

**Buckingham County  
Board of Supervisors  
Monthly Meeting  
April 11, 2011**

At a regular monthly meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Buckingham County Agricultural Center, the following members were present: E.A. "Bill" Talbert, Chairman; F.D. "Danny" LeSueur, Vice-Chairman; I. Monroe Snoddy; Joe N. Chambers, Jr.; Dr. Brian D. Bates; Danny R. Allen and John D. Kitchen, Jr. Also present were Rebecca S. Carter, County Administrator; Karl Carter, Asst. County Administrator; Rebecca S. Cobb, Zoning Administrator; and E.M. Wright, Jr., County Attorney.

**Re: Quorum Present**

Chairman Talbert certified there was a quorum-seven members present. The meeting could continue.

**Re: Call to Order, Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Talbert called the meeting to order. Supervisor Chambers gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all who were in attendance.

**Re: Approval of Agenda**

*Supervisor Kitchen moved, Supervisor Bates and LeSueur seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the agenda as presented.*

**Re: Approval of Minutes**

*Supervisor Kitchen moved, Supervisor LeSueur seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes from the February 24, March 3, 7, 16, and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 Board meetings as presented.*

**Re: Approval of Claims**

*Supervisor Kitchen moved, Supervisor LeSueur seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the claims as presented.*

## **Re: Announcements**

**Kitchen:** Mr. Chairman, I don't know if you classify this as an announcement or not but I'd like to clear up a little something that happened at the February meeting. We questioned about that sewer, it was stated that the Board was informed before we voted on it but that is not right. I just want to say that now.

**Talbert:** I'd like to make one announcements for the citizens. The meeting next Monday night, if agreeable with the Board, one of the Board of Supervisors can not be here and that we meet the following week, the 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **Re: Presentation of Resolution of Remembrance for Reverend Doctor Lorene Hutcherson by Supervisor Chambers**

Mrs. Carter read the following resolution:

### **Resolution in Memoriam Reverend Doctor Lorene Booker Hutcherson**

**Whereas,** Rev. Dr. Lorene Hutcherson departed this life on Thursday, February 3, 2011 at the age of 83.

**Whereas,** Rev. Dr. Lorene Hutcherson was born May 16, 1927 to the late Irene Chambers Booker and Robert Booker, Sr. in Buckingham County and is survived by two sons, Thomas Wesley Hutcherson, Jr. and wife, Sandra; and Robert James Hutcherson, Sr., both of Arvonnia; a daughter, Florene "Flo" H. Taylor and husband, Milton of Charlottesville; six grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; a brother, Edward Lewis Booker, Sr. and wife, Ruby of Arvonnia; a sister, Pearl Powell of Richmond and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

**Whereas,** Rev. Dr. Lorene Hutcherson attended Buckingham Training School in Buckingham and graduated from the S.C. Abrams High School in Fluvanna. Rev. Dr. Hutcherson continued her education at the Virginia Union University School of Theology in Richmond and received her Doctor of Divinity from the Faith International Bible College.

**Whereas,** Rev. Dr. Lorene Hutcherson retired from Central Piedmont Action Council (CPAC) after 33 years of service and continued to be active in the community in the CPAC Board of Directors, Nelson County Ministers Conference, Club XXV, NAACP, Zion Sunday School Union, United Baptist Association and Women Missionary, Education Convention of Central Virginia, Baptist General Convention, Area F, Buckingham Voter's League, Buckingham Training School Commemoration, Inc., Dean of Buckingham County Church Wide Institute, Order of the Eastern Stars, Heroines of Jericho as well as one of the founding members of the Central Virginia Community Health Center and Spiritual Travelers Gospel Singers.

**Whereas,** Rev. Dr. Lorene Hutcherson was called to ministry in 1991 where she became the Associate Minister under the leadership of Rev. Maynard Jones of the Union Branch Baptist Church. She was involved in the Sr. Choir and Gospel Chorus, Missionary, Superintendent and teacher of Sunday school, Deaconess, Usher, Improvement League, Pastor's Aid and Women's Ministry among others.

**Whereas,** Rev. Dr. Lorene Hutcherson was loved and respected by many and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors does, in memoriam on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011, pay tribute to and express it's highest esteem for Rev. Dr. Lorene Booker Hutcherson and extends its deepest sympathy to her loved ones.

**Chambers:** On behalf of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors, it gives me a great honor and privilege to present this resolution for the great work that your mother done for the county. She is well missed by all of us and we thank God that this woman was a member of this county.

**Mr. Hutcherson:** Thank you very much. Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, Rev. Chambers, members of Buckingham, we want to thank you very much for this presentation. It means a whole lot to me. I've got to tell you this, when I was a little boy in elementary school, Mama used to be a substitute teacher and Mama used to come to school and it looked like to me every time Mama would teach, I would get a whipping. I would ask why you whip me so much? She said I've got to make an example. She was a beautiful lady and she kept everybody at heart. So again, I want to thank you for this, she would be very proud.

**Re: VDOT Road Matters**



**Lynchburg District**

**Planning & Investment Management Section**

**Jorg Huckabee-Mayfield, Transportation and Land Use Director**

**VDOT Call Center – 1-800-367-ROAD**

**BUCKINGHAM COUNTY  
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<b>MAINTENANCE</b>
Planned Maintenance activities for the next 30 days: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintenance forces will continue to perform patching in advance of the paving schedules, preparing for mowing, and continuing to answer customer service requests</li> <li></li> </ul>
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Updates this Month</li> <li></li> </ul>
<b>TRAFFIC STUDIES/SPECIAL REQUESTS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A request has been received for EQUESTRIAN Signs to be installed on Route 608 (Elcan Road) from the Intersection of Routes 635 (Buckingham Springs Road) and 608 to the creek. Signs will be installed south of Route 635 for southbound traffic and approximately 0.60 miles south of Route 635 for northbound traffic.</li> <li>A request for Curve Warning Signs has also been received for Route 608 (Elcan Road). WINDING ROAD SIGNS AND 30 MPH advisory signs will be placed on the road.</li> </ul>

- A request for SLOW MOVING VEHICLE Signs has been reviewed for Route 654, Back Mountain Road. Graphic SLOW MOVING FARM VEHICLE Signs with a NEXT 1.5 MILES Supplemental Plaque be installed for northbound and southbound traffic.

**PROJECT STATUS**

- A Draft Secondary Six Year Plan will be forwarded for the Board’s review in the next week.

**MEDIA NOTICE, DETOUR ROUTES AND DISTANCES**

**VDOT** announces a road closure and detour south Sprouse’s Corner in **Dillwyn, Va.** Beginning Monday, April 25, 2011; motorists will have to take alternate routes around construction on New Store Road (route 609) near the bridge over Willis Creek.

The Virginia Department of Transportation will be closing a section of New Store Road (route 609) south Sprouse’s Corner in Dillwyn, Va. The road will be closed to through traffic between James Madison Hwy (US-15) and Rock Mill Road / Bishop Creek Road (route 633). The road is being closed so that the bridge over Willis Creek can be rebuilt.

The road closure will begin on Monday, April 25, 2011 and will last approximately **90** days. Signs will be posted along the detour routes. The recommended detour routes are as follows:

From the intersection of James Madison Hwy (US-15) & New Store Road (route 609):

- Travel south on James Madison Hwy for 3.5 miles;
- Turn right onto Old Curdsville Road (route 633) and continue on route 633 for 3.7 miles;
- End detour at New Store Road.

From the intersection of Rock Mill Road / Bishop Creek Road (route 633) & New Store Road (route 609):

- Travel southeast on Bishop Creek Road (route 633) for 3.7 miles;
- Turn left onto James Madison Hwy (US-15) and continue for 3.5 miles;
- End detour at New Store Road.

**Re: Zoning: Invitation for Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission May 16, 2011**

**Cobb:** I just have one item tonight. It's just to ask that the Supervisors have a joint work session with the Planning Commission on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in this room. That night we plan to have CityScapes here by request of the Planning Commission to talk about cellular legislation and cases and that sort of thing. I hope depending on our work session next week, that we will also be able to go over some of the things we are doing on the Zoning Ordinance right now and review that and possibly set a public hearing for that. I just wanted to ask that you all do that.

**Supervisor Bates moved, Supervisor LeSueur seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to hold a joint work session with the Planning Commission on May 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Re: Consider Appointment of Board Alternate to the Commonwealth Regional Council**

**Mrs. Carter:** Mr. Chairman, I gave you a copy of a letter from Mary Hickman, who is acting CEO of the Commonwealth Regional Council advising that due to their By-Laws we need to appoint a representative and an alternate.

**LeSueur:** Due to personal issues and work issues; I have not been able to be there.

**Supervisor Bates moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to reappoint Danny LeSueur to the Commonwealth Regional Council as Board representative.**

**LeSueur:** I really would like for one of yall to consider that because with my work schedule, shift work, I can't always be there, so if someone would step up and do that, I really would appreciate it.

**Mrs. Carter:** If I could throw some food for thought out there, the By-Laws say that the representative has to be from the Board of Supervisors. The Town is under your blanket policy, the Town of Dillwyn council, however, the way the CRC By-Laws are written a representative can not come from the Town council. You may consider asking CRC to revise their By-Laws to where since the Town and County is under the same blanket of membership, the Town uses the services of the CRC a good deal, to maybe ask the CRC to consider revising their By-Laws to allow a member of the Town Council to serve as long as they are under the county's financial blanket.

**LeSueur:** I'll step out and say at this point, since Mary is here, would that be a problem to do that.

**Mrs. Hickman:** You as a member can put forth that request for consideration by the Council.

**Bates:** I just want to make sure I understand this motion. So the Board of Supervisors will still make the appointment and the Board could chose from its own Board members or from a Town Council as long as their panel is underneath the County's financial blanket. So the By-Laws will change to say that to specifically say Dillwyn or Buckingham because...Keysville is underneath Charlotte County.

**Supervisor LeSueur moved, Supervisor Bates and Kitchen seconded and was unanimously carried to ask CRC to revise their By-Laws to include Town Council Members as representatives in the event the Town is under a County's blanket membership.**

### **Re: Consider Appointment of a Board member to the Comprehensive Services Board**

**Bates:** That meets during the day doesn't it Becky?

**LeSueur:** 9:30 in the morning. When do we have to have somebody in there, is it up now?

**Mrs. Carter:** Yes

**Talbert:** It's 9:30 in the morning on Thursday? Ok, I'll take that on too.

**Supervisor Bates moved, Supervisor LeSueur seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to appoint Chairman Talbert to the Comprehensive Services Board as the Board representative.**

### **Re: Public Hearing: 2011/12 Operating Budget**

Chairman Talbert stated that after the presentation, anyone interested in speaking were allowed three minutes, if you have to have five, they will allow five.

**Mrs. Carter:** I welcome you all to the presentation for the FY11/12 Proposed Budget Public Hearing. The total budget proposed is \$42,438,146. This includes an estimated \$5.3 million beginning year balance. This proposed budget does not include a tax increase or increase in fees for any services. The beginning year balance is proposed at \$681,000 more than what was advertised in the paper. This was discovered after reviewing the audit ending year balances. It does not affect any revenues or expenditures so it does not affect that part of the budget. The tax rates are still proposed at \$0.44 for Real Estate; \$0.44 for Public Service Corporation; \$4.05 for Personal Property; \$2.90 for Machinery and Tools; \$1.00 Merchant's Capital and \$0.55 for Aircraft.

This proposed budget is contingent upon receipt of all federal, state and local money as proposed. Beginning year in June 2010 was approximately \$7,200,000. Here is the \$681,000

figure again. That is the balance of sales of properties in the Industrial Park. The county will not receive that again. That is one time money. Upon directions from the Board of Supervisors, that money has been set aside for economic development and should not be spent in recurring costs.

During the year the county provided an additional \$700,000 to the school system for the School Bus Garage Construction Project, a security system for the high school and also money for the Gold Hill Heating and Air System. That came out of that balance. These along with some additional costs are now giving us a projected beginning year balance of about \$5.3. Also, the \$5.3 peak is because June is a peak month for collections. A lot of our revenues for real estate and even some personal property come in in April and June so June always shows a high balance. \$681,000 from the sale of property, we gave \$700,000 additional to school money, and the other \$519,000 is for increased expenses from the other state and federal revenue reductions that we will talk about in a little bit and also conservative local revenue expectations.

Our balance increased due to a one time sales tax from the construction of the Bear Garden Power Plant. We will not receive that sales tax again and again we did give about \$700,000 of that to the school for that year. In this proposed budget there is \$500,000 being reserved for a one time expense for a county wide communication system to better serve the citizens of the county for EMS, fire protection and law enforcement.

The General Fund revenues are expected to increase \$1,224,585. The county is anticipating about \$46,274 in reductions in state categorical funding. That's not school funding, that's the other categories within the County's operations and about \$80,000 reduction in non categorical funding. The increase taxes are anticipated from Bear Garden Power Plant and Colonial Pipeline which is also part of the revenue from that Power Plant.

The new revenue however, is reserved and earmarked to make the debt payment of about \$1.3 million for the Lower/Upper Elementary School Project. The Board of Supervisors did not vote to move forward with that construction project until we knew that power plant was going to be built and we knew we would get some money and they immediately earmarked that revenue to make that payment. We know that that payment may peak a little higher than that, but this is about an average of what that payment may be.

We've had a few new amendments since we introduced the budget which may have an effect on the revenues. One being the money for the In Lieu of Taxes from the Correctional Center. The County has been receiving about \$60,000 a year for services provided to the correctional center. Last year in last minute legislation, they took that away from all the counties that have correctional centers. Well, we've gotten a message that they have put it back in for the year we are in right now, until we can adjust to not having that money, so we didn't include it in this budget as revenue so this budget is budgeted for anticipation of loss of that money.

Another amendment that we are not sure of the effects that we'll have on it codifies the Constitutional Amendment that people voted on in November 2010 that provides for property tax exemption for veterans who have 100% service related disability. This constitutional amendment requires the General Assembly to enact the exemption into general law. We will

have to be looking at that. The Governor's amendment does make it clear that this tax relief program will commence for tax years on or after January, 2011 which is the year we are in right now. We may have to tax exempt citizens. We do not know at this point what impact that will have on our revenue.

Another change is the state appropriated, just last week, enough money to fund all sheriff's gaps in their budget, however, I got an email from the Comp Board saying that they don't know how much money this is going to be or how much we are going to have and we don't know when it's going to be appropriated. So once again, we budgeted conservatively and this budget is proposed as what we think will happen.

A matter of great importance that I think we all need to consider is that we have to keep in mind that we must plan for changes in the future revenues and the continued loss of state and federal money. Every year we are losing more and more state and federal money. Our next reassessment should begin in early January of 2012 and with the decline in the economy, we are sure to see a decline in property values which is going to mean a decline in our revenue. This may cause the Board of Supervisors to have to consider tax increases just to equal out the money we are getting now. Any additional recurring appropriations may call for a greater consideration of even greater tax increases.

This is one of the reasons that Mr. Carter has proposed and the Board has concurred that as we talked about tonight, there has been an additional \$800,000 for school operations proposed. But at this point it's been proposed as a supplemental, one time appropriation until the school can work out some of the operational issues and losses they are experiencing and also until the upper and lower elementary schools are online and perhaps we can see some operational costs as we've been advised should happen.

We were told by the auditors that Buckingham County, and we were told this just a few months ago, is one of the best managed counties in the state of Virginia. We are proud of that. We are always conservative; we are always careful but most important we have planned not just for this year, but for the future. But I do caution that the county does not look at just the one year upon them. The status could change and change in a negative way without increasing taxes.

The County's operating expenses are proposed to increase \$143,534. This is everything except Social Services, Schools, and water and sewer. This is Law Enforcement, Treasurer, Commissioner of Revenue, Animal Control, County Administration, Board of Supervisors, Zoning, Recreation, and most of this is from mandated increased cost of retirement and increased cost of employer health insurance.

The county employees, including all constitutional officers' employees, court, social services, water and sewer plant employees will be required to pay the increase of employee's health insurance premiums and have done so for the past three years. There are no pay increases proposed in this budget for any employees so we all will be taking home less pay but we feel like that is probably better than some of the other consequences that if all is expected to be picked up by the government.

The health insurance increase for the new fiscal year for county, which is social services also, everyone, is 4.20%. The total increases for the last three years came to about 14.3%. Some other increases are \$12,000 associated with health insurance, \$50,000 in VRS, \$10,000 for a shed for the recreation tractor and also \$25,000 for a new building inspector vehicle. We haven't bought a county vehicle in four years and we've found that we do need to replace that one.

The additional expenses are from state reductions to courts and constitutional officers.

The county operations increase of \$143,534 also includes funding for all the other agencies that we fund. The only increase in the other agencies is Jaunt, \$1942 to keep the routes running for twelve months. We found that is very successful and many citizens are using it. Meals on Wheels, \$6000. Meals on Wheels have done alright. We used to give them the \$6,000 but the last two years they told us that they did not need it. This year they said that they do. So we have reincorporated that back into the budget.

Water and Sewer: the revenue anticipated for the sewer is \$275,681. \$41,131 of this revenue is from a transfer from the water system. This is because the sewer system does not bring in enough revenue to pay for the system so the water system supplements it by \$41,131. The sewer operating expenses are \$176,720 and the debt service is \$98,961. This is a projected decrease because the County will be finished this year paying the Dillwyn Sewer payment that we make to the Town of Dillwyn. So we do have a decrease in that Budget.

The Water system operations is anticipated to be \$747,370. This is an increase of \$6,327 due to VRS and Health Insurance. The total Water Budget includes a debt service of \$181,027 and a contingency of \$259,718. And also again the transfer of the \$41131 to the sewer for a budget of \$1,229,246.

The VPA, the Virginia Public Assistance or Social Services and Comprehensive Services, the total VPA budget is \$1,571,591. The local request is for level local funding of \$268,146. They are absorbing some of their loss of state and federal money through some of the other expenditures within their department. The comprehensive services is proposed a total amount of \$1,080,446 with level local funding of \$221,211. The total local money proposed for VPA/Comprehensive Services is \$489,357. They did request an additional \$40,000 for CSA as they did last year; however, we've agreed to watch through the year to see if perhaps they can do without that money.

We have some reserves proposed for one time expenditures as follows:

Reserve for Contingency:	\$ 50,000
Fire/Rescue Training	\$ 40,000
Communication System	\$500,000
Solid Waste Truck	\$100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$690,000</b>

All of these items in reserve have to be voted upon by the Board of Supervisors before it can actually be spent.

The FY11/12 Proposed School Budget, I will spend a little more time on this because this is the biggest part of our budget and seems to be the most difficult part of our budget this year.

In looking at the number of students and going back to 2005 to projected:

In 2005 the Superintendents report showed that Buckingham County had an ADM of 2,188.94 children. The proposed budget for 2012 is for 1,861. This shows a loss of students of 327 since 2005.

School funding analysis:

When we looked at all the state and federal money that the school is getting and not getting, we came up with an increase of \$927,462 of additional state and federal money and then you go down into another section and you see the decrease of state and federal money which was \$1,254,457. So when you do your math on that it leaves a total deficit for the school of state and federal money of \$326,995. The school does need additional VRS, they must pay it, so that's an additional \$273,250 for all employees. If the school board pays 100% of the employer and the employee health insurance increase, they will need an additional \$272,994. This brings the deficit of what they are losing and the additional new money needed to \$873,239.

We will look at this again:

Total loss of state/federal funding:	\$326,995
Additional VRS needed:	\$273,250
<u>Additional health insurance:</u>	<u>\$272,994</u>
<b>Total loss and additional costs:</b>	<b>\$873,239</b>

To operate everything status quo as the present year when calculating the loss of state and federal money and then calculating in the new money needed for benefits, as far as what they've lost and what they need for those pretty much mandated benefits, it's \$873,239 in additional money.

The proposed budget allows for \$800,000 for additional operating money for the school system. This is \$73,239 less than the \$873,239 demonstrated in the losses of revenue and additional costs. Also remember, \$1.3 million is reserved for the new school debt service making a total of \$2.1 million of new money in this budget earmarked for the school system.

Here again: Operations: \$800,000; Debt Service: \$1,300,000; for a total of \$2,100,000 of additional money.

So the total local money proposed for the entire school budget:

Operations:	\$5,756,561
<u>Debt Service:</u>	<u>\$2,549,531</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,306,092</b>

So how does this rate up with our real estate revenue? The County's anticipated real estate collections is anticipated to be \$8,330,000. So according to the proposed budget, if real estate taxes come in as anticipated, which we all know it doesn't always do that, all but \$23,908 or 99.71% of the real estate tax is supporting the school system. So the education of the children is important to the Board of Supervisors and its citizens.

The present budget for Instruction for the year we are in right now is \$15,161,859. By the School budget I really can't tell how much of the \$326,995 loss in federal and state money is in what category. I don't know. But usually it's in instruction. Usually that is where the most money is needed. So for purposes of just looking at this, let's say all of the \$326,995 is lost in instruction and this is just for purposes of considering this because only the school board can actually make a decision which category to use that money, but looking at that with total instruction being \$15,161,859 and we put all that loss of state and federal money in instruction, the new VRS needed just for instruction, and the new money for health insurance just for instruction, \$15,933,828. This is \$771,969 in new local money that should fully fund instruction for the loss of state and federal money and any new money needed for retirement and health insurance. Local instruction: This is local money that goes to instruction. \$3,780,836 and again using the idea that money comes from that, the county would put an additional \$237,068 for retirement, additional \$207,906 for health insurance if the school pays 100% of your increase, for a total of \$4,225,810. Then we have the loss of federal/state funding of \$326,995 for a total in instruction for the new year of \$4,552,805 if the school board chooses to put the money in instruction.

Administration/Attendance/Health: Present budget is \$877,763. They've advised they need \$9,204 for VRS, \$13,508 for health insurance for a total budget of \$900,475. So it would take \$22,710 more local money to provide for the need of the VRS and Health insurance.

On the local side, the local money for Administration/Attendance/Health is \$92,147. There again you will see the \$22,712 for health insurance and VRS for a local appropriation to Administration of \$114,859.

For Transportation: This is all federal/state/local: total present budget is \$1,486,735. They need an additional \$13,917 for retirement and an additional \$41,758 for health insurance. So \$1,542,411 should totally fund the new cost of the health insurance and retirement of \$55,675.

Transportation: Local Funds: Present local funds for transportation is \$286,906. They need \$23,976 for retirement and \$41,758 for a total need of additional money of \$55,675.

Total operations of all funds of state/federal/local: \$1,794,454. Additional \$8344 for retirement and \$6830 for health insurance to a total of \$15,174 is what they would need to fully fund the additional money needed for transportation.

Operations local funds: The present local appropriation for operations is \$651,652. They need \$15,174 for new money for the health insurance and VRS.

Technology: They total budget is \$1,070,470. Their additional VRS should be \$4717 and health insurance increase \$2,992. So for technology they need \$7709 for those benefits.

Technology local money is \$45,020. When you add in more local money for retirement and health insurance, you will see that technology would need \$7709 more local money.

Cafeteria: The present amount is \$1,177,053. This is usually a self sustaining fund. The total requested amount is \$1,178,257. This is an increase of \$1204. But in looking at the school's breakdown, I see that the cafeteria's health insurance is listed as an increase of \$10,706 and the VRS has an increase of \$7,178. So then when I look at the breakdown of the receipts and revenues to the cafeteria fund, it equals the total budget of \$1,178,257. So therefore, I will assume that the receipting and cafeteria revenue will fully fund the cafeteria requirements.

For Summary:

Instruction: new money needed:	\$771,969
(again we have all the loss of state/fed in there)	
Administration:	\$ 22,712
Transportation:	\$ 55,675
Operations:	\$ 15,174
Technology:	\$ 7,709
Total:	\$873,239

With this proposed budget, the Board of Supervisors is offering an additional \$800,000 to assist with this loss. This, all but \$73,239, allows for all the state and federal decrease and all the health insurance and all the retirement needed with exception of \$73,239.

Along with reserving the \$1.3 for the debt service for the upper/lower elementary project.

The school administration has advised that they used \$700,000 of surplus money last year, or about \$700,000 to pay bills in advance. Also they had about a \$300,000 carryover, meaning last year the school had unneeded local money in the amount of \$1,000,000.

School Superintendent advised you at the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting that he is not real sure how much money they really need as they may have some money left over to use for those bills again.

In March of 2010, the School Superintendent advised that the School Board had voted to recommend lump sum funding for school divisions for the months of April, May and June of 2010. Dr. Blair advised that this request was made to have the authority to make necessary purchases at the end of the fiscal year, advising they could defray some expenses for the 2010-2011 year.

The letter further advised that he wished to maintain excellent continued communication patterns therefore he would bring back to the Board of Supervisors, prior to making these specific purchases he would share the information with the Board of Supervisors so they may discuss any issues they may have.

On July 12, the following report was given on how the money was spent: In Administration \$40,008.87 for VSBA Insurance, AS/400 Support Fees and Board Docs. I agree that those are bills that they would pay in advance that the Board of Supervisors did know about. But also bills that would be needed in the next year. Transportation: What the Board of Supervisors voted on was \$152,443.05. The reason on that was for fuel, new bus jacks and three new buses. Now I found out today, that was just how much more money they needed to transfer into transportation to make those purchases because my question was if you are going to buy three new buses for \$209,000, how did you do this? So obviously they did have money in transportation to use toward these expenditures but as far as the Board of Supervisors was aware and approved. In facilities, their categorical funding transfer was \$61,710.85. This was for architect bills for the bus garage and contractor bills for the bus garage. These are not recurring expenses so that \$61,710.85 should not affect the coming year's budget.

The bus jacks, bus jacks, bus garage architect bill and bus garage construction bill would be considered one time expenditures so it should not effect any position funding or future operations for the school.

I don't know how much of the money was spent on fuel, but the fuel would certainly be recurring costs and would be needed again. In the \$40,008.87, those items definitely would be recurring costs too.

These are the only things that the Board of Supervisors was aware of that money that was being used to pay expenses in advance. We do always caution about using carryover or surplus money for recurring expenses it's going to bite you double.

In August of 2010, a request was made to revise the FY11 School budget as a result of federal balances as confirmed by the OMEGA, the state reimbursement system. Included in this was \$263,950 to amend or add in the budget stabilization money that wasn't local money. \$82,326.76 for the security system upgrade and \$14,960 for air conditioning of the computer room. This was new appropriations from the County and one time expenditure so that should not be needed again either.

I do not know how the balance was spent to bring the need for bills paid in advance to calculate to the number of \$700,000 but I do believe it has become a problem. The school has advised

they could possibly have \$300,000 left over this year, so we hope if that's the case it could help to go toward those recurring school invoices that have been paid.

Many ask, you have that big balance, why do you need a balance? It is probably, it's almost definite that the state and federal government is going to continue to eliminate funding for localities and what if tax collection does not come in as we anticipate and we see as the economy gets bad, we are seeing that happen. The County must be careful to not find itself in a position where its spending more money than it's bringing in. That will diminish your safe balance and by law does have many responsibilities to provide services such as law enforcement and social services and building inspection. All these things are mandated services that the county has to provide for.

We'll talk a little bit about surplus and recurring and non-recurring money. Surplus money is money that the county may have received as a non recurring revenue such as sale of property, such as the additional sales tax that we were so fortunate to get that we do not receive every year and also we don't spend all of our budget and that goes back to the general fund as a surplus. Sometimes it's called one-time money that is not recurring. For example, the school needed more money for the school bus garage and more money for the Gold Hill Heating and Air System and we all found that a new security system was necessary for the safety of the students. So the Board thought it was financially feasible and safe to appropriate that \$700,000 as additional as a one time expenditure for these projects. So that was considered one time expenditure, it's not going to be recurring costs; we don't have to do those things again next year. Another example again is the county wide communications system. The one we have is not sufficient due to our topo in our area, communications have been dropped or not relayed in a safe and timely manner and this could make a difference in a life being saved. The County is considering appropriating \$500,000 of that one time extra sales tax and surplus money for a new emergency communications system. Again it will be one time costs not a recurring cost.

Here is a question we get a lot. We have a balance of surplus money, why can't it be used to fully fund the school's request. A balanced budget is within the annual expenditures do not exceed the annual revenue coming in. Assistant County Administrator Karl Carter proposed a balanced budget which by law the county administrator or county administration is required to do. Present a balanced budget to the board of supervisors. The Board chose to appropriate \$109,947 more than Mr. Carter recommended. Therefore the proposed budget right now is out of balance by \$109,947, if all the money is spent. To fully fund the schools request of \$1.7 million, it will take a \$0.12 tax increase.

Surplus money should not be used for any cost that is going to recur. Such as salaries, operational expenses and another example is new programs, new positions that qualify as recurring costs unless these programs or positions are considered temporary. Let's give an example. We need an enforcement officer in County Administration. We need someone to enforce our zoning ordinances and building ordinances because we only have one building inspector and one Planning and Zoning Administrator. So usually unless someone calls and reports someone, it's very hard for us to keep up to make sure everyone is complying with our regulations. However, we don't have money to do that yet. Suppose we had \$100,000 left over

this year, and I said ok, let's pay our liability insurance, let's pay it ahead of time and then I come to the Board and say I want the same amount of money we got last year. We've got enough money to hire an enforcement officer. That will work this year, but next year when I come back and I'm going to be short and I won't have any explanation except to say, that we have overspent and actually misspent the money. Another example that you might be able to use surplus money that wouldn't bite you the next year is to spend it on a vehicle or perhaps a school bus, I see the school is requesting three school buses, maybe that can be considered after budget with the transportation committee as a possible one time appropriation. But anything that does not have to be purchased every year.

The Comprehensive Services Aides: The school has advised that CSA funding can no longer be used for CSA aides. They advised that they get about \$140,000 to \$170,000 per year for the Comprehensive Services Act. The School's breakdown of the new needed money portrays that \$289,391 is needed to continue the 19 aides. They advised that the money for these aides are in the present instructional category of the budget. When I looked at the budget and I asked where do you have all these aides, where are they budgeted, Dr. D. said they were in instruction. This was an agreement between the school board and the CSA. The county funds the CSA through social services.

Proposed operations savings due to the consolidation of school buildings. During the consideration of the upper/lower elementary school project, the school board advised that there would be significant savings due to the closing of the buildings. At that time they had told us around \$600,000. We know the economy has changed, we know things cost more, but I know that the next budget year, they really don't know because they won't be in the new building or the renovated building for six or seven months into the fiscal year. But perhaps the school could look further in to the operational costs savings in order to redeem some of the money that was used to pay bills in advance. Even with the closing of the Dillwyn Primary and Buckingham Primary that should show some operational costs of the operations of the building.

State Requirement-Local Budget: The State requires that Buckingham County appropriate to operations of schools, \$3,698,456. The local appropriation for operations proposed in this budget is \$5,756,561. This is \$2,058,105 over the required local appropriation. The local appropriation for operations per student is \$3,093 per pupil and the total for everything, including debt service, is \$4,461 per pupil.

Total local funding for school is:

Operations:	\$5,756,561
Debt Service:	\$2,549,531
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,306,092</b>

We found on the Superintendents Annual Report of 2009, the financial support for expenditures and total per pupil expenditures for operation. The 09 is the most recent report. As of today, I heard that 2010 is out. So when we come back on the 25<sup>th</sup> we will bring you the 2010 report. This is a comparison for our Piedmont Planning District #14, Buckingham County based on 1958 students, the local money is \$3,100 per pupil, total state/federal/local is \$11,340. When you look down through there, Buckingham County is the highest per pupil for local and total. The report is based on information provided to the State Department of Education per each division. We do know that the local appropriation for Buckingham County has not decreased. Even though the number of students has. So on the 25<sup>th</sup> I will have the 2010 report.

So here is another question, we hear this all the time. Why are salary scales for teachers one of the lowest in the region? Number 1, I don't know if that is true and I don't know what the answer to that question is. But we've heard it from our school; we've heard it a lot. But it appears that according to the report found, that Buckingham County School Division is spending more money per pupil to operate the school system than any other division in our planning district. Like I said that report is for 2009 and we do know that the money has not decreased for 2010.

On behalf of the Board and our staff, I do thank you all for the departments and agencies that did present their budget request within the county's ability to fund. It is regretted that once again, pay increases are not a part of this budget and for many with health insurance increases, the paycheck will be less again. I believe that each Board member has considered the importance of the needs of the county and has also planned for the financial ability to provide for the departments to efficiently and economically perform the necessary services to the citizens and children of the this county.

I thank you all for coming and showing interest in the county and the proposed budget.

According to the Code of Virginia, action cannot be taken on the proposed budget for at least seven days after the public hearing. We were scheduled to reconvene on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April but now we will reconvene on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April for the Board I to consider adopting the budget.

Chairman Talbert declared the public hearing open for comment.

**Dr. Gary Blair:** Good evening, Mr. Chairman, member of the Board, Mrs. Carter. Gary Blair from right next door. I'm Superintendent. As you know educational funding has never been more challenging. I looked back on the last three years; we've been able to manage our reductions without massive layoffs or significant program reductions of our employees. Our health insurance coverage has been significantly reduced. In the words of Fray Oliver, Southern Health representatives, we have a rich plan. We've had to curtail costs and was forced to downgrade the quality of our benefits, even though our division has continued to pay for the increase in premiums, when all said and done, our employees pay significantly more in deductibles, we too have less financial resources. Perhaps not in premiums but in medical bills, co payments and things like that. I surveyed our employees and I've been hours each site listening to our people. We've been investigating reductions in benefits or salaries or people.

Each employee is more than worried about the future of education. When I fly one flight attendant always says, if something happens and the oxygen mask comes down, put it on yourself first because you can't help anybody else if you don't take care of you first. I do believe for the last three years, our people have taken care of everybody else and now its time to put the mask on our self; we've got to look out for ourselves because they are worried about their future. As I said during the schools public hearing, we are all together in this. It's a strong partnership. I respect and I admire public service and I trust you will do what you can for education. Please understand that I remain steadfast in my commitment to conserve and I don't think it was unneeded money, I think we conserved and we've demonstrated our commitment to do without to defray cost for another year. I welcome the accountability related to the expenditure of public funds. Gentleman, Mrs. Carter, I want to thank you for caring and thank your for listening and above all I want to thank you for loving Buckingham County and our children. Thank you.

**Acie Allen:** I'm Acie Allen. I live in District 7, that's my cousin Danny and my other cousin Danny. I've been Chairman of the Board for the last two years, almost two years and I must say during that two years, my feelings toward the Board or my feelings toward the whole job and whole cooperation of these two Boards, has gone from sad, ecstatic, to excited to disappointed. At this point I'm extremely disappointed. I'm disappointed for a lot of reasons. I'm disappointed that next year we will not be able to afford to run the activity bus for the high school athletes to ride home in the afternoon. So a lot of kids will not be able to play ball. I'm disappointed we will have to eliminate middle school athletics in order to reach the goals that you all set forth. I'm disappointed particularly that we might have to lose jobs; people will have to be laid off. I'm disappointed also that some of our older teachers, some of our best teachers may very well elect to retire early so their position can be kept for someone else. So some of the younger folk won't be laid off. This is a show of comaradary among these people that work together and want to help each other so some of them will retire in order to save that position for the younger crew. That's how close they are, that's how they work together, that's how much they care about these children. We can only hope that we as boards can care as much about the children as well. I'm disappointed because before your last meeting when we discussed the budget, I spoke to at least five members of your board and I thought, maybe it's my own ignorance, maybe I'm not disappointed in you, I'm disappointed in my own stupidity and ignorance, I thought these five people I talked to all supported the school. As a matter of fact several of them said they supported full funding of the school. Where we came away with less than half of what we asked for. We asked for \$1.7 million, we got \$.8 million. That's a huge difference. I'm disappointed in that. I'm disappointed in my ability to understand what you were saying to me. I'm disappointed in your ability to tell me what you really meant. I'm disappointed that Mrs. Carter has said that we had unneeded money last year. The money was needed, it was necessary. It was money that we could've used last year but in order to try to comply, in order to try to work with you guys, in order to try to cut our budget as much as possible to save as much, to avoid asking for a little more last year, we asked for that carryover to try to spend some money and pay some bills ahead of time. That's the \$1 million Mrs. Carter showed you. That's money that we not only we could've spend, we didn't even buy the three to four buses we traditionally buy last year if I recall. Now school buses are another issue, because school buses are a recurring cost in a system the size of ours. One of the reason's it takes more to run Buckingham County School System, is transportation. You all know how big

Buckingham is compared to some of the other counties Mrs. Carter mentioned. I noticed on the list the places we spend more money than, she didn't include Nelson County, she didn't include Fluvanna County, she didn't include Appomattox County. Three counties that join us. Those were not up there. We didn't find out how much they spend. We heard about Amelia that doesn't touch us, we heard about Lunenburg that doesn't touch us. Cumberland, yeah ok, we spend more money than Cumberland, I don't think to many us will pat ourselves on the back for doing that. Because I think we always want to be better than Cumberland. At any rate, what we are asking you to do is to reconsider the budget appropriation for this year for the school system. That's all I'm going to say. Thank you.

**Sherry Swainer:** (not sure of the spelling) We've lived in Buckingham County for ten years. We are residents transplanted from the state of New Jersey. I want to say that my children, I have small children in special ed department at Buckingham Primary School. If it wasn't for that class, and if it wasn't for the facilities and things that they have in the school system in Buckingham County, my children would not be progressing the way they are. I think the cuts that you are trying to do, I understand you have a budget, I have a budget too, but this kind of a cut is severe. It's too much. Honestly, not to be disrespectful, but if your own budget was cut like this I think you would have severe problems. People here all have jobs, we all depend on income to pay our bills and the people that work here, they depend on it too. I depend on it to maintain the standard of living that I have for my children. It's not lavish. Good grief, I could see if we were really out of hand. I came from Jersey where it was lavish, I could tell you lavish. This is not lavish. This is bare bones and we are doing the best we can to get by with what we can. I'm serious. Please. Reconsider. These are our children who is going to be YOU eventually. Don't do this to them. Don't cut out every job they have. Don't do it. Invest in children, don't cut from children. Invest in them. I'm a parent. This is second set of children. My first set went to school in New Jersey. They went to good colleges. You know why, because they had money in the school system to do it. You know what, I have a professional engineer, I have an actress who makes more money than probably all of us in this room, I have a teacher and a medical assistant. Because they had a good education. You going to take that from these potential children? You going to take these teachers away from the children? Please, Please, Don't.

Chairman Talbert declared the public hearing closed.

**Bates:** Mr. Chairman, I would like to commend Mrs. Carter. Not only has this been a tough fiscal year to be working on budget but in fact showed a 15% increase in budget appropriation to the school division but she did it at a time of severe personal stress and I think she is due our praise in doing her job at a time of great personal loss.

**Kitchen:** I think she did a wonderful job. My opinion is, if anyone leaves here tonight and thinks that the Board of Supervisors do not support the school system, there's something wrong. The presentation that Mrs. Carter laid out was very, very plain. The figures are there, so thank you Mrs. Carter for a job well done.

**Re: Consider ACO Shumaker’s Recommendation of Denial of Payment Regarding Livestock Claim for Bob Saxon**

Mr. Saxon has submitted for a livestock claim in the amount of \$100 for a one day old calf. Animal Control Officer Shumaker has advised that his investigation does not support the claim as the calf still had the afterbirth and that it appeared the calf had been still born.

**Mrs. Carter:** Mr. Chairman, Mr. Saxon came in to the office today and had some pictures on a cell phone that he said he showed ACO Shumaker that might make a difference. He wasn’t able to get them printed so, Officer Shumaker would like to look at those first, so if we can table this matter until next meeting.

**Re: Consider ACO Jones’ recommendation regarding livestock claim from Royce Charlton, Jr. in the amount of \$150**

A livestock claim for a two week old Black Agnes Calf has been submitted by Royce Charlton, Jr. for the amount of \$150. Animal Control Officer Jones certified that his investigation does support this claim based on the fiscal evidence.

*Supervisor LeSueur moved, Supervisor Bates seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the claim for Royce Charlton, Jr. in the amount of \$150.00*

**Re: Consider Requesting Proposals for Repairs, Maintenance and Road Service for the Solid Waste Vehicles**

The Transportation Committee; Chairman Talbert and Supervisor Chambers held a meeting with Carolyn Amos and Mrs. Carter regarding servicing and repairs to the Solid Waste Vehicles.

It was of the upmost importance to the Committee that the county assures that the County gets the best price for these services. Pursuant to that desire the Committee recommends that the Board of Supervisors consider authorizing the County Administrator to submit a Request for Proposals for Servicing and Repairs for the Solid Waste Vehicles.

*Supervisor Kitchen moved, Supervisor Bates seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to authorize Mrs. Carter to submit a Request for Proposals for Servicing and Repairs for the Solid Waste Trucks.*

OTHE BUCKINGHAM COUNTY SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING PRICING FOR SERVICES FOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE ON SOLID WASTE VEHICLES. THE COUNTY IS ALSO SEEKING PRICING FOR HAULING AND/OR TRANSPORTING SOLID WASTE VEHICLES WHEN NECESSARY AND PRICING FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE SERVICE CALLS

WRECKER SERVICES MAY PROVIDE PRICES FOR JUST THE WRECKER SERVICE AND MECHANICAL SERVICERS MAY PROVIDE PRICES FOR MECHANICAL SERVICES AND/OR MECHANICAL SERVICES AND WRECKER SERVICES

PLEASE PROVIDE QUOTES FOR THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

1. HOURLY PRICE PER WRECKER SERVICE CALL: \_\_\_\_\_
2. WILL YOU PROVIDE TWENTY FOUR HOUR ON CALL WRECKER SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_
3. WILL TWENTY FOUR HOUR ROAD SIDE SERVICE BE PROVIDED: \_\_\_\_\_
4. HOURLY LABOR COST FOR SHOP SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_
5. HOURLY LABOR COST FOR ROAD SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_  
OR SET PRICE PER ROAD SERVICE CALL: \_\_\_\_\_
6. PRICE PER OIL CHANGE AND LUBRICATION WITH THE COUNTY PROVIDING THE OIL, FILTERS AND LUBRICANTS: \_\_\_\_\_
7. PLEASE ADVISE IF SERVICER HAS THE SPACE TO ACCOMMODATE THE PARKING OF THE SOLID WASTE VEHICLES ON THE SERVICERS PROPERTY WHILE WAITING FOR PARTS AND SERVICING: \_\_\_\_\_
8. DOES SERVICER HAVE SPACE ON PROPERTY TO ACCOMMODATE A HYDRAULIC TANK (FURNISHED THROUGH THE COUNTY) \_\_\_\_\_
9. DO YOU HAVE GARAGE OR PROPER STORAGE SPACE TO STORE OIL, FILTERS AND OTHER COUNTY OWNED SUPPLIES AND PARTS: \_\_\_\_\_
10. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT VEHICLES ARE REPAIRED AND BACK IN SERVICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WILL YOU PROVIDE TOP PRIORITY TO THE COUNTY VEHICLES: \_\_\_\_\_

- THE SERVICER WILL DISCUSS ANY NECESSARY PARTS WITH THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT AND IT WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY IF NEW OR USED PARTS WILL BE USED. THE SERVICER WILL DISCUSS THE OPTION OF THE COUNTY ORDERING THE PARTS OR THE SERVICER ORDERING THE PARTS. IF THE SERVICER ORDERS THE PARTS A COPY OF THE INVOICE MUST BE PROVIDED WITH EACH REQUEST FOR PAYMENT.
- A COPY OF WRECKER SERVICE INSURANCE POLICY MUST BE PROVIDED IF YOUR SERVICE PROPOSAL IS AWARDED BY THE COUNTY
- A COPY OF MECHANIC SERVICER PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY MUST BE PROVIDED IF YOUR SERVICE PROPOSAL IS AWARDED BY THE COUNTY (THIS IS TO INSURE ANY LOSS OF COUNTY PROPERTY DUE TO FIRE OR ANY DAMAGE THAT IS NOT DUE TO ANY NEGLIGENCE OF THE COUNTY.

**Re: Consider Resolution of Appreciation and Honor upon the Retirement of Honorable Circuit Court Judge Richard Blanton**

**Resolution  
For the Retirement of  
The Honorable Judge Richard S. Blanton  
Circuit Court Judge, 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit**

**Whereas**, the Honorable Richard S. Blanton, Judge of the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court of Virginia retired on March 31, 2011 after 16 years of service to the citizens of Buckingham County and the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit; and

**Whereas**, the Honorable Richard S. Blanton, served in the United States Air Force from 1970 to 1974 and attended Longwood College where he received his undergraduate degree and then received his law degree from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law of the College of William and Mary; and

**Whereas**, the Honorable Richard S. Blanton was elected to the office of Commonwealth's Attorney for Cumberland, Virginia in 1984 to 1989, where he was also appointed County Attorney for Cumberland; and

**Whereas**, the Honorable Richard S. Blanton was appointed as County Attorney for Prince Edward, Virginia in 1989 to 1995; and

**Whereas**, the Honorable Richard S. Blanton was elected to be a Circuit Court Judge in the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit by the General Assembly and was sworn in on April 1, 1995; and

**Whereas**, the Honorable Richard S. Blanton served two terms as a Circuit Court Judge and the past two years as Chief Judge for the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit; and

**Whereas**, the Honorable Richard S. Blanton heard many cases and presided over each with honor, fairness, and dedication to justice.

**Now Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors does hereby express with the highest regard and respect, it's appreciation for the many years of dedicated public service.

ATTEST:

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Rebecca S. Carter  
County Administrator

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E.A. "Bill" Talbert  
Chairman

**Supervisor Bates moved, Supervisor LeSueur seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to adopt the above resolution of Appreciation and Honor for Honorable Judge Richard Blanton.**

**Re: Consider Request from Ellis Acres Memorial Park, Inc. to waive Sewer Connection fee of \$2,000 and Facility fee of \$1,000**

From memo: It is requested that the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors grant a waiver to Ellis Acres Memorial Park, Inc. for the sewage connection fee of \$2,000 and the facilities fee of \$1,000. This is needed because the US Department of Agriculture Grant to assist in this area was not approved due to lack of funds, and Ellis Acres Memorial Park, Inc. must bear the total \$15,000 cost of an alternative. Approval of this waiver will reduce the park's cost of this alternative connection to \$12,000, as well as, enable the park to proceed with the renovation on the Outside Restrooms for the comfort and convenience of all park visitors this summer.

**Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Kitchen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to waive the sewer connection fees for Ellis Acres Memorial Park, Inc.**

**Re: County Attorney Matters  
Wetland Resource Management Purchase and Lease Agreement**

**Mr. Wright:** Mr. Chairman, if you remember the last time we gathered there were two contracts presented to you. One was related to the Wetland and Stream Credits associated with the new plant and there was some questions in the discussion of that. I come to you for you to consider it tonight. Mr. Markley and myself met with Mr. Kitchen on that issue about a week and a half ago and while we don't necessarily like it we've come to the conclusion it is necessary for the project to move forward, if the Board is in a position to consider that tonight, I ask that you authorize Mr. Markley to sign the contract with the same terms and conditions and not any higher price than what we discussed at that time.

**Kitchen:** The price isn't any higher?

**Mr. Wright:** We are not going any higher. No additional costs.

**Kitchen:** This is a perfect example of the golden rule, they've got the gold so we've got to play by the rules.

**Supervisor Kitchen moved, Supervisor LeSueur seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the contract and for Mr. Markley to sign the contracts.**

**Re: Letter of Appreciation for Recreation Director, Todd Shumaker**

**Mrs. Carter:** We have a letter of appreciation for our Recreation Director, Todd Shumaker. I wanted to call your attention to that because very seldom do we get letters of appreciation from people who take their time to write to you all expressing their appreciation.

**Re: Lion’s Club Invitation to participate in the Buckingham County Day**

**Mrs. Carter:** The other thing is we have a Lion’s Club invitation to participate in the Buckingham County Day Parade. Also with that, Tana asked if you would do as you always do each year, waiving the building inspection fees.

**Supervisor Kitchen moved, Supervisor LeSueur and Bates seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to waive the building inspection fees for the Buckingham County Day event.**

**Mrs. Carter:** If you could let me know how many plan to anticipate in the parade so we can make arrangements.

Chairman Talbert asked Mrs. Carter to go over the information items.

**Mrs. Carter:** We have the building permit report for your information. Buckingham Farm Bureau notification of their discontinuance for the coyote bounty program. Also you have a memo from Christy Christian, Treasurer regarding delinquent tax collection she has provided for your information.

**Re: Other Board Matters**

**Talbert:** Ladies and Gentleman, please support the Lion’s Club not only in Buckingham County Day on May 14<sup>th</sup>, but the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. What they do is compiling a book, but we’ve had quite a few honorable people from Buckingham County that has served this county. Like Carter G. Woodson, born a slave, and first educated. That’s an honor to say that someone in the United States of that caliber came from Buckingham County. Not only him, but others like Peter Francisco. I don’t know how many they will be recognizing. I was born in Washington DC and it has been an honor for me for the last 70 years to live in the County and educated in this county.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Talbert recessed the meeting to reconvene on April 25, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Rebecca S. Carter  
County Administrator

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E.A. “Bill” Talbert  
Chairman