

**Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors**  
**Monday, March 21, 2016**  
**FY2016-17 Proposed Budget Public Hearings**

**VIRGINIA:** The FY2016-17 Proposed Budget Public Hearings of the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors were held on Monday, March 21, 2016 in the General District Courtroom of the Edwin R. Shields Addition in Chatham, Virginia. Jessie L. Barksdale, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following members were present:

Tim R. Barber	Tunstall District
Ronald S. Scearce	Westover District
Joe B. Davis	Dan River District
Jerry A. Hagerman	Callands-Gretna District
Robert W. Warren	Chatham-Blairs District
Elton W. Blackstock, Jr.	Staunton River District

Mr. Clarence C. Monday, County Administrator, Mr. J. Vaden Hunt, County Attorney, Kim Van Der Hyde, Director of Finance, and Ms. Rebecca Flippen, Deputy Clerk to the Board were also present.

Mr. Barksdale led the Pledge of Alliance.

Mr. Barksdale recognized in attendance Boy Scouts Chaz Nickens and Brian Morris of Trooper #374.

Mr. Barksdale also recognized in attendance members of the Pittsylvania County School Board, the Honorables Calvin D. Doss, J. Samuel Burton, R. Todd Sanders, and George Henderson, and School Superintendent Dr. Mark Jones. Mr. Barksdale also recognized the Honorable Mike Taylor, Sheriff, present during the meeting.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion was made by Mr. Blackstock, seconded by Mr. Barber, to approve the agenda, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

**Public Hearings**

**The Board of Supervisors of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, held a public hearing to hear citizen input on the proposed School Budget for fiscal year 2016-2017. The School Budget was part of the overall County Budget, which did not include a tax increase. A separate public hearing was to be held on the proposed County Budget. A summary of the proposed School Budget was presented as follows:**

**SCHOOL BOARD**

	<b>Adopted Budget <u>2015-2016</u></b>	<b>Proposed Budget <u>2016-2017</u></b>
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>		
From Sales Tax	9,638,784	10,185,738
From State Funds	48,056,835	50,189,397
From Federal Funds	8,195,423	7,866,361
From Local Funds	16,910,298	16,736,709
Cafeteria Receipts	5,175,138	5,066,404
From Other Funds	<u>1,697,663</u>	<u>1,445,024</u>
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>\$ 89,674,141</b>	<b>\$ 91,489,633</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>		
Instruction	61,238,429	62,216,811
Admn./Attend & Health Svcs	3,219,622	3,370,527
Pupil Transportation	6,123,227	6,634,246
Operation & Maintenance	7,980,840	7,964,335
Non-Instructional Operations	3,256,106	3,412,865
Technology	2,680,779	2,824,445
Cafeteria	<u>5,175,138</u>	<u>5,066,404</u>
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>\$ 89,674,141</b>	<b>\$ 91,489,633</b>

Mr. Monday summarized the proposed FY2016/17 Pittsylvania County School Budget, noting the proposed school budget of \$91,489,633 that contained local funding of \$16,736,709; was part of the County's FY 2016-17 Budget, and cannot be approved until 7 days after this public hearing. This public hearing, said Mr. Monday, was advertised in the Chatham Star Tribune on March 9, 2016, which met the requirement of State Code section 15.2-2506 concerning publication and notice.

Mr. Barksdale opened the public hearing at 7:10pm. The following citizens signed up to speak:

Rev. Joan Tarpley-Robinson of the Banister District, Pastor of the Rosebud Baptist Church, and former educator, made comments supporting the advertised proposed school budget.

Gracie Mays of the Tunstall District made comments that referred to the referendum held in December 2000 for the middle schools that were built/closed/and renovated, and again on the referendum held in November 2007 for high school renovations, and that in both there appeared be lack of planning during construction that resulted in higher construction costs. Ms. Mays say in both cases, funds did not appear to be handled well and while she supported funds for education, she also felt the funds for schools should be more closely supervised and wisely spent. Ms. Mays encouraged the Board of Supervisors to visit all four high schools to see how they were already showing signs of overcrowding and the renovations were only recently completed in the last couple of years.

No one else signed up to speak and Mr. Barksdale closed the public hearing at 7:16 PM.

**The Board of Supervisors of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, held a public hearing to hear citizen input on the proposed 2016-2017 County Budget. This Budget would not be considered for adoption until seven (7) days after the public hearing. Below is a brief synopsis of the Budget, which shall be for informative and fiscal planning purposes only. The budget did not propose a tax increase. A separate public hearing was held earlier to hear citizen input on the proposed School Budget.**

**GOVERNMENT**

<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>	<b><u>2015-2016 ADOPTED</u></b>	<b><u>2016-2017 PROPOSED</u></b>
General Gov't Expense	3,477,553	3,953,532
Judicial Admin. Expense	1,603,931	1,631,627
Public Safety	15,735,991	16,014,035
Health Dept./Social Services	10,596,526	10,838,399
Public Works	3,289,084	3,062,347
Education Expense	89,683,146	91,499,245
Parks, Rec. & Cultural	1,784,975	1,667,827
Grants	3,503,949	5,461,638
Community Dev. Expense	10,082,174	8,383,865
Capital Projects	875,656	1,402,901
Debt Service	12,707,348	12,857,171
Transfers	19,649,496	18,652,420
Misc/Non-Departmental	<u>319,525</u>	<u>375,025</u>
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>173,309,354</u></b>	<b><u>\$175,800,032</u></b>

<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>	<b><u>2015-2016 ADOPTED</u></b>	<b><u>2016-2017 PROPOSED</u></b>
Local Funds	49,929,224	48,307,107
State Funds	83,695,184	84,548,740
Federal Funds	16,086,532	18,272,794
CIP Carryover	1,563,324	2,526,564
Carryover	579,594	239,700
Fund Balance	1,806,000	3,252,707
Transfers	<u>19,649,496</u>	<u>18,652,420</u>
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>173,309,354</u></b>	<b><u>\$175,800,032</u></b>

Mr. Monday summarized the proposed FY2016/17 Pittsylvania County Budget, noting a proposed total budget of \$175,800,032 that did not contain any proposed tax increases, and cannot be approved until 7 days after this public hearing. This public hearing, said Mr. Monday, was advertised in the Chatham Star Tribune on March 9, 2016, which met the requirement of State Code section 15.2-2506 concerning publication and notice.

Mr. Barksdale opened the public hearing at 7:24 PM. The following citizens signed up to speak:  
 Rev. Joan Tarpley-Robinson of the Banister District, Pastor of the Rosebud Baptist Church, and former educator, thanked the Board for all they did, realized in meeting the needs of

the citizens came with it great responsibilities on the part of the Board, and that she supported the proposed budget.

Gracie Mays of the Tunstall District stated she did not feel there needed to be funds budgeted for another Jail Study, just that the jail situation just needed to be fixed. Ms. Mays stated that perhaps the Board should consider a cell phone tax to go towards funding needs for fire/rescue.

Jim Scarce of the Westover District was opposed to the proposed budget, was opposed to County tax dollars going towards the new Animal Shelter project, that the proposed budget did not show any cuts, and made comments in disapproval of board members who lobbied the General Assembly in not removing Pittsylvania County from §15.2-2159 of the Virginia State Code concerning approved counties applying Solid Waste Collection fees on their citizens; and felt Pittsylvania County taxes were higher than any of the surrounding localities.

Richard Shumate of the Westover District offered a word of prayer. Mr. Shumate stated he agreed with everything Mr. Scarce said, believed the County needed to review its salary and classification plan; that only employees on the lower end of the scale should get a raise during this budget and higher salaried employees could “lay”.

Everlena Ross, Interim Executive Director for Pittsylvania County Community Action, gave a summary of her agency’s accomplishments during FY 2015-16, noting that the County’s funding helped make those accomplishments possible, and she looked forward to working with County in the upcoming year, and thanked the Board for their support.

Tricia Siebert of the Chatham-Blairs District and PTO President at Chatham Middle School, stated the local school system was very behind compared to other localities and the County needed to give every funding possible to support the schools since the County’s children were the key to its future economic development success. Ms. Seibert closed her remarks with asking the Board to not cutting any funding for schools from the proposed budget.

Mary Catherine Plaster of the Chatham-Blairs District stated she did not feel Pittsylvania County fairly set tax rates, and felt very unfair evaluations were in place for assessed property values of real estate.

No one else signed up to speak and Mr. Barksdale closed the hearing at 7:42 PM.

### **Adjournment**

Motion was made by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Blackstock, to adjourn, which was unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting ended at 7:43 PM.