

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD THEIR BUDGET ADOPTION MEETING ON THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 AT 4:00 P.M., IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING ROOM LOCATED IN THE FRANKLIN COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 1255 FRANKLIN STREET, SUITE 104, ROCKY MOUNT, VIRGINIA.

THERE WERE PRESENT: Mike Carter
Tommy Cundiff
Nick Mitchell
Ronald Mitchell
Lorie Smith, Vice Chair
Tim Tatum, Chairman

ABSENT: Ronnie Thompson (via telephone for portion)

OTHERS PRESENT: Christopher Whitlow, County Administrator
Michael Burnette, Assistant County Administrator
Madherleyn Torres, Clerk

Chairman Tatum, called the meeting to order.

REMOTE PARTICIPATION

(RESOLUTION #01-04-2023

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to allow Supervisor Ronnie Thompson to participate in the budget adoption meeting via telephone.

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

SETTING TAX LEVIES FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSES OF PROPERTY:

1. Setting a tax levy of \$.61/\$100 of assessed value on real estate, public service corporation property, and mobile homes; pursuant to the authority of 58.1-3200, 58.1-3201, 58.1-3202, 58.1-3203, 58.1-3204, 58.1-3205 of the Code of Virginia, as amended.
2. Setting a tax levy of \$2.41/\$100 of assessed value on personal property, pursuant to the authority of 58.1-3500, 58.1-3501, 58.1-3502, 58.1-3503, 58.1-3506 of the Code of Virginia, as amended.
3. Setting a tax levy of \$1.89/\$100 of assessed value on personal property, classified as heavy construction machinery, including but not limited to land movers, bulldozers, front-end loaders, graders, packers, power shovels, cranes, pile drivers, forest harvesting and silvicultural activity equipment and ditch and other types of diggers owned by businesses pursuant to the authority of 58.1-3508.2 of the Code of Virginia, as amended.
4. Setting a tax levy of \$0.70/\$100 assessed value on machinery and tools based on original cost and declining depreciation over a 7-year period. By the seventh year of depreciation, the effective rate is \$0.28 per \$100 assessed value. This rate is levied pursuant to the authority of 58.1-3507(B) of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

5. Setting a tax levy of \$1.08/\$100 of assessed value on merchants' capital, pursuant to the authority of 58.1-3509, and 58.1-3510 of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

Supervisor R. Mitchell asked if we could raise the tax rates from what was advertised without another public hearing. Mr. Carter answered that we cannot increased the tax rates without another public hearing.

(RESOLUTION #02-04-2023)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to approve the tax levies for fiscal year 2023-2024 as advertised and presented.

MOTION BY: Tommy Cundiff
 SECONDED BY: Lorie Smith
 VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
 AYES: Carter, Cundiff, N. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum
 NO: R. Mitchell
 ABSENT: Thompson

** Roll call vote was taken **

ADOPTION OF THE FY 2023-2024 COUNTY BUDGET

The following synopsis of the budget is provided for fiscal planning purposes only. No entry in the budget constitutes an obligation on the part of the County until such funds are appropriated by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors.

SYNOPSIS OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR FY 2023-2024

<u>Expenditure Function</u>	<u>Proposed Expenditures</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
General and Financial Admin	\$6,187,057	3.36%
Judicial Admin	\$3,621,664	1.97%
Public Safety	\$22,811,069	12.40%
Public Works	\$5,247,536	2.85%
Health and Welfare	\$17,505,763	9.51%
Parks, Recreation and Cult	\$3,012,321	1.64%
Community Develop	\$3,669,483	1.99%
Schools	\$109,002,152	59.24%
Debt Service	\$5,758,881	3.13%
Non-Departmental	\$3,317,116	1.80%
Capital Outlay	\$3,856,775	2.10%
Utilities	\$24,000	0.01%
Sub-Total	<u>\$184,013,817</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Transfers Between Funds	<u>46,539,436</u>	
Total	<u><u>\$230,553,253</u></u>	

<u>Revenue Function</u>	<u>Proposed Revenues</u>	<u>Percent Of Budget</u>
General Property Taxes/Other Local Taxes	\$79,212,387	43.05%
County State Funds	\$17,408,373	9.46%

Local School Funds (Cafeteria, Misc)	\$1,272,412	0.69%
State School Funds	\$50,733,868	27.57%
Federal School Funds	\$21,259,087	11.55%
Other County Funds/County Federal	\$14,127,690	7.68%
Sub-Total	<u>\$184,013,817</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Transfers Between Funds	<u>\$46,539,436</u>	
Total	<u>\$230,553,253</u>	

Supervisor Ronald Mitchell expressed that he cannot support the proposed budget due to his concerns about public safety issues, fire marshal needs, and the lack of School Resource Officers in the schools.

(RESOLUTION #03-04-2023)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to adopt the fiscal year 2023-2024 County budget as advertised and presented.

MOTION BY: Tommy Cundiff
 SECONDED BY: Lorie Smith
 VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
 AYES: Carter, Cundiff, N. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum
 NO: R. Mitchell
 ABSENT: Thompson

Roll call was taken

OTHER MATTERS

At the request of Supervisor Ronald Mitchell, the board watched a YouTube video showing footage of the recent school shooting in Nashville. Afterwards the Board discussed the potential hiring of SROs for the remainder of the school year, as well as how to provide SROs on a permanent basis starting in the 2023-2024 school year.

(RESOLUTION #04-04-2023)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to transfer up to \$100,000 from the budget stabilization fund to the Sheriff's Office for the payment of overtime to provide SROs in every school through the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

MOTION BY: Ronald Mitchell
 SECONDED BY: Mike Carter
 VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
 AYES: Carter, Cundiff, N. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum
 ABSENT: Thompson

(RESOLUTION #05-04-2023)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to instruct staff to work with the Sheriff's Office and School System to formulate a plan for SRO coverage in all schools for the 2023-2024 school year and present the plan to the Board in May.

MOTION BY: Lorie Smith
 SECONDED BY: Mike Carter
 VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:
 AYES: Carter, Cundiff, N. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, Smith, Tatum
 ABSENT: Thompson

The Board discussed the reduction of funds to Callaway Rescue Squad and reached a consensus to discuss the issue in May.

Chairman Tatum adjourned the meeting until April 18, 2023 for the Board of Supervisors regularly scheduled meeting at 1:30PM.