, located at 1700 Courthouse Road, Stafford, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Revenue and the Treasurer require the timely establishment of tax levies to allow time for tax bills to be processed and received by citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board carefully considered the recommendation of staff, and the public testimony, if any, received at the public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, that the following tax rates be and they hereby are established for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2019:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Rate Per One Hundred Dollars of Assessed Valuation</u>
Real estate (Section 58.1-3200, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	1.01
Tangible personal property (Section 58.1-3500, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.) Includes all other classifications of personal property not specifically	6.46

enumerated.	
Boats or watercraft (Section 58.1-3506(A)(1.a), (1.b), (12), (28), (29), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	.0001
Motor vehicles specially equipped for the disabled (Section 58.1-3506(A)(14), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	.10
Personal property—Fire & Rescue volunteers (Section 58.1-3506(A)(15), (16), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	.0001
Camping trailers and recreational vehicles (Section 58.1-3506(A) (18), (30), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	5.49
One motor vehicle owned and regularly used by a veteran who has either lost, or lost the use of, one or both legs, or an arm or a hand, or who is blind or who is permanently and totally disabled as certified by the Department of Veterans Services. In order to qualify, the veteran shall provide a written statement to the commissioner of the revenue from the Department of Veterans Services that the veteran has been so designated or classified by the Department of Veterans Services as to meet the requirements of this section, and that his disability is service-connected. For purposes of this section, a disabled veteran is blind if he meets the provisions of § 46.2-100 (Section 58.1-3506(A)(19), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	.0001
Motor carrier transportation involved in interstate commerce (Section 58.1-3506(A)(25), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	.0001
All tangible personal property employed in a trade or business other than that described in Virginia Code §§ 58.1-3503(A)(1) through (A)(18), except for subdivision (A)(17) (Section 58.1-3506(A)(26), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	5.49

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Rate Per One Hundred Dollars of Assessed Valuation</u>
Programmable computer equipment and peripherals employed in a trade or business (Section 58.1-3506(A)(27), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	5.49
Personal property—Sheriff's Deputy volunteers (Section 58.1-3506(A)(32), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	.0001
Machinery and tools (Section 58.1-3507, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	.0001
Merchants' capital (Section 58.1-3509, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.) Includes all other classifications of Merchants' capital not specifically enumerated.	.50
Merchants' capital of distribution centers that have warehouses over 100,000 square feet	.50



(Section 58.1-3510.01, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	<u>.0001</u>
Merchants' capital of pharmaceutical wholesalers (Section 58.1-3510.01, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	.0001
<i>Proposed classification, contingent upon the adoption of proposed Ordinance O19-23.</i> Computer equipment and peripherals used in a data center (Section 58.1-3506(A)(43), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	<del>5.49</del> <u>1.25</u>
Mobile homes (Section 58.1-3506(A)(10), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	.99
Aircrafts (Section 58.1-3506(A)(2), (3), (4), (5), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	.0001
Garrisonville Road Service District (Section 15.2-2403(6), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	.082
Warrenton Road Service District (Section 15.2-2403(6), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	.000
Lake Carroll Service District (Section 15.2-2403(6), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	<del>0.144</del> <u>0.27</u>
Lake Arrowhead Service District (Section 15.2-2403(6), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	0.10
Hidden Lake Service District (Section 15.2-2403(6), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	.368
Hartlake Special Service District (Section 15.2-2403(6), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	.00
Countywide Fire and Emergency Medical Services Tax District (Section 27-23.1, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.)	.00

\* The tax rate for personal property is based on the assessed value, which is established at forty percent (40%) of the estimated fair market value. The effective tax rate would be stated as \$2.58 per \$100 of the estimated fair market value.

In 2004, the General Assembly capped the amount of relief the State will provide for Personal Property Tax Relief (PPTRA) at \$950 million per year. The PPTRA cap took effect on January 1, 2006. Stafford County's share of the state allotment is \$12.5 million. This allotment is to be distributed among all the qualifying vehicles. For calendar year 2019, qualifying vehicles will be granted 41% relief.

After the vote, Mr. Dudenhefer said that the first cut should be to the Board's proposed salary increase (an amount of \$35,000). He said he was not a Supervisor to make money and asked that that line be cut and put back into the available funds. Mr. Cavalier said he would give

back his entire salary; that was how strongly he felt about the 5% increase across the board. Mr. Foley said staff would look to cut \$650,000 less the Board's \$35,000 for an overall decrease in the proposed budget of \$625,000, and the Schools would have to cut \$1.09 Million.

Mr. Snellings asked that Board members allow staff time to work through the numbers; that there was no purpose in Board members being in the Finance/Budget while they worked through this.

Item 20. Finance and Budget; Budget and Appropriate VPSA Funding for the Rock Hill Elementary School Mechanical Systems Renovation Ms. Andrea Light presented this item to the Board.

Mrs. Maurer motioned, seconded by Ms. Shelton, to adopt proposed Resolution R19-111.

The Voting Board tally was:

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

Resolution R19-111 reads as follows:

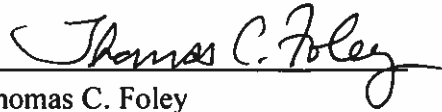
A RESOLUTION TO BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE VIRGINIA PUBLIC SCHOOL AUTHORITY BOND PROCEEDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADES OF MECHANICAL SYSTEMS AT ROCKHILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the FY2019-28 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) plans the use of Virginia Public School Authority (VPSA) funds to finance the replacement, upgrade and contingency, of new mechanical systems for Rock Hill Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the Schools are requesting the budget and appropriation of Two Million Eight Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,883,750) for the procurement of equipment and upgrades associated with the replacement of mechanical systems at Rock Hill Elementary School;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, that it be and hereby does budget and appropriate Two Million Eight Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,883,750) of Virginia Public School Authority bond proceeds to the Stafford County Construction Fund for transfer to the Schools' Capital Project Fund for the procurement of equipment and upgrades associated with the replacement of mechanical systems at Rock Hill Elementary School.

Adjournment At 9:48 p.m., the Chairman thanked staff for working a long day, wished everyone a Happy Easter and adjourned the April 16, 2019 meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors.



Thomas C. Foley  
County Administrator



Gary F. Snellings  
Chairman



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