

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD A BUDGET WORK SESSION ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021 AT 3:30 P.M., IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING ROOM LOCATED IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 1255 FRANKLIN STREET, SUITE 104, ROCKY MOUNT, VIRGINIA.

**THE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH (ORDINANCE #21-06-2020) EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO EFFECTUATE TEMPORARY CHANGES IN CERTAIN DEADLINES AND TO MODIFY PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH PANDEMIC DISASTER**

THERE WERE PRESENT: Mike Carter  
Tommy Cundiff  
Leland Mitchell  
Ronald Mitchell  
Lorie Smith  
Tim Tatum, Vice-Chairman  
Ronnie Thompson, Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT: Christopher Whitlow, County Administrator  
Michael Burnette, Assistant County Administrator  
Steve Sandy, Assistant County Administrator- via teleconference  
Jim Guynn, Legal Counsel- via teleconference  
Madeline L. Sefcik, CMC, Clerk

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Chairman Thompson, called the meeting to order.  
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**CLOSED MEETING**

**(RESOLUTION #01-02-2021)**

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors to enter into a Closed Meeting in Accordance with 2.2-3711, (A)(1), Personnel Discussion of appointments to County Boards, Commissions, etc.; (A) (3) Discussion of the acquisition of real property or the disposition of real property, (A) (29) discussion of the terms of a public contract, where discussion in public would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the County in regards to a potential boundary adjustment with a neighboring county, and in regards to an existing lease of county property, of the Code of Virginia, as Amended.

MOTION BY: Tim Tatum  
SECONDED BY: Tommy Cundiff  
VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:  
AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum, Thompson

\*Roll Call was taken\*

MOTION: Tim Tatum  
SECOND: Mike Carter  
RESOLUTION: #02-02-2021  
MEETING DATE: February 2, 2021

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712(d) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Franklin County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin 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 by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors.

VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Carter, Cundiff, L. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum, Thompson

\*Roll call was taken\*

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Mr. Whitlow, County Administrator presented the following to the Board.



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## FRANKLIN COUNTY

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### FY 2022 BUDGET WORK SESSION FEBRUARY 2, 2021



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## CARES Funded Capital

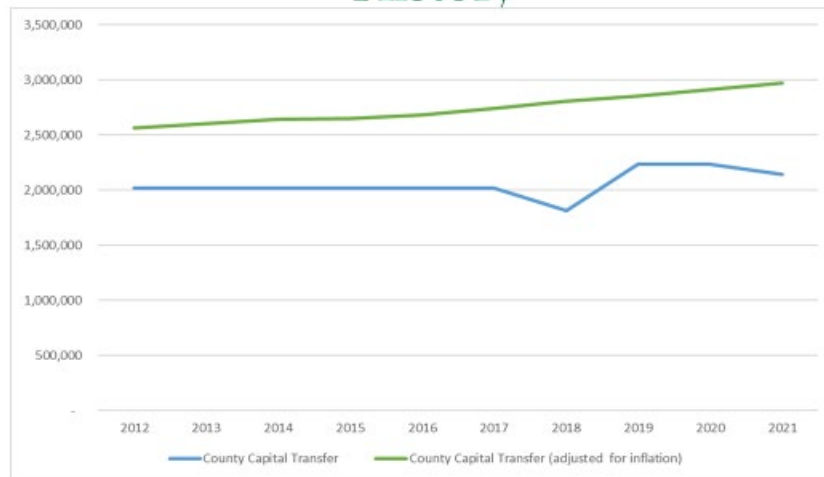
- ❑ Numerous items funded for Sheriff, Fire and EMS program areas valued at approximately \$3 million
    - ❑ Mobile Dispatch & Operations Center
    - ❑ Communications Equipment (Radios, Laptops, Intercom, Door Access Security)
    - ❑ Intercept Body Scanner
    - ❑ Crime Scene FARO Scanner
    - ❑ Telework Computers / Mobile Laptops
    - ❑ Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
    - ❑ New Personal Protective Turnout Gear Storage Building for countywide PPE
    - ❑ Stationary SCBA Compressor Fill Station
    - ❑ Mobile SCBA compressor Fill Station
    - ❑ Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Communications
    - ❑ Thermal Imaging Cameras for with certification to perform interior fire suppression
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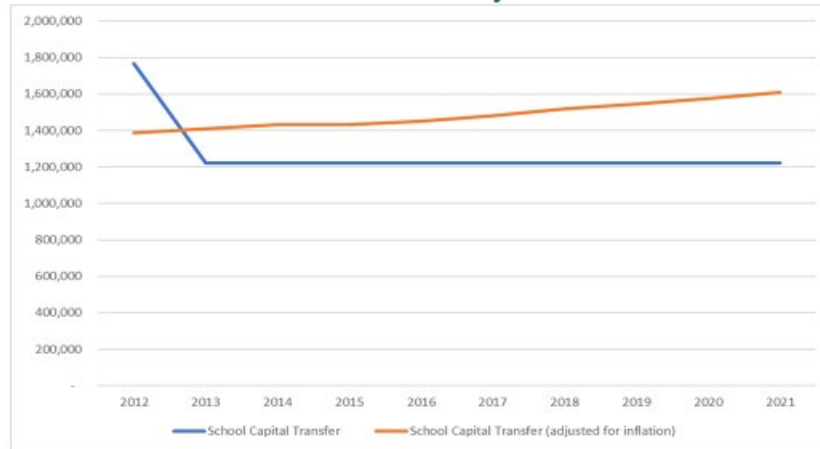
## Capital Improvement Plan Budget

- Capital Funding has remained relatively flat since 2003 and has not significantly increased over the last decade(s)
- Approx. \$2.2 million (County) and \$1.2 million (Schools)
- Annual Capital Funding would be approximately \$2.9 million when adjusting for inflation
- School Capital Funding would be approximately \$1.6 million annually

### County Capital 10-Year Funding History



## School Capital 10-Year Funding History



## CIP History through COVID

- Original proposed FY 2021 CIP was \$2.4 million or **\$3.8 million less** than \$6.2 million requested
  
- Modified adopted FY 2021 was reduced below prior FY 19-20 FY level funding to \$1.9 million or an additional **\$300K** in total reductions to balance the FY 21 budget
  - **\$200K** reductions from multiple CIP line items
  - **\$100K** additional reduction from Information Technology
    - \* CARES one-time funding used to help with purchase of P.C. Replacements



## CIP History through COVID

- Rebounding FY 21 revenues has afforded the opportunity to restore some CIP funding for FY 21
  - BOS Restored \$200K to FY 2021 budget on Jan. 19, 2021
  - Funding to assist with approved purchase of delayed fire apparatus
  
- At this point the FY 2022 budget looks to restore the remaining \$100K to pre-COVID proposed budget level of \$2.4 million at the very minimum. However, continued inflationary capital costs and increasing needs / requests are far outpacing previous & current CIP funding levels



## Equipment – Apparatus Inflationary Costs

### Increasing costs of Fire & EMS

#### Apparatus

- Rescue Ambulance cost **\$125K** in 2006 vs. **\$250K** today
- Fire Engine cost **\$219K** in 2006 vs. **\$550K** today
- Quint – Ladder - **\$1.2 Million**
- Tanker - **\$415K**
- Urban Interface - **\$400K**
- Brush Truck - **\$70K**

#### Cost of Delayed Apparatus Funding

- As Fire Apparatus costs continue to increase with CIP funding remaining flat, then County gets further behind.





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## Major Capital Needs FY 2022

- ❑ Public Safety Planning
    - ❑ Public Safety Facilities
      - Station Construction
      - Administrative & Training Center
    - ❑ Fire Apparatus & EMS Vehicle Replacement
  - ❑ Sheriff
    - ❑ Vehicle Replacement & In Car Cameras
    - ❑ Communications Center
  - ❑ Information Technology
    - ❑ Cybersecurity
    - ❑ Network Infrastructure Replacement
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## Major Capital Needs FY 2022

- ❑ Solid Waste
    - ❑ Equipment Replacement
    - ❑ Leachate Tank
  - ❑ Parks & Recreation
    - ❑ Equipment Replacement
    - ❑ Parks Capital Maintenance (tennis courts, playground equipment, trails)
  - ❑ Registrar
    - ❑ Voting equipment replacement & Election security
  - ❑ General Properties
    - ❑ Facilities Maintenance (i.e. YMCA)
    - ❑ Vehicle Replacement
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## FY 2022 Capital Requests Preview

- Next Year Department Requests
    - Public Safety Fire-EMS vehicles, Fire/EMS equipment \$1.7 million
    - Information Technology \$663K
    - Broadband Expansion \$150K
    - Solid Waste Equipment \$450K
    - Parks and Recreation maintenance, improvements, and vehicle/equipment replacement \$922K
    - Sheriff vehicle and equipment replacement \$897K
    - Emergency Communications Center \$2 million
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## FY 22 Capital Funding Imbalance

- Imbalance of \$9.1 million of requests verses revenue
  - Recommend restoring \$100K (minimum) for FY 22
  - Recommend a Public Safety facilities plan this to guide, prioritize both capital and operational needs (i.e. facilities, locations, sequencing, etc.).
  - Consideration of future capital revenue streams
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## FY 2023-26 Capital Requests Preview

- ❑ Future Year(s) Department Requests
  - ❑ HVAC Replacements
  - ❑ County Facilities & Building Maintenance
  - ❑ Broadband Expansion
  - ❑ Major Radio System Maintenance/Upgrades of \$1.3 million
  - ❑ Landfill equipment \$700K & New Cell Construction \$3.4 million
  - ❑ Fire Apparatus \$2.2 million
  - ❑ EMS Vehicles \$1.5 million
- ❑ Major Capital Projects
  - ❑ Middle School HVAC Renovation & High School CTE Expansion
  - ❑ Goode Building/E911 Center Renovation – Expansion
  - ❑ Fire-EMS Stations/Public Safety Building Construction
  - ❑ Summit View Future Pad(s) Development



## Next Steps

- ❑ Budget Calendar
  - ❑ Work Sessions – February 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - ❑ CIP
  - ❑ Compensation/Benefits
  - ❑ Operating
  - ❑ Other
  - ❑ March 8, 2021 – School Board Budget Adoption
  - ❑ March 16, 2021 – Presentation of County/School budgets
  - ❑ April 20, 2021 – Public Hearing on FY 2021-22 Budget and 2021 Tax Rates
  - ❑ April 27, 2021 – FY 2021-22 Budget Adoption

Supervisor Smith asked staff to look at the budget requests and to weigh the consequences of not funding each request. She asked if staff could put together a list of prioritizations of the items needing funding.

Supervisor Cundiff directed staff to look into Board of Supervisors' raises. Supervisor Tatum let the Board know that he has looked into the Code of Virginia and the Code sets the salary of the Board based on locality and we are not at the population threshold for the next increase.

Sheriff Overton addressed the Board and let them know that he is present and if he can answer any clarification questions regarding his department. He let the Board know Law and Order is paramount with this County.

Chief Ferguson thanked the Board for all that they have done for the Public Safety Department. The Department provides excellent services and he wants to echo the Sheriff in the need for safety within the County.



Mr. Harrison thanked the Board and he wanted to say this is an excellent organization. The level of attention the Board is bringing to the budget process is wonderful and he is ready to "dive-deeper" if anyone would want to discuss.

Chairman Thompson asked if we anticipate any additional federal funding? The answer was that there have been talks of potential bills, but nothing additional has come to fruition just yet.

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Chairman Thompson *recessed the Board until February 16 at 1:30 PM for regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors Meeting.*