

April 9, 2018

The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, April 9, 2018 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were:

- Rex L. Hill
- Dr. Tom Littrell
- Bob Martin
- Phillip McCraw
- Robbie McCraw
- Joe Webb
- Steve Truitt, County Administrator
- Nikki Cannon, Assistant County Administrator
- Steve Durbin, County Attorney

Mr. Robbie McCraw called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 2.2-3711(A1, A5, A7)

Upon motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Hill, and passing, the Board convened a Closed Session for the discussion, as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A1, A3, A5, A7).

Mr. Durbin explained the reasons for entering Closed Session.

1. Discussion or consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals. Any teacher shall be permitted to be present during a closed meeting in which there is a discussion or consideration of a disciplinary matter that involves the teacher and some student and the student involved in the matter is present, provided the teacher makes a written request to be present to the presiding officer of the appropriate board.

3. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

5. Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

7. Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

VOTES

- Mr. Webb Yes
- Mr. Phillip McCraw Yes
- Mr. Hill Yes
- Mr. Robbie McCraw Yes
- Dr. Littrell Yes

Mr. Martin Yes

(Order)

COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Phillip McCraw and passing, the Board came out of Closed Session.

VOTES

Mr. Webb Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw Yes
Mr. Hill Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw Yes
Dr. Littrell Yes
Mr. Martin Yes

(Order)

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Webb, and passing, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

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WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711(D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of Supervisors that such Closed Session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, (I) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the Closed Session to which this certification applies, and (II) only such business matters as were identified in the motion by which this Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

VOTES

Mr. Webb Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw Yes
Mr. Hill Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw Yes
Dr. Littrell Yes
Mr. Martin Yes

Mr. Robbie McCraw welcomed everyone and told that he hopes you hang with it cause it may be a long meeting. He lead in invocation and pledge.

(Order)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Phillip McCraw, seconded by Mr. Martin and passing, the Board approved the agenda

VOTES

Mr. Webb Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw Yes
Mr. Hill Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw Yes

Dr. Littrell Yes
Mr. Martin Yes

(Order)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Hill seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on February 12, 2018, February 26, 2018 with the changes noted.

VOTES

Mr. Webb Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw Yes
Mr. Hill Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw Yes
Dr. Littrell Yes
Mr. Martin Yes

(Order)

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Hill seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the Consent Agenda.

VOTES

Mr. Webb Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw Yes
Mr. Hill Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw Yes
Dr. Littrell Yes
Mr. Martin Yes

(Order)

SHERIFF

Upon motion by Mr. Hill seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved a budget transfer between different departments within the Sheriff’s Office. The Sheriff has vacancy savings and needs funds in Courtroom Security.

VOTES

Mr. Webb Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw Yes
Mr. Hill Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw Yes
Dr. Littrell Yes
Mr. Martin Yes

(Order)

TRANSFER MAINTENANCE

Upon motion by Mr. Hill seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved a budget transfer from County Properties to Cana Refuse to cover the cost of equipment lease.

VOTES

Mr. Webb Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw Yes
Mr. Hill Yes

Mr. Robbie McCraw Yes
Dr. Littrell Yes
Mr. Martin Yes

(Order)

SHERIFF POLICE SUPPLIES

Upon motion by Mr. Hill seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved an appropriation from the Asset Forfeiture Fund to purchase Rifle Suppressors.

VOTES

Mr. Webb Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw Yes
Mr. Hill Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw Yes
Dr. Littrell Yes
Mr. Martin Yes

(Order)

ADVERTISEMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Hill seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved holding a public hearing for the proposed FY19 School Budget, the FY19 County Budget and proposed tax rates and the sale of property obtained from the PSA.

VOTES

Mr. Webb Yes
Mr. Phillip McCraw Yes
Mr. Hill Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw Yes
Dr. Littrell Yes
Mr. Martin Yes

(Order)

BEN BOYETT – KIDS FISHING DAY

Mr. Boyett told that he is going to give an overview of a program that he took over from Randy Hurst and that is Kids Fishing Day at Crooked Creek Fee Fishing. He told they have about 150 kids from 8-12 and they do a special stocking for 12 and under. He told it is a great community thing. He told the people who work at the concession area jump in and they do free lunch for the kids. He told they would like to open it to as many kids as possible. He told they are always open to new ideas to expand it. He thanked the County and community for making that a success, it will be on June 2nd this year. He told the kids need to be there just a little bit early and fishing starts at 8 and they do lunch about 11. He told that he is excited about it.

Mr. Hill asked if it costs anything.

Mr. Boyett told that it is free. He told they haven't had a year yet that each kid hasn't left with some prize.

Mr. Hill asked if you have a lot of groups like Boy Scouts and churches.

Mr. Boyett told in the past but not since he has been here.

Mr. Robbie McCraw thanked him and told that it is a great event for the community.

Dr. Littrell asked the ages.

Mr. Boyett told that it is 12 and under and no license required.

(Order)

DELEGATE JEFF CAMPBELL

Delegate Jeff Campbell told that you have probably spoke with Mr. Truitt about our proposal and he has a law firm from Kansas City and he is not sure if the Board would want to entertain this in Closed Session.

Mr. Durbin told that we can go into Closed Session.

Mr. Truitt asked if there is a portion of the discussion that is suitable for public discussion.

Mr. Tom Cardwell who is a partner in the law firm told that they have had these type meetings all over the country. He told that he is an attorney in Kansas City and he has his partner Eric with him and they have been involved in the Opioid Litigation for about 2 years now and they started out as a Health Care litigation but about 15 years ago he got involved with over the counter drugs, diet supplementary products and they contain a product that is the same as cocaine and that is where he started. He told that they have done solely pharmaceutical litigation since he was involved in that case. He told they got involved in this about 2 years ago when a whistle blower from a pharmaceutical company contacted them and the suit has been pending for about 2 years. He told the client has worn a wire on behalf of the FBI and it has led to the incitements of several individuals in the Opioid Industry. He told that it is prevalent here and his law firm has talked to counties and city's and they are representing several, mostly in federal court. He told the case is against the pharmaceutical company and there is a list of about 12 of them. He told that the claims that they bring on behalf of counties include a public nuisance case and negligence cases against the companies. He told that it is based on sales and marketing practices of these companies and having sold these opioids as pain drugs when they were never intended to be and the FDA did not approve them to be and they are also suing the distributors of these drugs. He told there are now laws that require distributors when they see prescriptions being filled and we see huge numbers of prescriptions per number of individuals and they follow that and sometimes there will be maybe 400 prescriptions per 100 individuals and they weren't reporting it. He told they appreciate you giving us the time.

Mr. Truitt told the problem is terrible here as it is everywhere.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he thinks it is amazing that the general public doesn't know the impact that it has on our county. He told we are in the middle of our budget and our CSA cost and jail cost is a direct impact of these factors.

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| Mr. Hill | Yes |
| Mr. Robbie McCraw | Yes |
| Dr. Littrell | Yes |
| Mr. Martin | Yes |

(Order)

VDOT – SECONDARY SIX YEAR ROAD PLAN

Public Hearing was opened at 6:52 pm with Ms. Lisa Hughes serving as moderator, with the following opening remarks:

This hearing is being held today, April 9, 2018, in accordance with Section 33.2-331 Code of Virginia, which requires the joint effort of the County Officials and the Department of Transportation personnel for the tentative commitment of estimated available secondary construction funds, beginning with Fiscal Year 2018-2019. A copy of the proposed Six-Year Plan and priorities for the proposed secondary construction budget for 2018-2019 have been available for public viewing at the county building; and a copy is on display here.

After receiving your requests, the Board of Supervisors and the Virginia Department of Transportation Personnel will finalize the Six Year Plan. Currently the next projects in this year draft plan to be completed this construction season are the ones on the proposed list indicated with a “zero”. Upon the completion of the opening remarks, the following requests were received:

Route 692, Apple Ridge Road – April Delacruz provided a document to the Board Members in regards to the items she was planning to discuss. In summary, she spoke about the litter along the road, the need for the road to be hardsurfaced, the low water bridge overflowing during heavy rains, and the drug activity at the location. She also spoke about Route 692 being used as an alternative route to shorten travel times and being a short-cut to travel to North Carolina. She requested that several curves on the road be straighten, the bridge be improved, and the road to be paved.

Route 764, Panther Creek Road – Deborah Tibbitt thanked the Board for Route 764 being on the plan, and requested the Board approve the plan.

Route 683, Turner School Road – Mason Ayers said that the traffic volume on Route 683 has tripled due to a nearby Doctor Office and other reasons. He requested that Rt. 683 be added to the plan.

Route 666, Collier School Road – Jeff Scott spoke of his concerns with the unpaved portion of Route 666. His driveway is at a sharp curve on Route 666, at the end of a steep downgrade. He was aware of four vehicles crashing and overturning at the location. He requested that the road be paved, or at least improvements be done at the curve to improve the safety for his family entering and existing the road. His driveway is at 1293 Collier School Road.

Route 806, Echo Valley Road – Ron Ferguson thanked the Board for Route 806 being on the priority list to be paved.

Route 808, Expansion Drive – Jeff Beamer attended the meeting and delivered a 22 citizen petition, requesting that the unpaved portion of Rout 808 be paved. The petition is attached.

Board member Joe Webb informed that several citizens had contacted him about putting **Route 776, Merrimac Road, and Route 844, Stillhouse Road** on the six-year plan.

Closing remarks: Using the input that was received, VDOT will draft up a plan for the Board consideration and approval.

The Public hearing was closed at 6: 11 pm.

(Order)

SCHOOL BUDGET PRESENTATION

Dr. Perry told that she was in 4-H and made it to state and she was doing her poster presentation on the American Flag and when she went to put her posters on the easel they all fell but Mr. Truitt changed the story because he helped her. She thanked the Board for allowing her to speak about the school budget. She told the budget goals are instruction and school safety, maintain quality instruction and maintain small class sizes, open communication, maintain salaries and positions. She told they do have some challenges, one is health insurance increase, keep the intercession, boiler feasibility study, staffing issues in the transportation department and our aging bus fleet. She told the composite

index and we are at \$0.27 cents on the dollar. She told all positions are not SOQ funded. She told on the revenue budget it is a projection, and they are asking for level funding from the County. She reviewed the power point and told hopefully they are getting a little more from the state department. She told that benefits and salaries account for 81% of their budget. She told they have lost personnel over the years. She told they are asking for level funding staying at 26%. She thanked the Board and told they have been very good to Carroll County Schools and she appreciates that. She told that what you provide for the students and the community is unseen.

Mr. Hill told he noticed there is a cost in the transportation cost.

Dr. Perry told there was a savings in fuel this year.

Ms. Quesenberry told they are seeing it from the turnover in transportation staff.

Mr. Martin told that he has 5 granddaughters and he would like to thank you for hiring a lady as superintendent. He told that he has heard nothing but positive comments and he is tickled we have a lady. He told he has spent his life on the Board of Supervisors, he went to the last 2 room school for whites and Shorts Creek was the last one open. He told they carried water and heat from a stove and he ran to see a better school system and he is pleased at where we are at. He told Carroll County is 2nd to no one. He told he has two concerns and the Board is not meeting that need and the School Board is not meeting that need. He told the first is he requested from Ms. Quesneberry the list of buses and the age and he is glad we are getting 5 school buses but we need at least 10 buses to get rid of the 20 year old buses. He told the 2nd thing is we are turning lose 200-400 kids going to the main building going to the 9th grade wing, there is no lockers so most kids don't wear a coat. He told the wind comes off the football field and it is miserable on those kids. He told the safety of the children that are exposed and there are at least 50 kids on the sidewalk and they are right on the highway. He told he prays there is nothing terrible that happens and his challenge is we need to meet and break bread and scratch our heads on what needs to be done to keep the kids safe. He thanked them for working with the Board on trying to balance the budget.

Dr. Littrell told the number you gave on the composite index, is it good for that to be high or low.

Dr. Perry told you get more money if it is higher.

Mr. Hill asked how many classrooms are in the 9th grade wing.

Mr. Spencer told he thinks it is 12.

Dr. Perry told that one of the safety concerns is they can not access the 2nd floor without going outside.

Mr. Spencer told on hiring Dr. Perry, she was hired on her own merit, not her gender.

Mr. Webb told that today's discussion involves budget and it includes Carroll County Schools, as many of you know I work at times for Carroll County Schools and the purpose of funding is to affect the entire school system and not just me individually and together we constitute a group of three or more individuals who are similarly employed by the schools and similarly affected by the discussion therefore with the exception of the Virginia State and local government conflicts of interest act Va Code 2.2-3112 applies to this situation and he is able to participate in this discussion fairly, objectively and in the public interest. Mr. Webb told that you may not know but I am a substitute bus driver and one of the things is the huge turnover. He asked what you see in the future to cure that or have you put any thought into why you can't get bus drivers.

Dr. Perry told that she sees two reasons, most bus drivers are part time based on the nature of the position but the benefits piece made a huge impact on the attractiveness and retention of that position.

Mr. Webb told you are right and the point he wanted to make is 90-95% that you have now that are full time and have the benefits that is why they are there, it is not the money. He told that he cannot understand why the school board took that away.

Dr. Perry told that it was a savings, a tight budget and you look at things to cut.

Mr. Webb told that you can drive up to 434 hours and be a VRS member because he is also a retired school teacher. He told that was the problem in 2015 when he became a bus driver and they offered him a full time position with no benefits, he was looking for health insurance and was told they couldn't do it and the explanation was but that year you had 8 full time drivers retired. He told he understands the part time but the full time need the benefits.

Dr. Perry told if you look other places they are doing it as well.

Mr. Webb told the year he took his training he did 80 hours on his own time and spent his money with no reimbursement and the next year you paid for the training and asked if that worked. He told you need to look back and take care of those people, they are your number one.

Dr. Perry told that it is an important job.

Mr. Phillip McCraw told your bus drivers need insurance. He told he doesn't drive and don't have anyone in the family that does. He told a bus driver can't have another job because if something happens they need to be available.

Dr. Perry told the nature of the position it is impossible to do anything else.

Mr. Joey Haynes told that he thinks it is closes to a million to do the benefits.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked how many bus drivers you have.

Ms. Quesenberry told that it is 70 to 72.

(Order)

COUNTY BUDGET PRESENTATION

Ms. Cannon told that she has hopefully the last official entry into the budget book and included in the packet is a copy of the presentation, an updated revenue and expenditure report and the CIP's. She told she is pleased to present the budget for you today and will start with the challenges we have and first is the community demographic changes that we have had over the last several years, we have had a significant increase in jail and CSA cost in care and that is a significant impact to our budget and the day to day living in Carroll County. She told QSCB is going to be listed on her budget challenges until we finish paying it off. She told capital needs, we have fire trucks that are requested, school buses and also economic development. She told we need economic development to get jobs in the county so we need to continue to fund there. She told we also have reduced expenditures and a lack of reserves to fill the gap. She told our goals from the budget meetings were no tax increase and the budget is based on the current rates. She told it is also to rejuvenate the fund balance and we took a unique approach to that in the revenues that she will discuss later and we also wanted to keep the current level of services that we provide. She reviewed the power point below. She told on the general property taxes we have budgeted in an extra \$5.8 million and that is 100% of our delinquent real estate taxes. She told will we collect 100% this fiscal year, I don't think so but in order to negate the impact of those delinquent taxes on the budget we have included a line item in the misc. revenue category. She told whatever the difference is will be earmarked to rejuvenate the fund balance. She told throughout the year on your revenue reports you won't see a report hitting that, She told that next year because of the way we have set up our process you should see that line ever increasing. She told on expenditures we have a lot of swings and most of them are reductions. She told that public safety has increased

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as well as health and welfare. She reviewed the expenditures and the CIP that are on the slideshow. She told she would be happy to answer any questions you have.

Mr. Martin told the unpaid taxes is a savvy way to divert cuts.

Ms. Cannon told there are still some steep cuts but she thinks it is manageable.

Mr. Hill asked if there is a way to divide up Fire and EMS and just give us what percentage they are of the total budget.

Ms. Cannon replied sure.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he really has issues with reading the Cash Flow Analysis and asked if you can put numbers out from it.

Ms. Cannon replied yes.

Carroll County FY2019 Budget Presentation



Budget Challenges

- Community Demographic Changes – Jail and CSA
- QSCB Phase III Construction \$1,200,000
- Capital Needs – Fire Trucks, School Buses, Economic Dev, etc.
- Reductions on expenditures that had been reduced in prior year
- Lack of Reserves available to bridge gap in the budget

Goals

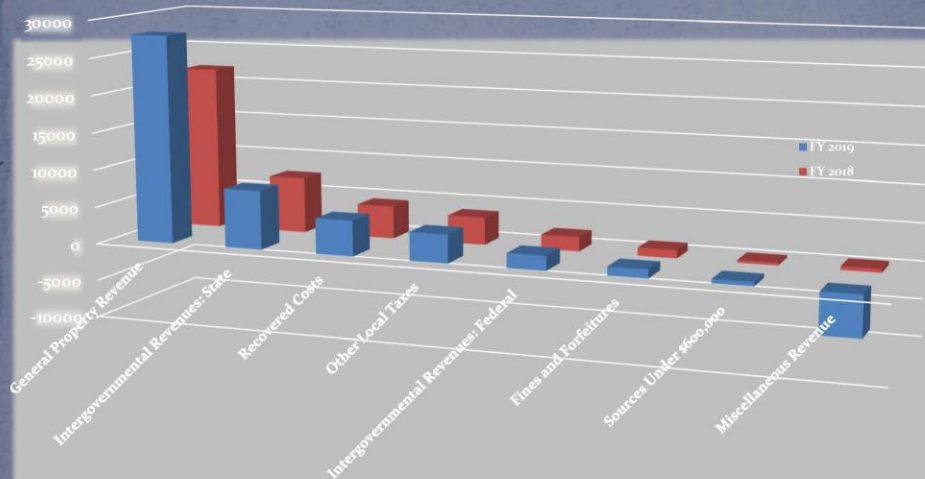
BOS Goals for FY 2019

- No tax increase
- Rejuvenate Fund Balance
- Preservation of current Service Levels

FY2019 Revenues

| Revenue Category | FY2018 Estimate | FY2019 Estimate | Difference |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| General Property Taxes | \$22,057,904 | \$27,946,860 | \$5,888,956 |
| Other Local Taxes | \$3,685,364 | \$3,802,000 | \$116,636 |
| Fines & Forfeitures | \$1,065,000 | \$1,150,000 | \$85,000 |
| Recovered Costs | \$4,398,387 | \$4,749,967 | \$351,580 |
| Revenue from the Commonwealth | \$7,497,614 | \$7,888,200 | \$390,586 |
| Revenue from the Federal Government | \$1,910,993 | \$1,948,410 | \$37,417 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | \$345,000 | (\$5,425,028) | (\$5,080,028) |
| Sources under \$600,000 | \$491,522 | 533,347 | \$41,825 |
| Total Revenues | \$41,451,784 | \$42,593,756 | \$1,141,972 |

FY 2018 Vs. FY 2019 Projected Revenue



FY 2018 & FY 2019 Expenses

| Department | FY 2018 Estimate | FY 2019 Estimate | Difference |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
| General Government | \$2,603,551 | \$2,467,762 | (\$135,789) |
| Judicial Administration | \$1,301,573 | \$1,276,634 | (\$24,939) |
| Public Safety | \$9,281,620 | \$9,840,507 | \$558,887 |
| Public Works | \$2,719,744 | \$2,656,545 | \$(63,199) |
| Health and Welfare | \$5,713,948 | \$6,698,151 | \$984,203 |
| Parks, Recreation, and Cultural | \$1,453,946 | \$1,417,168 | (\$36,778) |
| Community Development | \$778,180 | \$735,261 | \$42,919 |
| Education | \$16,038,272 | \$15,955,318 | (\$82,954) |
| Transfers | \$1,411,750 | \$1,407,750 | (\$4,540) |
| Non-departmental | \$149,200 | \$139,200 | (\$10,000) |
| Total Expenses | \$41,451,784 | \$42,593,756 | \$1,141,972 |

Significant Increase in Expenses

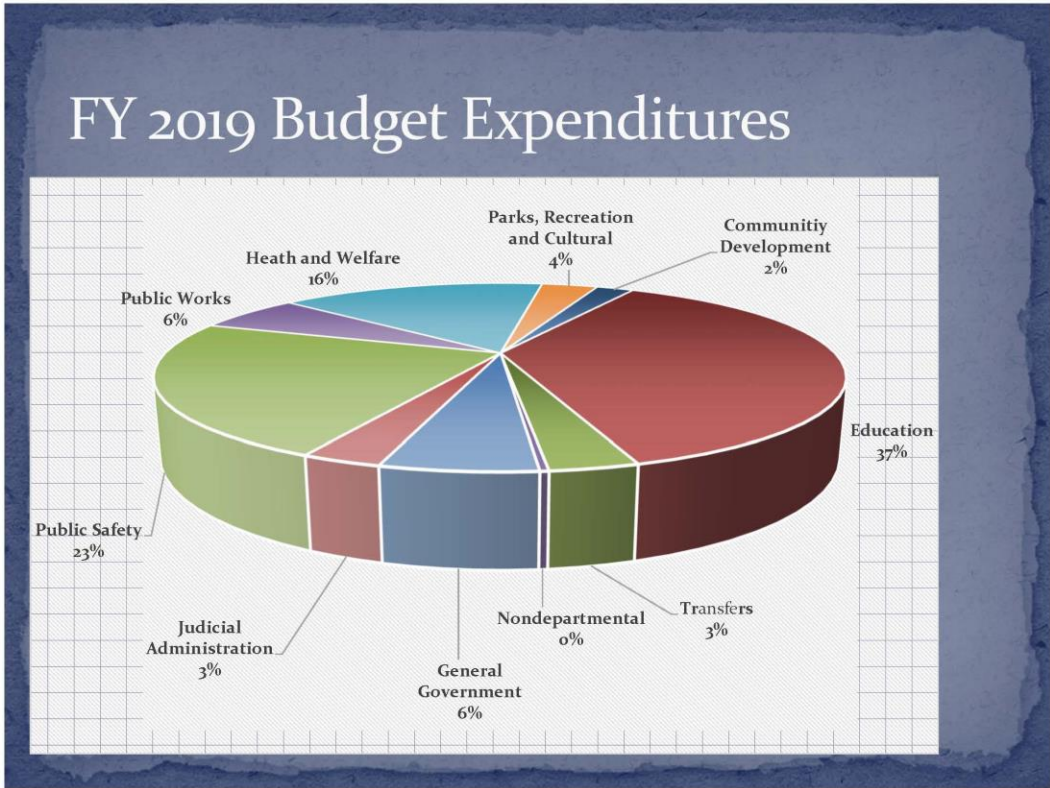
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| CSA | \$928,352 |
| New River Regional Jail | \$350,000 |
| Volunteer Fire Department | \$239,491 (LFVFD Truck) |
| CCFR | \$229,115 (CVRS) |
| Total Significant Increases | \$1,894,958 |

Significant Decreases in Expenses

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|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| General Government | (\$135,789) |
| Education | (\$85,730) (Debt) |
| Sheriff's Dept | (\$360,680) |
| Total Significant Decreases | (\$582,199) |

FY 2019 Capital Improvement

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|-------------------------------|---|
| Funded in FY 2018 | \$1,062,100 |
| Requests for FY 2019 | \$1,376,500 |
| Proposed in FY 2019 Budget | \$568,000 |
| Fire and Apparatus CIP | |
| Funded in FY 2018 | \$2,1467 - (Debt Service LFVFD) |
| Request FY 2019 | \$650,000 - CVFD |
| Proposed FY 2019 | \$241,467 - LFVFD (Debt Service + \$220,000 Highway Safety) |



FY2019 Budget Meeting

Questions?

(Order)

CITIZENS TIME

Mr. Mike Goldwasser thanked the Board for all they do. He told that some of you know that he used to come up here a lot and used to complain about a lot of things and both from what he sees and from what he hears the atmosphere is so much more positive now and more constructive time. He told his request may seem like something not so important and it really is not a criticism. He told there is a considerable amount of concern about what the situation is with BRCEDA and Wildwood. He told he his absolutely not blaming anyone for this but it would be in the interest of tax payers and the better people understand the better they will know what needs to be done. He told if you

go on the BRCEDA website, the most recent financials he has seen on there are from and it is a very hard thing to find out. He told that it should be readily accessible. He told the same thing with Wildwood and there are a lot of rumors out there but over the years there have been \$20-30 million on projects. He told if you could have an evening at Crossroads where you invited the public to see the agreements like the availability agreement. He told he has heard there has to be a gas substation put in and those things may be true or not but if you could dedicate one evening to the public with the agreements and how much is coming from each community it would help having a better understanding. He told he knows the personnel with BRCEDA is an issue now.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told you are not the first person to ask that question and this Board has tried to build a reputation of being transparent and he would like to see if we can get something like that established.

Ms. Cannon told that the financials for BRCEDA is included in our Board packet each month so if you go into the archives you should be able to find it.

Mr. Goldwasser asked if that includes Galax and Grayson.

Ms. Cannon told that it is just Carroll. She told that also there is a onetime payment to BRCEDA each year that you can find in the budget.

Mr. Goldwasser told that he is not just talking about specific payments to BRCEDA but also the water availability fee and robbing peter to pay paul.

Ms. Cannon told that she just wanted to let you know there is information available.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he has never thought about that when asked the question because he looks at it each month.

(Order)

SUPERVISORS TIME

Mr. Webb thanked everyone for coming tonight and he is still in a learning curve. He thanked the County Boards and offices that sat with us and held to zero or made cuts. He told the county is not in good financial shape but we are working on it. He told the administrative staff puts in a lot of hours and he appreciates that.

Mr. Phillip McCraw thanked everyone for working with us and told they have done a good job.

Mr. Hill thanked everyone for coming out. He told this is one of the best budget processes that we have been through because we get to hear from each of the department heads and constitutionals and it will behoove us to continue to do that. He thanked everyone who worked on the budget. He told that he learns something each year.

Dr. Littrell told we had a good crowd tonight and got to hear some good information. He told that he feels comfortable with the budget and he thanks all who have worked on it.

Mr. Martin told he expects better days coming in the future.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he has thoroughly enjoyed serving and it is a learning curve. He told this is one of the best boards we have had in a long time. He told staff did a great job with the budget, the cuts that were made haven't affected our services. He told the Constitutionals have done great, he can't thank JB enough. He told the School Board did great, not asking for any more funding was amazing. He told he wants to thank Steve because he feels like he made a huge change in the atmosphere.

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RECESS

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, second by Mr. Phillip McCraw and passing, the Board recessed.

VOTES

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| Mr. Webb | Yes |
| Mr. Phillip McCraw | Yes |
| Mr. Hill | Yes |
| Mr. Robbie McCraw | Yes |
| Dr. Littrell | Yes |
| Mr. Martin | Yes |

(Order)

Chairman

Clerk