At a reconvened meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Peter Francisco Auditorium of the Buckingham County Administration Complex, the following members were present: Danny R. Allen, Chairman; Donald E. Bryan, Vice-Chairman; Robert C. Jones; Don Matthews; E. Morgan Dunnavant; Harry W. Bryant; and Joe N. Chambers, Jr. Also present were Rebecca S. Carter, County Administrator and Karl Carter, Asst. County Administrator.

Re: Call to Order

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order.

Re: Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Allen certified there was a quorum. Seven of seven members present and the meeting could continue.

Re: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Allen gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all who were in attendance.

Re: Call to Order by School Board

This is a joint work session with the Board of Supervisors and School Board. The following members were present: Thomas W. Hutcherson, Jr., Chairman; Sherry Ragland, Vice-Chairman; Theresa Bryant; Joui W. Goodman; Ed Wise; and Kathy Midkiff. Jacqueline Newton was absent. Also present were Dr. Cecil Snead, Superintendent and Wendy Oliver, Clerk of the School Board.

Chairman Hutcherson called the School Board Meeting to Order.

Re: Budget Work Session

Bryan: Before you start, can I interrupt you for a second. Mr. Chairman, I do need to read a statement since we are going to be talking about the budget. I do work for the school system as a matter of record. At this time I have a statement that I have to read. I am advising that I have sought an opinion from the Commonwealth’s Attorney concerning any conflict I may have in participating in discussions and voting on the County’s Budget because I am a school teacher for the Buckingham County School System. I have received a written opinion from Mr. Wright that
I can participate in the discussions and vote on the Budget matters. The Code of Virginia requires that I make a statement concerning my situation.

Accordingly, I make the following statement for the record:

1. I will participate in the discussions and vote on matters relating to the adoption, as well as the adoption, of the 2018-2019 Board of Supervisors’ budget for the County;
2. I am a school teacher employed by the Buckingham County School Board, which is funded in part by allocations from the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors;
3. I am a member of a profession, the members of which are affected by the transaction; and
4. I am able to participate in the transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Allen: Before we get started, I know a lot of different ones I’ve talked to, hopefully it won’t get this late but if it gets to 9:00 we will cut off and come back tomorrow. Everybody happy with that. Anyway, that’s what I’ve got in mind.

Carter: I’ll give a quick overview before we open the work session. The total presented budget is $49,544,656. This breaks down to an unrestricted beginning year balance of $5,000,000 which is about 10% of the total budget which is pretty much what you are required to keep to operate financially feasible. The reserve for contingency is $497,934. That’s the money that’s in between balancing. That’s how much we have that is not earmarked to be spent at this time with revenue. Any changes that you make, that number will go up or down, the $497,934. The total expenditures is $17,013,266. That’s total local expenditures. The total State and Federal expenditures are $23,782,037. The Water and Sewer Fund is $1,883,397. The Solid Waste Reserve is $500,000. Economic Development Reserve Fund is $676,385. You might remember that both of those things are one time money but the Economic Development Fund is from the sale of property and timber at the Industrial Park. Transfers from Sheriff’s Fund and Water Fund is $191,637. That’s total expenditures of $44,046,722 with ending year balance of $5,000,000 and there you will see your Reserve for Contingency again, $497,934. I’ll let you know what I’ve done so far with the other departments and agencies, other than the school, the anticipated new revenue for the General Fund is anticipated to be $324,873. That’s any new money we found so far. I’ve gone through all the local government expenditures and reduced our budgets $403,686 to help accommodate for $230,625 more that we needed in places such as liability insurance and things like that. So that brought up down to a final reduction of $173,061. So again, that’s how I came up with the $497,934. $324,873 more money and then where I reduced all other than school expenditures $403,686 which is a net reduction of $173,061. The proposed General Fund increases will be addressed as we always to as we go through the department reviews. The majority of increases are found in the Industrial Development Authority Mandated appropriation which is an increase of $86,272, General Property Liability Insurance, all insurance except for schools, increased $40,000, mostly because of bringing the new sewer plant on the insurance and also completing the water plant; the Regional Jail increased $50,000. We need to seal the courthouse parking lot at $10,000. If we don’t we will be doing more work than that. We need to replace the cooling system to the Social
Services/Health Department Complex and Daniel’s given me an estimate of about $12,000 for that. So additional $32,353 is found in the line items we will see when we go through. Some of them are just line items of employees going from single insurance plan to a family plan. So I’ve narrowed all those down to $32,000 but you will see as we go through it. The School Budget, the school is here and I think they have given you a handout. So Mr. Chairman, if you would now open up the work session with the school board, they will now address their budget request.

Allen: The work session with the school board is now open.

Snead: Yes sir, Mr. Hutcherson, thank you Chairman Allen, members of the Board and Mrs. Carter. As in your packet you will have before you several items and contents. Just to give a little history when we started the budget process, we work through our future budget process all year long but in January we meet particularly with the department heads. We met with our Special Education Student Support Services Department Head, or Maintenance and Facilities Department Head, Transportation, Finance, Personnel, Technology and Instruction Department. We also meet with each head principal. When we meet with them they give us an indication of where they think their budgets are, what their needs are, what they’ve been able to address in terms of how the changes are going. So we take all that information down, it may be a tremendous amount of money so we figure out as we go with that amount of money what we need to do internally to make adjustments so we won’t have to come and ask for all that money. Once we do that we meet with our school board and our school board helps us carve down exactly what the most pertinent needs are based upon community, parent input, etc. So what you have before you is a tremendous amount of work that has already been carved down so that we can have a discussion about a few items tonight rather than a whole lot of items. In your packet you will see in the contents our 2018-2019 State proposed budget overview. You will also see the budget comparison because in the past it has been requested that we look at the budget comparison by both boards. Class size and enrollment data. You will see in there. Health insurance renewal. We are very fortunate this year in that we are actually able to come to the table with hard figures for insurance. I think if you recall in the past years our insurance broker was not able to give us numbers in time so we are very pleased to have those hard numbers this year. The 2018-19 budget proposal revenues versus expenditures. The 2018-19 budget comparison by revenue source and then by expenditure. Then some appendices such as the school bus inventory. If you look at the first page you will see something that probably looks familiar to you. That is the Buckingham County Public Schools membership. The enrollment supports the ADM. This past year, FY18 we budgeted at 1900. FY19 because of the trend data we are proposing 1925. While that’s more it’s still conservative because we cannot control how many students are going to enter and exit the county. We believe and the school board supports that number. The Composite Index, local Composite Index did move up .008 of a point from 3405 to 3485. That’s what the state and local matches will be. The VRS Professional as we noted in previous years, they went up and now they are going down. The nonprofessional went down, then VRS Health Credits at 1.2. Those are the areas where we used to offset our proposal of compensation for employees later in the packet. On the next page, page 4, you will see the state proposed budget comparison. You will see the Governor’s proposed caboose budget on 12/18 and we are going to compare that mostly throughout the rest of the packet FY19 projected Governor’s budget. Again, the ADM we set at 1925. We are a bit more confident in the
Governor’s budget as of today Governor Northam basically rereleased Governor McAuliffe’s budget today. So we believe that again, this year we have a bit more of a solid trajectory on the state budget. Again, the match of required local effort and required local matches come from the SOQ and incentive programs and lottery funded programs. Those in the red under 2019 are the cuts, the deficits in the budget and the black would be the variances and the positive. For the next page it’s a supportive data on page 5 supports our request. You will see on page 7, we will go on page 7 soon, but one of the things we are proposing is a new teacher, a new position if you will in the 6th grade. The reason we are doing that is because of our increased enrollment that has been pretty solid at the elementary school and we will be moving 175 kids estimated to the 5th grade in elementary school to the 6th grade at the middle school. That would be an increase from 138 to 175 students. Because in the past we have always had basically a part time math teacher, this is going to exacerbate the problem to where we will need a full time teacher. Now, if we did not get the new teacher the math ratio would increase to one teacher per 36 students. That’s above SOQ and I believe anybody would believe that’s not good. If we do hire an additional 6th grade teacher as the Board is proposing, that would bring us down to a ratio of 1 to 30, still not optimal but within the SOQ range. As you see the first year teacher cost, the beginning salary is $41,979 and you have the FICA, the insurance, because we don’t know what type of insurance they will chose, the VRS total cost, that’s how we arrived at $68,795. The next page, our health insurance renewal, you will see we went out to a market study. We didn’t like what we heard at the beginning of the year with regards to the insurance, we knew it would be an increase so we went out to market. When we went out to market, we had Anthem, Aetna, Optima and United Health Care. I believe, yeah, we had those, and they all projected around a 9.8% increase and we were able to negotiate with Anthem who is our current carrier which is also great news, to get down to a 3.9% increase so the way we projected the final average of 3.9% increase, you will see that Mrs. Oliver put the renewal rates and what they would look like and then the total and then the employer estimate and estimated costs in that area would be around $100,000. Continuing on to the next page, page 7, you will see where the proposed additional revenues versus expenditures. When we met with the…we did two work sessions with the school board. The school board met for our work session and then we continued our work session prior to a board meeting on the 14th, I believe that the first time in recent history that we’ve had two pretty involved work sessions. When we had those work sessions, this is what we came out with. We came out with the fact that between the caboose budget and the governor’s budget with the 1925 ADM a total difference of $460,167. They prescribe an Early Reading Specialist Initiative, Virginia Preschool Initiative, School Breakfast Initiative, at 85,324, 80,663, 6,596 respectively and that is money that is earmarked for those particular areas. Those particular areas more or less have to do with Title I so it can’t…it’s not really local, and it’s not really state money that we can use so the remaining additional funds would be $287,584. The proposed additional expenditures again from the background that we just introduced would be a 6th grade math and/or English teacher, health insurance renewal increase, Special Education Transportation. We decided, this year we realized that we are way under budgeted on that with our needs. The Board did approve a 3% for all contracted employees plus a step for teachers and of course I’ve been told in the past to get the buses in the budget I know that you have two buses in the budget reserved and we are so appreciative of that and I understand the bus rotation is for 4 so we included the buses in our budget. Then with the recent Florida shooting, I’ve had parents talk with me. There has been discussions all over the spectrum from putting school
resource officers in each school or each building. Then when we had further discussions, we said we would a school security officer which is different from resource officer, would that be acceptable and of course they would be armed. I talked with Sheriff Kidd and he said to help me out with that, if we were able to get the school security officers that he would be glad to go along beside his men in training. When I talked to Officer Ewers, he said this would be a good way to go as well because we wouldn’t have to purchase…well, the Sheriff’s Department also would have to equip them and give them cars and all the equipment, whatever that is. They know way more about that than I do about that. So we got down to that piece so the revenue shortfall would look like $637,551 according to what we came up after our work session. If you look at the next page you will see the budget proposal comparison by revenue source and what you will see is that first of all we categorized something called internal local funds. Internal local funds is not county appropriation. Basically it’s monies within the school system such as rebates, refunds in bus operations and other rebates, refunds, insurance adjustments and ERate. ERate is a federal support for our technology. We have to again, sort of guess what those refunds, rebates, etc. would be and adjustments would be and so our variance in that, we had decreased that by $45,180. So where the proposed revenue for next year would be $342,000 is more of a realistic figure. For state revenues, again is more of comparing apples to oranges because our ADM is 1900 for the current year and next year we are proposing 1925 so that does help with the revenue by 25 on the ADM. The incentive programs and categorical programs respectively were cut $21,834 and 787, however, when you add the SOQ and Lottery funds together you get $412,127 and you subtract out the cuts and that leaves $389,506 variance. For the other state revenue, $76,772 currently, safe and stable families is cut by $2100 and the Alternative Education which is $502. I find that amazing but that’s another issue but anyway that gives us a variance of negative $1,598. Federal Funds, you will see a variance, Federal funds is Title I which is school improvement, that’s from Federal Government. Title II, supporting instruction, Title IV and Title V Rural and Low Income. The cuts there give us an overall variance of $46,845. I will say there is one thing that makes me a little nervous that’s on the horizon right now and that’s the Title II funds are on the chopping block. They support…they are on the chopping block at the federal level, they fund a couple positions for us here in Buckingham County so we are a little nervous that if they cut then we will have to monitor and adjust here internally as we’ve done in the past. For county appropriations, you will see what we did here is our current, if you will remember, I just want to remind everybody, it’s $7,087,000 county appropriation when we started FY18 however, you know I came up to you at the end of the year because we scrimped and saved and go $403,000 of year end funds and we asked that please be used for a chiller and some special ed and technology transportation and you graciously appropriated those funds. Because you did, that added the $403,000 appropriation. We wanted to be transparent when we put that in the county appropriation. That is why you see $7,490,979 instead of 7,087,000. The proposed FY19 would increase county appropriations to $7,724,758 and of course that’s with the extra $403,000 in there. Of course what you see in instruction because Mrs. Oliver broke it down into the categories. The major classifications as we are supposed to and so we put the 6th grade teacher obviously in instruction. The insurance increase for employer and all the instructional employees in that area, $79,980. The special education we put 12,500 in there, if you remember because part of that is transportation so transportation is going to take ½ at 12,500 and instruction will take the other ½ at 12,500 you will see. Then the salary increase for those employees is $29,572 for a subtotal of $240,847. In transportation the insurance for those
employees is $38060. The special education again, I explained earlier is $12,500 just splitting the cost with instruction. The salary increase is 3% and the step and of course we put the two buses in there at $180,000 and remember these two buses would be in addition to the other two to make it four to get us back to a four bus rotation. Under administration, again the insurance increase for employer would be $12,196 and the salary 3% and step is $26,834. For maintenance, the insurance increase is $1,325 and the salary increase is $6,718. Security officers would be placed under the maintenance at $120,000 and the debt service is negative $4,379 because we are looking at a revenue source for a subtotal of $123,664. If you continue on page 9 with the same pieces, you will see the debt service $4,379 under its own category under technology, employer would be $2,638 and the salary increase and step would be $8,319. The year-end transportation and year end facilities money, that is the $403,772 that we have in red that we put under the appropriations. Then you will see the cafeteria fund which is a separate fund that is self-supporting. Then on the next page, you will see we did our comparison by expenditures and again, you will see where the current variances in red that we went down and of course the variances are in black that are going up. That brings us down to page 11, total county proposed school budget that has a variance of $452,589 for the operations which is probably what you really want to know better. The total operations budget is $529,662. That’s obviously federal, state and local coming together. That would be the total picture with local again being $637,000. On the appendices you will see school bus inventory as we have traditionally reviewed together and then the salary scales with the teachers, aides, secretary, clerical, technology, cafeteria, bus driver, maintenance. That’s an overview of the entire packet. Did you have anything you wanted to add to that?

Allen: Did you want to have any discussion or questions? She’s got here for you to adjourn if you want to.

Bryan: Dr. Snead, you projected 1900 for the ADM, what happens if right now we are at 1956, does the state make you eat the 56?

Snead: No, what they do is the ADM, on September 30th the state looks at the ADM that you currently have and they look at how you budgeted. So what they will do is if you are under that you are in danger of losing some funds so you have to adjust accordingly. That’s when you hear school systems panicking because they overestimated their ADM. March 31st is actually the actual number of funding you get so on March 31 ADM, that’s the money we receive and the money we get.

Bryan: So if you say you are anticipating 1900 and all of a sudden 1000 kids move into the area, then you are loving life on March 31st because pennies are going to fall out of the sky.

Snead: Yes from the state.

Bryan: Then again if you budget 1900 and 1,000 leave they are waving at you when you go down the road.

Snead: Yes, that’s why we are conservative with the ADM because we don’t want to be…
**Bryan:** I didn’t know how that worked. I was hoping that it wasn’t one of those deals where the government said you live with what you got.

**Allen:** Any other questions or discussion?

**Dunnavant:** Dr. Snead, on the security officers, and I don’t want to sound like a smartellic, I don’t, but you know Texas did security with their own staffing by training staff they already had and giving them a bonus. Did yall consider that because $120,000 is a good chunk of new money in this budget?

**Snead:** There has been discussion about that and I feel like most are philosophically opposed to that. We did have that discussion with the Board as well. Our teachers are under so much pressure now, I can’t imagine that they would want to take on the responsibility of having arms. We did have that discussion to answer your question. We did as employees and the Board did too.

**Bryan:** We have too as employees just to let you know. I’ve heard that, I’ll just put it in a lock box. Ok. So when you are walking your kids to art and an intruder comes in, tell him time out let me get back to my lock box real quick. I’m retired military and it’s not something I want to do. I’m not going to be standing up there saying yeah, I’ll take the incentive. No. I’ve got enough to do in that classroom.

**Ragland:** I’d just like to share too that the proposed additional expenditures I wasn’t exactly sure last year when we came to you with level funding. We were like this is crazy we’ve got some things we need. We got Wendy onboard and everybody is on the same page and we felt good about where our financial situation is and to come in with level funding last year, we managed. We were very frugal with our money. Wendy, Dr. Snead and I with Department heads were frugal and these proposed additional expenditures are on top of a level funding with more money based on our level of prioritizing. The 6th grade math/English teacher, that’s not something that we can actually control. Things are earmarked with funds that we can’t deal with certain earmarked money and the $68,000 is to cover that teacher. We can’t help with the increase in the number of students. Health insurance, I think yall went up too?

**Carter:** No.

**Ragland:** As far as, that seems to be a problem as far as insurance. That may be something that we need to negotiate next year in good faith. Special education transportation, I’m not sure if yall ever come and visit the schools but we have a large number of special education students. I can’t explain it. Where they come from, I’m not sure.

**Matthews:** You said you came to us with level funding last year, what are you talking about?

**Ragland:** Level funding as far as our budget with everything as far as not trying to go above and beyond what we needed.
Matthews: Mrs. Carter, last year, did we give them what the state requires us to give them or did we give them more money?

Carter: You gave them what you gave them and $90,000 more additional money.

Ragland: Right, based on that number you are talking about we are also #23 out of 127 districts.

Carter: What do you mean?

Ragland: If you are talking about the minimum…is that what you are asking about the minimum we have to have?

Matthews: Your terminology is level funding…that’s not my interpretation of level funding.

Ragland: We did come back and ask for $180,000 because of health insurance and other budget issues and we got $90,000 and were able to go back and do that the best that we could. We did. That is all we came back last year and ask for. The $400,000 was 2017 money that was ours that we were able to put into this year for chillers. We also have a facilities committee, Mr. Bryan is on it, there is a boo coo of things coming down the pike. Our facilities are falling down around us because we are trying not to rob Peter to pay Paul. We are working on a comprehensive plan or capital improvement plan that we are trying to get together. We’ve been working on it for several years. We’ve got Mr. Heslip who is our new Director of Maintenance and he’s been frugal and trying to get a grasp on how things are spent and where they are going and he’s doing an excellent job. He’s really trying to see where money is being spent and making sure we are doing the right steps and taking the right matters to pay that.

Matthews: But we asked you last year to look at your staffing and reassign someone when Mr. Davis retired. You could use that salary to do some of your maintenance on the buildings that you are using to pay Mr. Heslip who is not doing any of the work because you are contracting most of that stuff out aren’t you?

Snead: As far as to answer that question, we are very lightly staffed. I’m probably one of very few superintendents that doesn’t have an assistant superintendent. Ok. I stopped that practice when I got here. I think there are 1 or 2 superintendents when I got here and that’s no more. I don’t have a secretary. I started with me. Then we moved and did other cuts. My staff if I’m hearing this correcting, and I may not be hearing this correctly, Mr. Matthews, but if I’m hearing correctly, I’m hearing that there was a suggestion to eliminate that position which you know, we are already…I don’t know who else would take that job. To be a good steward of the money, we did realize savings in the salary and benefits. He did not come out at the same level the other gentleman left. I think if that’s what you are asking.

Allen: I think you noted last year that you needed that position.

Snead: Yes, sir.
Matthews: We also asked you last year to look at putting engines in buses instead of buying brand new buses and what would be the economic impact of that? Yall are asking for two additional buses this year, is it cheaper to put an engine in a bus or cheaper to buy a bus?

Snead: I’ve conferred with my expert, Mr. Palmore, he believes there is a whole lot of merit in the four bus per year rotation. I got the, from the Board corporate, I got the idea that you guys were putting in two into reserve each year and I got the idea that I’m supposed to ask for two in my budget. I’m not just doing it out of the blue. That’s what people said for me to do.

Matthews: You are you talking about told you to ask for that?

Ragland: The Board did last year.

Allen: We used to have four in the budget every year.

Bryan: With budget cuts, you took it out of the budget and we asked you to put two back in there.

Snead: I was told I don’t get what I don’t ask for so if I get into the trick of not asking for stuff I need to look…you know what I’m saying. I took an oath Mr. Matthews, to support my children and support my employees and that’s what I’m going to do. If it makes me look good or bad, I can’t help that and I don’t, you know, my heart is in the right place for my employees and my kids.

Matthews: We took an oath to Dr. Snead to represent all the citizens of Buckingham County not just the one in the school system.

Snead: Ok. Then, thank you sir.

Bryan: Can I switch gears for a second? How is the enrollment for preK this year?

Snead: We are at 83. Now, we’ve got 108 slots. I’ve got 83 right now. I’m really excited about that. What’s going to happen it’s going to fill up…

Bryan: Oh yeah, there’s no doubt its going to fill up. Those are capped at I think 20 positions.

Snead: 16.

Bryan: 16 now. What we’ve seen is we know that at least that many will be moving to K.

Snead: Yes sir. And more.

Dunnivant: Dr. Snead, with yalls request and other requests we’ve got to go through, hopefully this evening, hopefully it doesn’t drag into tomorrow evening, but basically we’re 48.9% if my
math is correct and I think it’s pretty close even though I’m a product of Buckingham Public Schools, anyways, basically we can only fund ½ of the requests that we’ve been asked for. With the school rolled in, the sheriff’s department, rescue squad, JAUNT, all these folks, 48% is what we’ve got. I can’t speak for the entire board but I think the consensus is we have absolutely no desire to raise taxes anytime soon. So, what can we trim from what you are proposing and get to a situation that we can all live with. Dr. Snead, opened the door, he just said he’s going to ask for more than he expects to get. In a roundabout way…

**Snead:** No, that’s putting words in my mouth. I opened up, if you were listening, I opened up this dialogue with the fact that I go to my departments and we had several million dollars’ worth of things and we said there’s no way. So my board culls it all down. So I haven’t in a roundabout way said anything. I said that I’m coming here and asking for what we need.

**Dunnavant:** We can’t even fund yall with the money we have available much less anything else. What I’m getting at, is what can we trim to come up with a balanced budget without raising the taxes? What can we do? Shave everything percentage wise or just give you 48% of what you are asking for and give everybody else 48% of they are asking for? That’s not exactly right either.

**Ragland:** Mr. Chairman, may I speak? I just want to let you know, we met. We did. He came to us and said as a board, asked us to make whatever cuts. We as a board collectively sat down and agreed we would go with level funding which last year was $7,087,207 and of course the extra that came over. We are asking for an additional $637,551 on top of that. That’s what I’m thinking is we are asking for the same thing we asked for last year but with these additions. We definitely need a 6th grade teacher. How we cut anything that we couldn’t cut last year?

**Dunnavant:** Well we don’t have a line item veto on yall.

**Ragland:** We’ve given you everything that you need as far as our expenditures. What else do we get it from?

**Dunnavant:** I realize that. You’ve laid everything out right here. The list of needs. But we don’t have enough money to cover yalls needs.

**Ragland:** It’s better than it has been in years. I guess that’s what I’m asking you as the stewards of the county’s money, but maybe $0.55 isn’t cutting it.

**Dunnavant:** I think it’s more than cutting it.

**Matthews:** We don’t establish yalls budget. That’s yalls job to do your own budget. We give you money. It’s his job to find the money and put it…

**Dunnavant:** You’ve got almost $200,000 of new people in the budget between the school teacher and security people. That’s all new.
**Ragland:** That is a list of our priorities. Ok. I know we need a 6th grade teacher. Our health insurance has to be, we need that, we appreciate that. Then the special education transportation.

**Dunnavant:** In the count of teachers, as students move up, aren’t there some teachers that can move and fill in the gaps?

**Snead:** Based on the licensure, we do look at all that. We do maximize our staffing very well and the last thing we wanted to do is add another position because we know that costs money but we have adjusted staff around when their licensure and certificates can match up and if they can’t they can’t. If you go from 5th grade to 6th grade, they are going to the middle school, let me explain the 6th grade a little bit. I have a teacher there this year who for several years we’ve been teaching with higher numbers in that math class in 6th grade than we are supposed to. Not more than we are supposed to as far as SOQ but more than a parent would want in the classroom, like 30-31. That’s really not good here. So we did that because one of the teachers, part of her day is paid through algebra I readiness funds. So she does algebra I readiness program. So that’s an example of something that we did is cut ourselves on the inside and didn’t ask for a teacher and said we’d hold on as long as we could with the 30-31-32 kids in those classes in the 6th grade but we can’t do that anymore because we are going from 138 to 175. Something has to give because then we’ll be out of SOQ compliance and we won’t get money from the state and that would be a problem. So, we have to hire somebody.

**Dunnavant:** I understand that you have to hire. Because there’s a line item in here that adds up to what you are asking for I’m just making the blanket statement that we don’t have available the money to fund everybody’s request at a 100%. I’m not desirous of raising taxes. I don’t think anybody here is. It’s not our intent to raise taxes. But if there is anything in here that you can live without, suppose we just put up 48% of what everybody’s requesting.

**Carter:** I think Sherry said they prioritized their needs.

**Bryan:** If I understand this correctly, you prioritized them in order.

**Carter:** If I can make a suggestion, your last priority probably is a priority for the parents and people in the county. It’s a priority that you’re scared not to do right now with the way things are going in the world. Frankly, the $120,000 will grow by the time you give them a uniform and training and vehicles and fuel. I’ve tried to do some checking since I got this and haven’t had any luck so far, I might suggest if you could all think about doing a onetime allocation for these positions and let me look through Homeland Security or anything to try to get some grant money. That’s how we started the resources. If you haven’t already checked.

**Snead:** No, I haven’t already checked on that. That’s a great idea, Mrs. Carter. I wanted Mr. Dunnavant to know too, you are with the CRC people. Ok. I emailed Todd Fortune and said this has got to be a pretty hot topic right now. So I’ve asked him to submit to me any grant funding that he can come up with that will help us with security officers.
Carter: I think all the schools in the region are looking at this. So that might be a good thing for CRC to look into.

Dunnavant: I think the CRC wants to do everything it can to bring as much grant funding back in our community as it can. I’m glad that you and Todd are working to work as closely as you are and hopefully that continues.

Snead: I wanted you to know that I’ve looked down that avenue. Thank you Mrs. Carter for saying that because I forgot about that.

Ragland: We have staff that work on grants all the time. We have safety grants that we get and fund certain things. We have staff at every level, technology is always looking for grants.

Dunnavant: On this security thing, I don’t want this to drag out to long, but didn’t you ask us about metal detectors last year.

Snead: Yes, two portable metal detectors.

Dunnavant: Do you have them installed?

Snead: The Board has elected that we would use them randomly rather than…you can’t set them up permanently because you would never get kids in the building. It would take to…

Dunnavant: That may be what it takes. I’m not in favor of having armed guards inside the school. I’m not. I don’t like the resource officers being in the schools. I think it’s the teacher’s responsibilities to maintain discipline in the school. If you have a discipline problem, then you can call down and get Billy’s people to come help you. But the teachers need to be the first line of discipline in the school.

Bryan: The parents need to be the first line.

Dunnavant: Yes, at home.

Bryan: This is not like when you went to school Mr. Dunnavant.

Dunnavant: I realize that.

Allen: I think we are talking about shooting in school not discipline in the school.

Dunnavant: On security, you know, put some more metal detectors in. When you’ve got kids that are more mobile like high school, control the access points. Will the fire marshal allow you as long as you have staff in the building will fire marshal allow you to lock the doors and secure it so the only path in is through the office where everything is secure.

Jones: You don’t want to do that.
**Bryan:** We currently have it but…

**Snead:** To answer the question, you can’t get in the building. You can’t do it. We have buzzers but you can get out of the building. I don’t mean to be picky.

**Dunnavant:** It’s secure from ingress but for fire or panic happen, you can escape everywhere.

**Snead:** Yes. But as far as trying to get in, you just can’t do it. Which is ok as long as you’ve got a panic button.

**Dunnavant:** If you use the metal detector coming in…

**Bryan:** Bottom line, Mr. Dunnavant, if somebody wants you dead, you are dead. I don’t care if you have a tank sitting in front of the school and you are pointing it say, I’ll shoot you with the tank, if somebody wants to kill you they are going to kill you. Timothy McBay did it with a fertilizer bomb. Recently the buzz is students going to school, they are students or former students, they are getting in the school and its bang, they are shooting. It’s a separate issue. It’s a hot topic right now. I’ve got another question, for SpEd, have you talked to Thelma? Since it’s a special education vehicle is there a way to go through special education funding through the state because of the rise in special transportation is there a way for the state to pony up a little more?

**Snead:** We have looked at every avenue and what’s happened really is this is really hitting aides and drivers that need to accompany severe disabilities going to…

**Bryan:** I’ve talked to them about it and I know exactly…It’s a nightmare, bless his heart, I told him the other day at the school it is a nightmare.

**Snead:** I feel good about what Mrs. Llewellyn and Mr. Palmore have been able to do to get the kids where they are. We, you know, we sit down with the parents and work with the parents, because the parents, you know, are very protective of their children so it’s not as easy as saying I’ve got a driver and aide and we are headed off to whatever school. You’ve got to convince, you know, respectfully, the parent that this aide is good for their child and this driver is good for their child because they may not buy into that either. There is a lot that goes into that. Thank you, that’s a good question.

**Dunnavant:** I’m going to reserve comment on that.

**Snead:** To let you know what we did is lower that number to $25,000. It was a lot of higher because we went over budget but because I have the best finance manager you would ever find, we’ve been able to legally cover this year’s deficit. That’s another example of us doing what we need to do within our budget. I understand your positions too.

**Allen:** Any other questions or discussions? Do you want to adjourn your meeting?
Chairman Hutcherson adjourned the school board meeting.

Allen: We’ll take a 5 minute recess.

Carter: On page 1 in this big book if you care to look at it I’ve kind of narrowed it down.

2018-19 Budget Page by Page

PROPOSED REVENUES

PAGE 1. REAL ESTATE: Anticipated $8,312,000. Unchanged

Our real estate is not anticipated to increase at all. As a matter of fact it’s down a little bit this year. It’s kind of hard at this time because April and June are big months for collection of real estate. Its coming slow. We don’t anticipate getting any more money there.

PAGE 2. PUBLIC SERVICE TAX: Anticipated $3,600,000. Increase of $100,000.00

Based on what we’ve got coming in.

PAGE 3. PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX: Anticipated $2,800,000. 00. Increase of $150,000.00

We are seeing an increase in that and it’s based on the value of vehicles people are purchasing.

PAGE 4. MOBILE HOME TAXES: $50,000.00. Unchanged

PAGE 5. MACHINERY AND TOOLS TAX: $210,000.00. Unchanged

PAGE 6. MERCHANT'S CAPITAL TAXES: $185,000.00. Increase of $5,000.00

PAGE 7. AIRCRAFT TAX: $2,000.00. Unchanged

PAGE 8. PENALITIES AND INTEREST: $340,000.00. Unchanged

PAGE 9. LOCAL SALES TAX AND USE TAX: $870,000.00. Increase of $50,000.00.

Based on what we are seeing I’m not sure the state’s numbers are quite where that is or where they think it will be. They’ve anticipated but as you all have seen, there are a lot of ACP people in the county working and moving around buying things and going to the restaurants and things. When the plant was built in Arvonia, we got $100,000 more in sales tax in one year. We are hoping that will boost that up for us. We don’t expect to see any taxes from the pipeline this coming year though because it’s kind of been delayed.
PAGE 10: COMSUMER UTILITY TAX: $348,000.00. Unchanged

PAGE 11: FRANCHISE LICENSE TAXES: $50,000.00. Decrease of $15,000.00

Only thing we can see is maybe less people are taking cable. We have a franchise license.

Dunnavant: That’s the only thing we have in that category too isn’t it?

Carter: Yes.

PAGE 12: MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAXES: $335,000.00. Increase of $1,000.00

PAGE 13: BANK STOCK TAXES: $40,000.00. Unchanged

PAGE 14: TAXES ON RECORDEATION AND WILLS: $70,000.00. Increase of $7,500.00

PAGE 15: ANIMAL LICENSE: $4,000.00. Unchanged.

PAGE 16: PERMITS AND OTHER LICENSE: $62,500.00. $3,950.00 increase.

PAGE 17: FINES & FORFEITURES: $27,100.00. $11,000.00 decrease.

PAGE 18: REVENUE FROM USE OF MONEY: $15,000.00. Increase of $9,000.00.
(With the one time increased State Corporation funding it has helped with cash flow during low collection months and we have not had to cash in any of our investments)

PAGE 19: REVENUE FROM USE OF PROPERTY: $110,500.00. $2,500.00 decrease mostly due to rental fees on the fire training facilities.

PAGE 20: COURT COST: $14,100.00. $2,916.00 decrease

PAGE 21: COMMONWEALTH’S ATTORNEY FEES: $2,000.00. Unchanged

PAGE 22: WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL: $16,000.00. $1,000.00 decrease

PAGE 23: MISCELLANEOUS: $22,000.00. Unchanged
Beginning year balance:  $5,000,000.00 general fund.

$500,000.00 Solid Waste Reserve,
That’s if you remember earlier this year you asked me to find $500,000 for the Solid Waste Management Plan. That is some of the State Corporation Commission money but mostly it’s the two solar plan building permits. They were a lot of money. We got about $350,000-$380,000 off those two permits. That’s one time. You are not going to get that every year so you don’t want to put that over in recurring costs. That’s money we got for the one-time expenditure of the Solid Waste Management Plan.

$676,385.00 Economic Development Beginning year balance.

Total:  $6,176,385.00 (This is not reoccurring revenue but is a result of an accumulation of one time funding.

The $500,000.00 solid waste reserve is from the onetime money that board agreed to use for the solid waste program and site improvements. I have increased the Beginning year balance by $800,000.00 because it is more in line with our audits and actually money. It also represents 10% of the total budget and 11% of total expenditures of all reserves are spent. To balance the budget we will need to end with a $5,000,000.00 ending year balance. To be fiscally responsible you will need to retain at least 10% of your total budget.

PAGE 24: NON-CATEGORICAL AID:  $1,612,914.00. Decrease of $29,100.00 due to less communications tax and less mobile home titling tax.

This is money that we get from the State of Virginia that is at your discretion to spend.

Categorical Aid is from the State but you have to spend it the way they say.

PAGE 25: CATEGORICAL AID- STATE COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY:  $208,339.00. Unchanged. (Will change if state grants salary increases)


PAGE 27: CATEGORICAL AID- STATE- COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE:  $78,296.00. Decrease of $1,185.00

PAGE 28: CATEGORICAL AID- STATE- TREASURER:  $92,669.00. $8,362.00 increase.

PAGE 29: CATEGORICAL AID- STATE- REGISTRAR/ELECTORAL BOARD:  $40,000.00. Unchanged
Bryan: Since we have to have a special election in November, how is that going to effect the $40,000?

Carter: We won’t know until…well they don’t give us the money for special election. The county has to fund that. Having it in November shouldn’t cost us anymore because it will be on the ballot. If you had chosen to have a special election before November, it would be very expensive.

PAGE 30: CATEGORICAL AID- STATE- CLERK OF COURT: $189,913.00.00. Unchanged according to information from Diane Blackburn with the Clerk’s Office.

PAGE 31 OTHER CATEGORICAL STATE AIDS: $181,883.00. This is an increase of $1,945.00 in state E-911 Salary. The state pays Kevin’s salary.

PAGE 32. Transfers to General Fund from the Sheriff’s Fund: $16,637.00. This is money transferred from the Sheriff’s Drug Fund to supplement law enforcement salaries.

Transfer from Water Fund to the General Fund, $175,000.00. The Water Fund Transfer is a new transfer as part of a cost allocation for services performed for the Water Department through the County Administration and Treasurer’s Office and also for Office Space. This is an increase of $25,000.00 due to increased property insurance and additional services provided by the county offices.

PAGE 33. Courthouse Security Fund: $26,000.00. Decrease of $5,000.00 in courthouse security fees.

PAGE 34-37: VPA FUND: Virginia Public Assistance- Social Services: This demonstrates a total amount of funding resources to the Social Services (VPA) of $1,973,452.00 $1,561,385.00 is state and federal funds and $412,066.00 is local revenue. This is a $6,996.00 local increase due to the request to increase starting salaries in order to recruit and keep more qualified employees. The SS Department is having a difficult time recruiting experience workers and also a hard time keeping them after they get the experience. The expenditures are balanced with the revenues.

We have seen right many employees at social services come in, and Danny you are on the Board there, they get experience and go somewhere else for more money. So she is asking for the $6,996 to spread out amongst those positions. It’s not a lot of money but she thinks it will bring them more inline.

PAGE 38: Comprehensive Services: Total Budget $1,592,461.00. $317,917.00 is local mandated money. This is not an increase in local funds at this time. This does not demonstrate any change. The expenditures are balanced with the revenues.

As anyone knows that works with Comprehensive services, it could go up at any time and it is mandated.
Pages 39-49: SCHOOL FUND: This was addressed at the beginning of this guidebook.

Page 50: Debt Service Transfer Fund: This is the 401 fund where the school debt service is transferred.
Total (county: $526,203.00 is the courthouse and a decrease of $21,217.00.
$2,957,759.00 is schools and is an increase of $14,602.00
Yielding a total decrease of $6,615.00.
But there is an increase of $2,000.00 in the federal QSCAB and what that is $422,000 that comes in from Federal Government for school debt service. Where we got that 2,957,000, $222,000 of that comes in from federal money we were able to grab toward that payment.

Page 51: SEWER FUND REVENUE: $501,873.00 Increase of $81,928.00 mostly for IDA transfer for debt service payment. The expenditures are balance with the revenues.

Page 52: WATER FUND REVENUE: $1,381,524.00. Increase of 988.00. The Expenditures are balanced with the revenues.

Expenditures:

Page 1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: $92,609.00. Increase of $300.00. Change in employee health insurance plan.

Page 2. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: $232,941.00. Decrease of $1,554.00 Change in retirement rate.

Page 3. INDEPENDENT AUDITOR AND COST ALLOCATION CONTRACT: $49,000.00. Unchanged.

Page 4. COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE: $257,585.00 $179,289.00 is local and $78,296.00 is state. This is a local decrease of $4,893.00

Some of these things you might see little increases and decreases. I crunched numbers to try to put in the things we have to do, or want to do or need to do put it that way.

Page 5. TREASURER: Total Budget $296,619.00.
$92,669.00 is State. The is a local decrease of $15,000.00 due to some changes in employee health benefits, less $4,000.00 to the Town of Dillwyn for sale of county decals, (we used to give them $4000 to sell county decals up there but now with the change in the decals and programming of the code reader we need to do it here so we won’t be paying them $4,000) and cost of county decals being transferred to the Solid Waste Department because of the increase in cost. We didn’t think it was fair to inflate her budget with that cost.

Page 6. FINANCE/DATA PROCESSING: $227,542.00 Decrease of $1,117.00 due to retirement decrease formula. This is all local.
PAGE 7. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: $121,464.00. This is all local and an increase of $4,101.00 mostly due to change in health insurance plan.

PAGE 8. ELECTORAL BOARD AND OFFICIALS: $67,755.00. Increase of $57.00 repairs and maintenance. This is all local.

PAGE 9. REGISTRAR: $99,072.00. Decrease of $3,896.00 mostly due to change in health insurance plan. $40,000.00 is state funds and $59,072.00 is local.

PAGE 10. CIRCUIT COURT: $20,077.00. This is all local money and is a $5,187.00 increase per the request of the Judge of Circuit Court. The increase is for operation of office. It’s a shared cost and this is the county’s portion. We share that with Prince Edward and I think Cumberland.

PAGE 11: GENERAL DISTRICT COURT: $9,242.00. All local level funding.

PAGE 12: SPECIAL MAGISTRATES: $2,500.00. Unchanged and is all local funding.

PAGE 13: CLERK OF COURT: Total budget is $374,623.00. $184,710.00 is local funding and $189,913.00 is state. $1,483.00 less local funding.

PAGE 14: Victim Witness Assistance Program: $69,283.00. This is all state Grant.

PAGE 15: COMMONWEALTH’S ATTORNEY: Total budget is $408,748.00. $200,409.00 is local money and $208,339.00 is state. This is a local decrease of $16,518.00 due to a change in insurance plan and change in FICA.

PAGE 16: LAW ENFORCEMENT: Total Budget $2,033,060.00. The Sheriff has requested $2,183,060.00 which is a local increase of $120,563.00. Sheriff Kidd has appeared before you Monday evening to explain his request and you have a copy of his request. The information you have in your packet though is his request before we found a little more state money and put that in there. His request actually had a new local request of about $180,000.00 more but after going over the numbers and having the sheriff’s department revisit their proposed state allocation the local appropriation request ended being $120,563.00 more. I have not put this money in this budget because I am asking you to consider all of the large new money requests and decide how you want to proceed. What is in there is a decrease of 453.00.
PAGE 17: EMERGENCY SERVICES: $222,306.00. Reduction of $461.00. $46,000.00 is state and $176,306.00 is local. The E-911 telephone service located in the Sheriff's Department is paid from this department ($100,000.00). Funding for repairs and the maintenance of that system is in this budget along with the Code Alert System.

PAGE 18: VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS: $514,337.00 this is a decrease of $4,240.00 because we did not receive a request from Lower Francisco. Karl tried to get with someone but did not get any return calls. We don’t give it away if they don’t ask for it. $55,000.00 of this is state money and $462,337.00 is local money.

PAGE 19: AMBULANCE & RESCUE SERVICES: $196,200.00. This is level funding. The squad is requesting an additional $165,000.00 and again I put that before you for your consideration. Also if the county receives any “Four for Life” state funds, that money is allocated to the rescue squad.

PAGE 20: FOREST FIRE PREVENTIONS: $27,000.00. This is local money and is unchanged.

PAGE 21: Piedmont Regional Jail: $500,000.00. This is an item that we have no control over as it depends on the number of inmates from Buckingham County that are housed in the jail. This is an expense that the county started paying in about 2012 so this is a large financially responsibility the county has had to absorb. This does represent an anticipated $50,000.00 increase.

PAGE 22: BUILDING INSPECTION: $128,750.00. $129.00 increase.

PAGE 23: ANIMAL CONTROL: $159,451.00. $605.00 decrease.

PAGE 24: MEDICAL EXAMINER: This is level spending of $200.00


PAGE 26: REFUSE COLLECTION: $807,125.00. This is our third highest expense versus education and law enforcement and then refuse collection. This is a decrease of $62,771.00. That is one of the things that helped me to balance our budgets out. Because the new system we are putting in, we should be able to cut some costs in the solid waste budget. We expect our tonnage to be less. You may notice that Lyn is requesting about $95,000.00 more however we expect to reduce this cost not increase it.

PAGE 27: ANTI-LITTER: State Grant in the amount of $7,100.00. This expenditure is offset by state grant in the revenue side of the budget. $55.00 decrease.
PAGE 28: GENERAL PROPERTIES: $744,535.00. This represents an increase of $65,481.00. This general property budget takes care of all of the county properties with the exception of school owned properties. The courthouse heating and air is included in this budget along with all county buildings and now we have added the Gold Hill and Dillwyn Schools. This department now takes care of all snow removal for all county properties and the waste sites. The increase is due to needing to replace the cooling system in the basement where the Registrar’s office is located (about $12,000.00), seal the courthouse and county parking lots (about $10,000.00), the General Liability Insurance increased $40,000.00. The other bit is in benefits.

PAGE 29: HEALTH DEPARTMENT: $121,179.00. This is all local funding and represents a $7,094.00 increase due to the local portion of state pay increases. We are required to pay the local portion. The Health Department requested an additional $18,955.00 mostly in salaries but I am recommending the local share of the state pay increase and not any additional money.

PAGE 30: REGIONAL JUVENILE DETENTION: $50,000.00. This is an anticipated $10,000.00 decrease. This is the per diem that the county pays when a child is sent by the courts to the Regional Juvenile Detention Center. This is a cost that is difficult to budget for because it depends on the number of Juveniles from Buckingham that are housed at the Regional Juvenile Detention. It appears we are averaging close to $50,000.00 per year. Also a new program that is being used through CSA is being now charged to and considered as Juvenile Detention cost.

PAGE 31: CONTRIBUTIONS TO COLLEGES AND AGENCIES: Total of $194,646.00.
   1. Crossroads: $37,000.00, Level Requested Funds.
   2. Piedmont Senior Resource: $6,000.00.00. PSR has requested $12,943.00. An increase of $6,943.00. As she spoke the other night, they do the Meals on Wheels. We did give Meals on Wheels $5,000.

Matthews: She did say they would take less if we were working toward this goal. I would say lets do the amount for the Meals on Wheels to the additional $6,000 which would bring us to $11,000 which would save us a little bit. What do you guys think?

Bryan: I’m sorry. Say that again.

Matthews: She’s requesting $12,943 for Piedmont Senior Resources and they took over Meals on Wheels last year and done a really good job. We were giving Meals on Wheels $5,000 which is not going to happen since they are not in the county. So she is requesting $12,943 so I’m saying since she’s picked up the Meals on Wheels, she said the other night that some counties are not paying anything and they have set a goal for us to fund some of this stuff so if we took the $5000 that we usually give Meals on Wheels and give it to Piedmont Senior Resources since they are doing the work, that would bring us to $11,000 instead of $12,943. That will leave roughly $1900.
Carter: I can say, we are seeing their presence. We used to not see them in this county. We are seeing them now.

Dunnavant: Contrary to my normal position, I agree with the increase on Piedmont Senior Resources.

Bryan: I agree.

Dunnavant: They do a lot and the hospital exit care they give people goes a long ways towards the people that don’t have any family from going back to the hospital.

Matthews: I just think it shows that we are working towards what they are asking us to do.

Dunnavant: Given our budgetary situation that we’ve got, I don’t know that we should give them all that they are asking for. I’m thinking give them 50% of the increase they are asking for and tell them we appreciate them and tell them we can’t do any better than that possibly.

Carter: We’ll come back to that. At the end we will come back to each of these. I’ll make a list. Karl, will you help me make a list?

3. 4-H: 1,000.00. Same local funding
4. Payment to CADRE: $2,500.00 (level requested)
5. Buck/Literacy/Tri City Life Learners: $1,000.00 (level requested)
6. Peter Francisco Soil and Water Conservation: $10,000.00 (level requested)
7. VA Retreat: $4,500.00 (level requested)

Bryan: Where does that money go to?

Dunnavant: It’s an advertising website for tourism isn’t it?

Carter: Yes.

Dunnavant: I don’t think it would hurt us to scratch that figure entirely. When I was going through here today, I googled Virginia Retreat. Only thing, this is a webpage, all I could find was a webpage stating the attractions of our community.

Carter: They are doing the webpage and now they are Crossroads something. They changed their name.

Dunnavant: The only thing I saw that had us listed on it was the Lee’s Retreat Trail and the map.

Carter: Rebecca Cobb is working with them on it and I know they are revising everything.

Dunnavant: If you go down to the Lee’s Retreat things, most of them the radio transmitters don’t even work anymore. I recommend that we scratch this item entirely.
8. Ellis Acres Memorial Park: $5,000.00 (level requested)
9. Buckingham Active Seniors: did not receive a request. Decease of $5,000.00. They are doing some fund raisers and are doing pretty good.
10. Virginia Growth Alliance: $17,146.00 (level requested) $5,000.00 decrease for the marketing program we participated in that was a onetime thing.
11. Christian Outreach: $2,500.00. (Level requested)

Bryan: Where does that money go?

Allen: Christian Outreach Center on 15. I’d like to see that go up a little myself. At least $500 more.

12. Southside Community College: $7,599.00 increase of $358.00 based on number of county students)
13. Buckingham after Prom: $3,000.00. No increase requested
14. Piedmont Community College: $1,020.00 (requested decrease of $56.00 based number of county students)
16. Jaunt, Inc.: $28,740.00. Jaunt has requested an increase of $11,653.00. Karl is the county’s representative on the JAUNT Board and he can answer any questions you may have regarding the funding and ridership. Again, this isn’t in here. It’s one of the items for you to look at the end of the day.
17. Piedmont Area Transit: $10,000.00 (requested level) The Piedmont Area Transit transported about 2,000 county residents last year and three Buckingham County disabled STEP’s employees ride that bus to and from work. The STEPS executive director stated that without the county’s financial involvement with this program she doubts those employees would be able to have suitable transportation to and from work.
18. STEPS: $28,165.00. Level requested funding
19. VA Legal Aid: $6,827.00. This is level funding recommended, VLA requested an additional $273.00.
20. Hatton Ferry: $2,000.00 (requested level)
21. Longwood Small Business: $5,849.00 (requested level)

Bryan: What does that money go for?

Carter: They do business plans for anyone in the county. I’ve gotten several businesses that want to locate here. I’ll take them up there and work with Sherry McGuire. She helps do a financial plan for them to see if they can do…and helps them get funding.

Matthews: They do some demographics and stuff like that and puts them in touch with banks.
Dunnavant: The question I have on the Longwood Small Business thing, do we have any businesses that they have helped that has managed to stay in business and thrive or they just simply startups and fails? Do we know what they are accomplishing?

Carter: For example, when the gentleman wanted to put the motel here. He couldn’t get financing. I took him there and we worked and worked and worked and he couldn’t get financing for it. They did a lot to try to help that gentleman get financing. I don’t know of any businesses they have…

Bryan: She’s up the hill on the right had side, doesn’t she have red hair?

Dunnavant: She’s a nice lady.

Bryan: Yeah, ok.

Dunnavant: She’s the Longwood representative on the CRC. But, this agency, I can’t place my hand on anything concrete that they have done for our contributions over the years. We’ve been contributing to them for years.

Matthews: What about Rockwood Products?

Dunnavant: They didn’t have anything to do with that. I just don’t see any benefit from that.

Bryan: None that we see but I mean, a lot of businesses change hands in the county too that we don’t know about. People go through them to see if those businesses are viable before they stick their neck out.

Carter: We’ve had people from here meet with them to see if their business is viable to expand. I’ve been working with…I don’t want to call any names…but wanted to expand and wanted to do some repairs and maintenance but they also didn’t want to stay open full time so but they really worked hard to try to help.

Dunnavant: The type of businesses that can benefit from this are extremely marginal businesses to start with. If the people are producing a product that the public wants they would be thriving and wouldn’t need their help. If you are helping somebody out that is setting up a marginal endeavor the only thing you are doing is setting up for future failure. That’s why I asked the question the way I did. How many have they help set up that stayed in business? I’d like to see those numbers before we continue to support them.

Matthews: Really. I know that I actually had a meeting with them when I bought my business 30 some years ago and they give you a lot of information even though they don’t actually do the loan or whatever, bookwork and paperwork that you have to go through to get those loans but they do address a lot of different things. Demographics and things
that will help you down the road. So you may not see everything that everybody does, a lot of times there’s a lot of behind the scenes activity such as Longwood Small Businesses and I do think it’s a good thing for young businesses to talk to and put them and guide them in a position to be successful if they take that step and go in business for themselves.

Carter: Most banks are going to want a financial plan for a startup business no matter how large and some people don’t know how to do one. A lot of times when they get Sherry to do them then they realize they shouldn’t go into business. You don’t realize whether there will be a profit or not. Now I don’t know of anyone that she’s helped that’s not succeeded or anyone that she’s…that she worked with Don, so I don’t always know about it. But we certainly could check with her.

Allen: Mark it down to look at.

22. Longwood Center for Visual Arts: $1,063.00. Level recommended, requested $1,200.00
23. Southside Center for Violence: $5,000.00 (requested level)
24. Pregnancy Support Center: The request is for $5,000.00. I do not have any money in the budget for this organization. The county has funded this organization one year. I have requested additional information as to the service provided to our county. Two Buckingham County Residents received services last year. The Pregnancy Support Center has verified that Buckingham County is the only local government that is providing support to the Pregnancy Support System. That kind of flew up a flag to me. Of course it’s up to you all. You all wanted to fund them last year. But I don’t have it in there. **Recommended Decrease of $5,000.00**

Dunnavant: Pregnancy center didn’t request any correct?

Carter: They did. $5,000

Matthews: I think they would be willing to take less. I communicate with those people once in a while because one of the people that actually runs the organization lives in my district. I approached her about moving their office to Buckingham since we are the only locality that funds them. But any amount would be appreciated. I do think it’s a good Christian network. They are based in Farmville. Sometime there is a chance that they could move to Buckingham.

Dunnavant: Shouldn’t they be soliciting support from church since they are a Christian based group instead of us a government based.

Matthews: I didn’t say they were Christian based, I just said they are a good Christian network, the people that actually run this organization.
Carter: They pretty much operate on donations and fund raisers. Looking at their budget, they have a banquet every year and donations and the $5,000 the county gives them. It costs a lot to run their office in Farmville. They pay rent and all.

Matthews: We might can give them a space in the new library.

25. Triad: $2,500.00. This is an increase of $2,500.00. This agency did not request any money last year because they felt the funding they had was sufficient to operate this fiscal year without the assistance. They have requested the county reinstate their requested $2,500.00.

Bryan: Can you tell me the difference between the CADRE and the Triad?

Carter: The Triad I can tell you about. I’ve been involved in that. It’s a good program for the seniors. The sheriff’s department is involved in it and they go out to households. It’s a very active group. They have programs where they inform elderly to look out for scams and go out to make sure they have phone numbers to reach for people that need help. They work close with Piedmont Senior Resource too because sometimes they might go out to give a meal to somebody and see somebody that might need their attention. They kind of work hand in hand. CADRE, I do not know. I know they give some of it to After Prom.

Allen: $1500 usually.

Bryan: We already have money going to After Prom. That would be line item 13.

Allen: Yeah. They just always give. Not all of it.

Bryan: So what does CADRE do for the county other than give $1500 to After Prom? If that’s the case take away…

K. Carter: They do scholarships too.

Carter: That’s right. They do do that. Spencer Adams manages that.

26. Foothill Child Advocacy Center: This is a new $4,000.00 request. This is not included in the budget but is for your consideration as a new request. Our court system is recommending the county participate in funding this program. The lady did speak to you all.

Matthews: We directed her to CRC.

Carter: I think you did mention that to her.

Allen: Social Services said they do use them a lot. They are very helpful and they would appreciate if we could help them out.
Carter: Mr. Wright did too. This is where children get counseling that have been sexually abused. It takes special counselors to be able to do that.

Matthews: That’s another thing too with the Pregnancy Center, they get a lot of cases from social services also. It’s not just…sometimes you don’t see everything that happens. Just wanted to make that notation.

27. Southeast Rural Community Assistance: Requested $5,000.00. The county has not funded this agency before although they have made requests. This is not included in the budget.

28. American Legion Post 134: They made a request for the county to continue funding. They did not list an amount. Our records show that in 2015 the county made a one-time appropriation of $14,000.00 to the Veterans of Foreign Wars for repairs to the VFW Hall. This appropriation was not made during a budget cycle but was approved during a regular board meeting. At that time Mr. Wright kind of warned us about that kind of funding. I do not know the law. The Board did vote to give it to them. He pretty much said we shouldn’t be funding them. We can find out why when he comes back. I do not have any money in this budget for this request. The County Attorney is researching the county’s authority regularly fund the American Legion Post.

Total Resulting decrease of $12,198.00 to other agencies.

PAGE 32: PARKS AND RECREATION: $167,991.00. This represents a $2,439.00 decrease.

PAGE 33: BUCKINGHAM ARTS COUNCIL: $9,000.00. This is a local match of $4,500.00 for the Arts Council to receive a $4,500.00 Grant. Therefore $4,500.00 is local and $4,500.00 is state. $1000.00 Decrease.

Dunnavant: Mrs. Carter, on the Arts Council, we tried to earmark their money last year to make them repair the building. Have they made any accomplishment to that yet?

Carter: They are doing some work on it.

Matthews: What about the roof?

Dunnavant: That’s the issue. The rest of the building, the ornamentation doesn’t matter.

Carter: They don’t have the money to put a roof on. That’s their problem.

Dunnavant: They don’t need a whole roof on it. They just need to fix where it’s leaking.
Carter: She said that her grandson, Mrs. Snoddy has been talking to us and they are really trying to get these things done. I don’t think they have the money to do it.

Dunnavant: If they don’t fix the roof, they are going to be asking us for more money to fix the rest of the building.

Carter: I’ve pulled the lease with them and its $1 a year forever and they are responsible for all maintenance and repairs. I just don’t think they have any money.

Dunnavant: They got $9,000 last year and they get $9,000 again this year. That’s $18,000

Carter: That probably pays their light bill, Morgan. They have to pay light bill, heating bill. They get something for renting the building out though.

Dunnavant: They need to uphold their end of the bargain to maintain the building or the building is going to fail. The two ends of the building the end on the ground and the end at the sky, you’ve got to take care of them or the middle rots.

Carter: We know there is a lot of problems there. Daniel has gone over and tried to assess it for us. A lot of problems there. Some concerns. It’s something we need to meet with them and talk to them about.

Dunnavant: I’m not advocating taking the money away because they do provide a good service. They do provide a good civic function and a lot of people use their services. But they’ve got to hold up their end of the bargain or before they know it, they are going to be another one of these hands saying we need more money because our building if falling down around us. Or your building is falling down around us.

Carter: I expect they will probably just give you the keys. We need to meet with them there.

PAGE 34: BUCKINGHAM COUNTY LIBRARY: $166,036.00. The Library is requesting $189,136.00 for the purpose of paying 1/3 of a salary for an information technology staff member and also for shared cost of a salary increase. The request is for $23,100 more. I have offered this request as one for you to consider.

Matthews: I’ve got a question, Mrs. Carter on the Buckingham County Library. This is an IT position they are requesting for. The State does provide ERate funds for that. Have they thought about possible looking at that?

Carter: I don’t know.

Matthews: Yes. ERate. That’s technology funds. Since it’s a state library or public library, I wonder if it’s a possibility they get a grant through that.
Dunnivant: Mr. Matthews, you are reading my mind. My note here on that says does the state level use their service?

Matthews: Dr. Snead is here and he should know more about that than anybody else here since he’s the superintendent for public schools. Do you know anything about the ERate policies and what they do?

Snead: ERate mainly relies on the connectivity, if you (tape cut out due to not being at a mic)

Carter: Doesn’t pay a salary.

Snead: Right, I was going to say it doesn’t work like that. It’s all about connectivity. (tape cut out again)

Matthews: Just something to throw out to Mr. Ewing so he can research it.

Carter: We’ve looked for a lot of grant money for the library. It’s hard to get grant money for the library. There is some technology grant money. A small portion if they build this new library to help with the technology part. We have been told that. It’s a very small amount but there is something.

Matthews: If we have any surplus money for the library, I know it’s to go to the renovation of the new library but in desperate times you have to take desperate measures. We might need to tap into that fund.

Carter: You won’t use that money this year because a payment will not come due. Even though it is in a reserve.

PAGE 35: PLANNING AND ZONING: $103,831.00 $415.00 decrease.

PAGE 36: COMMONWEALTH REGIONAL COUNCIL: $19,000.00. Increase of $3,300.00 that you have already approved prior to the budget process.

Page 37. Industrial Development Authority: $256,068.00. $86,272.00 increase due to Rural Development Agreement for the payment of the Sewer Projects. We had to do that to qualify for the loan and grant. The county could not make that payment for the sewer plant. It has to be transferred through the IDA.

PAGE 38: EXTENSION SERVICE: $90,698.00. $1,708.00. This is the county’s current portion of salary increases. This is the county’s portion of the salary increase that you are required to pay.

PAGE 39: FIXED CHARGES: $318,000.00. This represents $44,000.00 decrease. The proposed pay increase line item is decreased by $12,000.00. I am requesting a 2% pay increase for the county employees or the percentage the state provides to the state covered
employees. The actual requested amount likely be less but that will be dependent upon the state salary reimbursements received. So I’m asking for our people whatever the state is going to give for the rest of them. That will go down a little bit because we had a few thousand dollars in here for some merit pay. If you do grant the pay for the law enforcement officers it will go down too because it would be for a portion of theirs too.

**Dunnavant:** So basically it’s in here for a 2% increase for county employees other than the school that’s asking for 3%.

**Carter:** Right, and also it picks up the states portion for 6 months because they usually do it for 6 months. This will give everyone the pay increase July 1. The total for that is $75,000.

**Dunnavant:** So what it is and I’m not opposing it but basically it’s a 2% increase for county employees.

**Carter:** It’s for county employees and also money in there for, for example, the state’s not going to...for the treasurer’s office the state is going to give the treasurer an increase and a little bit toward the deputy so the rest of the girls in there would not get a pay increase. So this is for them. Same with Commissioner of Revenue. Same for Law Enforcement officers and employees not under the state. The County would pick up the 2%. We’ve narrowed it down a little bit.

**K. Carter:** Last year was 187 and this year is 175.

**Carter:** That’s for the state employees that the state doesn’t pay. We call them the step-children. They don’t belong to anybody. We are taking care of them.

**PAGE 40: UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE:** $5,000,000.00 this is an 800,000.00 increase. This represents a portion of the onetime money received from State Corporation Commission which has increased our ending year balance. It’s acquired money again. Not tax revenue that you get every year. It did go from 4.2 to 5 and it needed to because your budget is 50 million. We need to keep the safe fund balance. If people don’t pay their taxes, we might have a problem. Also it is important to have an unassigned balance of at least 10% of the total budget. If the board should choose to spend any of this money it is my recommendation that it be used for one time expenditures because this is an acquired balance and is not based on the annual recurring revenue.

**PAGE 41: TRANSFERS OUT:** This is the sheet that is used to show transfers from the General Fund to other agencies and funds. These numbers have been or will be addressed in the appropriate departments.
1. Reserve for Fire and Rescue Training:  40,000.00
2. Capital Improvement: Reserve for Animal Shelter Improvements:  100,000.00

We did have in that line item, Gene Dixon Park. The Board had agreed when the property was transferred to put $100,000 in there until it reached $1 million. I think we are going to be very fortunate that that project is going to be completed and we still have a couple hundred thousand dollars. You saw the information I gave you and we are being mandated to do improvements to the animal shelter. So that’s in there if you need it. You will have to go back and reappropriate it before it can be spent. But’s in there in reserve and the state can see Buckingham County is going to try to do what they need to do.

3. Economic Dev Reserve: Self-Supportive  676,385.00
4. County Vehicles:  25,000.00

I believe this year is for building inspector and we will pass the building inspectors down to general properties because general properties is down 2 vehicles now. They always get the very last leftovers. Two of them have bit the dust. You approved the other night to buy one and this is the other.

5. Library Debt Reserve:  250,000.00
6. Capital Improvements: Solid Waste Program Self-Supportive  500,000.00
7. Reserve for Contingency:  497,934.00
   (Increase of $247,507.00)

Last year our reserve was taken down. We had about $600,000 some and it was taken down to $247,507 by giving the $90,000 to schools for health insurance, $200,000 to fire departments and also health insurance picking up the county side of health insurance. I was able to bring it back up to $497,000.

$1,176,385.00 of this reserve has its own beginning year balance and is self-supportive. (Economic Development Reserve Fund and the Solid Waste Reserve Fund). $415,000.00 is from the regular general fund.

General Fund Committed Reserves: Decrease of $174,116.00
Self-Supportive Reserves: Increase of $500,000.00

Reserve for Contingency: $ 497,934.00 Increase of $247,507.00

Pages 43-46: VIRGINIA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND THE COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES: This was discussed in the revenue side of the budget.

Pages 47-54: School Budget (This was addressed at the beginning of the work session, but is open for any additional discussions you wish to have)

PAGE 55: Debt Service: The total Debt Service payments due will be $3,483,962.00. Decrease of $6,615.00. This was discussed earlier in the transfer fund.
PAGE 54: SEWER FUND: OPERATIONAL EXPENSES: $152,580.00. $1,200.00 increase mostly due to health insurance.

PAGE 55: SEWER FUND DEBT SERVICE PLUS DEBT RESERVE: $266,381.00. $49,500.00 increase due to the full sewer loan payment now being due.

PAGE 56: WATER FUND: OPERATIONAL EXPENSES: $775,843.00. $6,071.00 decrease due to employee change of health insurance coverage.

PAGE 57: Transfer to General Fund: $150,000.00 Increase of $25,000.00 due to increased property insurance and use of county personnel and services.

Page 58: WATER FUND DEBT SERVICE: $345,631.00. Unchanged

PAGE 59: WATER FUND RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCY: $109,062.00. Decrease of $68,929.00 mostly due to transfer of additional funding to the general fund.

Bryan: Becky, question. EPA money?

Carter: EPA money will be spent out of this year.

Bryan: Do we have it budgeted or set aside?

Carter: We do not have it budgeted. We didn’t know we were going to have it. We have reserves that you haven’t spent to take it out of.

Bryan: We are going to have to set it aside if nothing else because before we start hacking and borrowing money from this year’s budget to next year, we need to consider that as well. That money is spent we just haven’t written the check.

Dunnivant: That’s a good investment to get that thing off of us too.

Bryan: Absolutely.

Carter: You have several reserves you haven’t used this year. We will be able to pull that out of there. We’d like the public to know that we had a $5 million price tag over our head for Love Landfill and the County Attorney has negotiated with EPA and brought it down to $180,000.
That could have been a very serious problem for us. That was just from them down there running tests. That’s not to remediate anything. There were down there testing and we were on the clock and didn’t know it.

**Dunnavant:** Mrs. Carter, I have a question for you. Page 42 item, reserve for fire and rescue training. Is that on top of what we’ve given them in operating budget?

**Carter:** It’s for fire and rescue training. They haven’t used it for a couple years. Quarterly yall have meetings and it might be used for different things. It’s for training.

**Dunnavant:** If that money is there, we have the fire department a big chunk last year, $200,000 in one pop, this $40,000 can we put that towards the rescue squad for some of the vehicle woes. I think that’s there big problem is vehicles. We’ve got the same agencies, fire department and rescue squad but three listings. Can we combine them into just two?

**Carter:** Karl, what mainly is that money used for?

**K. Carter:** Training. We use it to buy training DVD’s. A few years ago the rescue squad used it to buy a training dummy.

**Dunnavant:** I’m looking at line items, we have 2 agencies and 3 line items.

**K. Carter:** In the past we had to have training for good standing so we didn’t want to put it in their budget so we made it separate. Again, it’s not something they can spend without your permission.

**Matthews:** Is there any stipulation that it can’t be used for anything under the sun?

**K. Carter:** Unless you guys change it. Right now it’s only used for training. They can’t come to us and say I want to buy a new sign. It’s got to be for training.

**Bryan:** If we take half of that money and allocate it elsewhere. How much have you spent over the last couple years?

**Dunnavant:** If they are not using it…

**K. Carter:** It’s been for DVD’s so its small amounts.

**Bryan:** It’s nothing over $5,000. Even the CPR dummies?

**K. Carter:** What we’ve done in the past is kind of had $20,000 for rescue squad and $20,000 for fire departments.
**Dunnavant:** My thought on it if it’s just sitting there, its rolling over in the budget and rolling over and not being spent. They’ve got a need. They’ve got a big request in. It’s a place to get some relief for both of us. The bottom line on us and the money they are requesting.

**Matthews:** Mrs. Dunkum, do you have the quotations for the engines and stuff tonight?

**Dunkum:** No. I talked to our vehicle lieutenant and we know there is Unit 17 but without taking it down there, they won’t give us anything. What we experience when we take it down there, we think its one problem and it turns into three problems.

**Allen:** You wanted to say something about the training, Chris, go ahead.

**Chris Davis:** Those funds, we have used those funds in the last couple years. We’ve used those funds to pay instructors and so forth when the state funding does not cover the cost of the training itself. Firefighter I Class if I’m not mistaken that was somewhere in the neighborhood of $10-11,000 for the entire class. So again, on those years when we don’t have state funded classes we will be requesting that money to be used. There is a minimum attendance level that the state requires in order to pick up the tab for the class for some reason if it falls below 12 people in the class, the state will no longer fund it. So in order to proceed and continue the class even if we are half way through, we would have to pick up that tab.

**Matthews:** Is that countywide? Is that all the volunteer fire departments or just for Arvonia?

**Davis:** It’s countywide.

**Matthews:** So you try to get enough to make every department to get that number you need. Is that what you are saying?

**Davis:** Yes, we try to get the numbers we need. But there has been time the state doesn’t either have the amount of money to appropriate for that class or the attendance level starts out at 14 or 15 but ½ way through the class it may drop down to 10 and at that point the state is going to ask you to pick up the tab.

**Bryan:** If I’m hearing you correctly, instead of taking it all you want to leave about 10,000 in there.

**Davis:** If there is $40,000 for fire and rescue, if you could at least leave ½ of that I think that would be sufficient. In years that we don’t use it, we ask Karl to roll it back into for the purpose of next year. It goes back in your general fund.

**Carter:** Yes, it does.

**Matthews:** Mrs. Dunkum, I thought it was 4 vehicles in question as far as repairs.
**Dunkum:** It’s two. I wouldn’t let them send out our first response vehicle, 291. We just got back 20 and I don’t have a bill on that. I did send out one, and 17 needs to go out and I have the first response vehicle that needs something. I don’t know all the mechanics. It has something to do with when you put it in 4 wheel drive and trying to tow or push somebody it won’t engage. It’s just two.

**Matthews:** Where do you have to take it to? I’m just curious.

**Dunkum:** We have to send our ambulances to Goodman which is in Amelia. We have used a group called Piedmont. They took forever. They took 6-8 weeks.

**Matthews:** Do you think we will be able to get an idea on the costs?

**Dunkum:** I’ll do my best. We can call Goodman to see if they can get us an estimate, but the problem is if it’s not that turbo that’s gone, I’ll do the best I can.

**Matthews:** Do they put it on some kind of diagnostic machine? Is that how they find out what it is?

**Dunkum:** Well, I don’t know.

**Matthews:** I was just curious. I would think we could take it to any type of dealership and find out what’s wrong with it and proceed from there.

**Dunnavant:** If it’s more than 2005 or 06, they are all computer controlled. If it’s an international which I think it is because that’s what the deal with Goodman is, they’ve got software for it.

**Dunkum:** Unit 17 is a 2011 Ford F450.

**Dunnavant:** I’m pretty certain its going to have a dealer authorized computer system on it to read the codes.

**Matthews:** Gilliam Motors should be able to tell you what the code is.

**Bryan:** I’ve seen ambulances up there.

**Dunnavant:** If it’s an International, it depends on who made the chassis.

**Dunkum:** It’s a Ford.

**Dunnavant:** It’s a Ford, the Gilliam should be able to read it then just to tell you what’s wrong with it.
**Chambers:** What you’ve got to understand, it might be a Ford but have an International in it. The company just builds the cab. All the transmission and motors aren’t the same.

**Dunnavant:** We are trying to help you.

**Carter:** If I could make a comment about the rescue squad. Lisa and I have been talking for a good while. In her behalf of them just coming now, they’ve worked really hard to try to make due. I’ve looked at their budget, they have reduced about anything they can reduce. She might not want me to say this, but I think they would be lucky if they make it through this fiscal year. I know this is a large request, yall haven’t had to give the squad any extra money for a long time and some board members have made a few suggestions that perhaps it would be a good idea to either appoint a committee and the board meet with, not just Lisa, because we are asking Lisa a lot of questions I wouldn’t know the answers to about mechanics but meet with them and make an appropriation and see where you can try to go next year. But sit down with them now, and see if we can help them get online with their vehicles and maybe meet with them now and not make this a part of the new budget. Maybe we can get things online where you won’t need to. I don’t know.

**Matthews:** Have you seen an increase in calls Mrs. Dunkum?

**Dunkum:** Calls have increased. I have some of those numbers, I was going to tell you about that. We had a change in computer systems from the state back in 2016 so with that we are not able to extract all the data from there. The data we could extract from October to December, so I got October 2016 to December 2017, that’s not the issue. I called our billing company this week, because we had 3 denials and I couldn’t figure out why we had a denial from insurance. Well, it turns out…we can take 5000 people but if their insurance denies payment, then we are not able to get a dime out of it unless we go after the patient. At this time, the rescue squad soft bills which means they don’t go after. However when I called it was Virginia Premier Complete Care and the patient does not have ambulance service. That’s what the problem is. That total is $3,465. That’s what we billed the insurance. That’s not what it costs us. But that’s vehicle and paid service or whoever is taking the call. You just add that up, that’s a call we have to wipe off the books. There is nothing we can do about that.

**Mathews:** Let me ask you a question. Virginia Premier is connected to Medicaid and Medicare somehow. Can you bill Medicaid or Medicare? I’m just curious.

**Dunkum:** I asked that when I called. Because it’s a type of Medicaid it depends on…like health keepers, I did find out when you have all kinds of…we go to universities, prison and people coming from other counties coming to say McDonalds and we take them, if they have certain kinds of insurances like that it’s up to them. For somebody coming in to McDonalds or something, we won’t get anything because it’s soft bill.

**Matthews:** I was just curious. I know they work together on some things for people that have that Virginia Premier. I didn’t know what the separation point will be.
**Dunkum:** I know there are two or three levels of that. It’s unbelievable. I don’t understand how people can have insurance and not have full service. Go to the doctor and medicine and that’s it. That’s not where medical care stops.

**Allen:** So they refuse to pay for the ride itself.

**Dunkum:** It was a 0 payment and the reason was they do not have ridership under their coverage. Like Medicare A and B. If you only have Medicare A you don’t have hospital coverage. It depends on what is covered.

**Allen:** I wonder if you could charge them for bandages and IV’s for like Medical care that you took during the ride? I don’t know I’m just thinking out loud.

**Dunkum:** It’s frustrating for everybody. It’s frustrating for anybody that has insurance especially anybody that has a job or not. Unfortunately we are obligated by the State and EMS. We had a few individuals (inaudible). We tried to call Social Services because we know that they were not getting narcotics from their provider because the DEA has changed that so they cannot prescribe as many narcotics. Now they know they can go to the ER and the ER can prescribe those medications. We had one that would not get on the stretcher because she knew the insurance would not pay so she wanted to sit in the captain’s chair.

**Dunnavant:** But you are also running calls and carrying inmates around too aren’t you?

**Dunkum:** Yes, sir.

**Dunnavant:** Do you want to expand on that a little bit so Mrs. Carter can add to the hit list for Peake? Why is our volunteer rescue squad hauling inmates?

**Carter:** We used to be able to take our calls to the rescue squad and we had a formula and the state gave us money for that. We got it for prison, both prisons.

**Matthews:** How did they used to transport patients to the hospital? I thought there was a unit, I knew a guy that worked there and sat at the hospital as a guard, how did they get those guys from the facility?

**Bryan:** Like MCV.

**Dunnavant:** I don’t know but I don’t think our volunteer rescue squad should be required to transport inmates for the state. If you could expand on it Mrs. Dunkum.

**Dunkum:** If we get a call to the prison, like Buckingham or Dillwyn, before we can actually make patient contact, we are shook down and we have to initially give up our phones and everything. If we have an emergency and need to communicate, we don’t have anything. Your driver’s license and everything. Once you make patient contact, this is 20 minutes later, you could have run another call almost by that time because you are tied up at the prison. You go
down there and 9 times out of 10 that call is going to be for an overdose. The majority of the
time is heroin or something like that. How is that getting in there?

**Dunnavant**: My suggestion, and I don’t think we have the authority to do it but try it and see if
they push back on us, I don’t think our volunteer rescue squad should carry inmates. An officer
or employee down there needs to be gotten, by all means get them, but as far as carrying the
inmates, a ward of the State, no indeed.

**Carter**: I think you have to do it.

**Matthews**: That’s not a life threatening situation is it? Overdose?

**Dunkum**: Unfortunately, anyone in Buckingham County that calls 911, whether life threatening
emergency or if it’s an emergency or not, like the guy who needed a cigarette, we have to take it.
If the patient says you have to take them to the hospital, whether it’s nicotine or a toenail that’s
been broken off or whatever, we are obligated to take them by State law.

**Dunnavant**: It just seems like the prison transportation can be remedied or should be remedied.

**Dunkum**: Believe it or not, there are people on there that are unsafe, #1. They are in shackles.
When we start IV’s on them you have to release some of that stuff, when they are coming out of
it, coming off the Spices and stuff like that, we have to have a guard in the back with us in
addition to a guard in the front and they have no weapons. The weapons are in the van coming
behind us. If they come off that stuff, they could kill us all in the back. It’s very unsafe.

**Dunnavant**: The reason I brought it up is because I didn’t know how many folks knew about it.
I didn’t know until we spoke of it.

**Carter**: We used to get reimbursed for law enforcement and fire and rescue. About $160,000 a
year but they cut it out. Payment in Lieu of taxes.

**Matthews**: Is that a nurse diagnosing that particular patient?

**Dunkum**: Whoever is there.

**Dunnavant**: The issue is, I don’t know how yall feel about it but I don’t think our volunteer
rescue squad should be taking Wards of the State, they are state property. They are not citizens.

**Carter**: It’s in as a bill to get the reimbursement again but I don’t think it’s gone anywhere.

**Matthews**: How many calls do you get a month there, roughly?

**Dunkum**: To the prison, at least a call a week if not more than that. Back when the spice first
hit, I don’t know if you heard about it in the news or whatever, I know we had 15 calls a week.
Narcan doesn’t reverse bath salts and spice because they are not actually drugs.
Carter: Do you have to buy the Narcan?

Dunkum: Yes.

Dunnavant: It would be a fair situation if the state reimburse us. Similar to the way it was when we had the federal detainees in the jail. When we had the federal detainees in the jail it didn’t cost us anything to keep Buckingham people in the jail. Now we don’t have the federal detainees in the jail, the fail is costing us $500,000 a year. One aspect you know if the state paid more than it cost for the rescue squad to run to the prison then we wouldn’t mind because it would help subsidize the rest of it. I think it’s a topic that needs discussion further than just right here.

Jones: Where would the first be to go check into that? The Attorney General? Would he be the person?

Bryant: I’d start at the prison. Start at the bottom and go to the top. Warden would be the first one I’d talk to.

Allen: That is something we can’t handle tonight. How do you want to handle this tonight? Go down the pages one by one?

Bryan: Go down through the expenditures.

Carter: I think we should look at the ones you wanted to do something with. Anything you brought up with question.

Bryan: Let’s go down the list. That way we stay in order.

Allen: Anybody got any problem with 1-15 on page 6?

Dunnavant: I don’t.

Allen: On the first page, do you have anything you want to look at, talk about, or do you like everything you see on that page?

No objections. Page 7 Law Enforcement. That’s $120,000 increase. Yall want to talk about that?

Dunnavant: I think we have to talk about that because that’s in the 48% over. I don’t know what percentage to put on it. Mr. Kidd is having retention problems with his deputies and other agencies trying to steal them. I’m in favor of an increase to be used for raises and retention incentives.

Bryan: That pretty much eats his entire budget up.
Carter: He’s asking for a new position.

Dunnavant: He’s asking for new positions also.

Bryan: That was due to…

Carter: It’s one deputy went back on the road, one of the investigators.

Bryan: So now he’s down an investigator.

Carter: He’s down an investigator but I guess he’s up a deputy.

Dunnavant: I’m not proposing an amount. I’m just making a statement. I’m not advocating for a new position but advocating some money to spread out amongst the ranking ones that he has. So he can say I appreciate yall.

Matthews: Is he going to revamp the starting salary?

Dunnavant: He already revamped the starting salary with the monies we gave him last year.

Carter: He’s given yall a list of everyone.

Dunnavant: If you look at the next page in the book he’s got a list of where the money goes listed.

Matthews: If we got everybody up to speed last year, I don’t get the deal?

Dunnavant: He’s still losing employees to State Police and other agencies.

Matthews: What did we give him last year, $40,000?

Carter: $30,000.

Matthews: $30,000. What do you have to do to get them up to speed?

Carter: To get him up to speed he’s asking for $70,563.

Bryan: I don’t see anything in his request where he’s adding a new position.

Chambers: I saw something. I think it was in the packet Monday night. $50,000.

Dunnavant: I think we need to do something but $120,000 is more than we got.

Chambers: She said $70,000 will get him up to speed.
Matthews: There’s a car involved in there somewhere.

Dunnavant: Equipment, he’s got $5826 to keep his vehicle rotation going.

Allen: This one says $85,683.

Carter: That was before…he sent this letter in before I started playing with the numbers and found out that they had miscalculated the state numbers.

Allen: So the $85,000 can go back to $70,000?

Carter: $70,000 for just pay increases.

Dunnavant: If we gave them $50,000 tonight, that would be a pretty good shot in the arm to help him out.

Carter: The list I gave you previously listing all the salaries.

Bryan: But that’s not what he said Monday night.

Dunnavant: There are 3 or 4 deputy positions down there in recent years that are not compensated by the State Compensation Board. They are above the requirement.

Chambers: Above the requirement?

Dunnavant: For the number of citizens in the county.

Carter: They started being on call 24/7.

Chambers: Why can’t we give him $75,000?

Carter: The number we calculated without the $50,000 for position was $70,563.

Bryan: Does that include the money that he’s requested for vehicle?

Carter: Everything else.

Dunnavant: That’s probably doable.

Chambers: Is that going to cut them too close?

Carter: $70,563.

Chambers: I think $100,000 will help him.
Dunnavant: We don’t have but 400 to divvy up tonight.

Bryan: 85?

Chambers: Let’s go 85 then. I’ll go with that. He’s got to have enough money to operate. You just said he’s losing employees to the State and he’s got to have deputies. Does everybody agree to $85,000?

Carter: It would probably be best, this is to advertise for public hearing. We need to put all these things in the advertisement. If you all would…

Allen: We’d rather go high than low because if you go to low you will have to advertise and do another.

Carter: After the public hearing, you have to wait seven days to approve the budget and tax rate. Any changes to the advertised budget, you can take it as low as you want, but if you increase it more than $500,000 you have to have another hearing. Because we are on twice a year tax billing we need to have an advertised budget by April 30th. We have to go through the advertising requirements of the law time frame to advertise. That’s why we scheduled our next meeting for April 16th so we can meet the deadline. Anything you want to change that’s not in this budget, you need to make those changes. It takes a majority to do that.

Chambers: The consensus of the Board, is that what you are saying?

Bryan: We can make one motion at the end and come to a consensus.

Allen: What’s the consensus on law enforcement?

Chambers: $85,000.

Carter: $85,000 would be for…

Bryan: Everything.

Carter: He’s asking for $70,563 for pay increases so you are just going to give him some extra?

Bryan: You said the $70,563 covers the…

Carter: Everything except the new position.

Matthews: I say the $70,563.

Dunnavant: I’m for giving him the raises just not to fill the positions. I think Mrs. Carter said that’s $75,000 figure, right?
Carter: $70,563 gives them everything he’s asked for except the one new position. You might want to tell him you will see how that works out.

Dunnavant: I’m for giving him the revenue to retain his employees to compete with other localities but I’m not interested right now for giving him a position.

Chambers: So what are we saying here?

Carter: The number you have in there is $185,000. We recalculated because they made a mistake in the state revenue that they gave me. I looked at it and thought something is wrong with this.

Dunnavant: These figures we have here are based on his mistaken figures.

Carter: If you give him $120,563, you are giving him everything he’s asked for.

Bryan: That includes the new position.

Dunnavant: I’m saying give him everything he’s asking for except the new position.

Carter: Then that is $70,563.

Matthews: I make that a motion. $70,563.

Dunnavant: Second.

Chambers: I thought we were going to wait until the end.

Allen: Right now we just want to agree. Does everyone like the $70,563? Do you want to vote on each one?

Carter: I think there are some difference of opinions and when you get to the end…

Bryan: Everything he wants and increase his deputies is $70,563. Then $50,000 for investigator position. He’s going to have to find that elsewhere.

Allen: Motion made and second that we give $70,563.

*Supervisor Matthews moved, Supervisor Dunnavant seconded to put an additional $70,563 in the Sheriff’s Department budget for FY18-19. This motion passed with a 6-1 vote. Supervisor Bryant voting in opposition.*
Allen: Let’s go to the next one. Page 17-28

Dunnavant: I don’t have any objections on 17-28 Mr. Chairman.

Bryan: We have a question about #19.

Dunnavant: Oh, yes. Rescue Squad #19.

Bryan: They are requesting $165,000. I sounds like vehicle maintenance is the issue.

Allen: They are asking for $165,000. What do you want to do? You like it, don’t like it. We’ve got to keep the rescue squad going.

Bryan: How about $60,000 and we line item it for vehicle maintenance only?

Allen: Is that going to help them where they need the help at?

Bryan: That’s why they are coming to the Board for vehicle maintenance. That’s what’s driving it up.

Carter: It’s for overall assistance, not just for vehicle maintenance.

Dunnavant: If we give it to them, I think they are handling it responsibly now.

Chambers: She said they’ve spent $30,000 already. They are not going to have much left.

Carter: It seems like there is a lot more that you need to know about this and it’s not fair for Lisa to ask her all these questions. I suggest you have the finance committee or the Board meet with her and another officer and go down through everything and maybe make a onetime appropriation now and next year you will see what they need as far as vehicles. You may want to do a capital improvement of so much a year toward a vehicle.

Dunnavant: Do we want to agree with the base funding request of $196,200 plus what we come up with from the committee?

Carter: If we come up with a onetime to help out right now, it wouldn’t have to be in this budget. It could be out of this years. You can decide…

Bryan: I’d say let the finance committee…

Carter: You can do a one time out of some of these reserves you haven’t used in this fiscal year. We don’t have but a couple more months in this fiscal year.

Allen: We still have the library money.
Bryan: That’s what she’s talking about so if the finance committee gets with the rescue squad and find out what they need, then we can do a donation out of this year’s budget instead of such a huge request.

Allen: It’s needs to be done shortly. It’s not something we can fool around with.

Bryan: I’d say leave it at $196,200 and let the finance committee meet.

Allen: If we do a one time we can do it anytime. Anything else on that page?

Jones: I think we need to address the Animal Control. I read the report several times and I’ve got to believe and I asked Mr. Shumaker this and he didn’t really answer, but I believe the lady that inspects our facilities, I think she has a little problem with us. She wants us to have the same kind of facilities that they’ve got in the City of Richmond. We can’t get that. I would let it ride for the time being, but I think when this budget session is over with we need to go to somebody up top over top of these people that do the inspection and see what we can work out to help. Different ones want different things. None the less.

Carter: This budget doesn’t have anything for those things.

Dunnavant: But we do have $100,000 capital set aside for when that day comes.

Carter: There are some things we need to do to improve. We don’t have the space.

Allen: Probably need to add on to the building. Anything else on page 8? Page 9?

Bryan: On #29, you said $7094 increase so $121,179 is what you are recommending?

Carter: Yes, sir.

Bryan: I’m good with that.

Allen: So we’ve got 1-28 on here. Let’s start with Piedmont Senior Resources. There is question about the extra $6,943.

Jones: I think we need to knock that out.

Carter: They want an increase of $6,943.

Matthews: Just round it out to $11,000 or $10,000. I don’t think she’s going to squirm or cry if we don’t give her the full amount.

Dunnavant: I would agree to $10,000. They do a good service.
Bryan: They will get the $5,000 from Meals on Wheels. Why don’t we give them the Meals on Wheels money and make it $11,000.

Dunnavant: I won’t argue against that one.

Bryan: So instead of giving them an increase to $6943, we will give them an increase of $5,000.

Allen: Is that your motion?

Bryan: That’s my motion.

Allen: All for giving $5,000 to Piedmont Senior Resources.

Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to give Piedmont Senior Resources an extra $5,000 that used to go to Meals on Wheels.

Dunnavant: Virginia Retreat. I think we decided against that one earlier didn’t we. So that’s $4500 we can apply somewhere else. I move we take away the $4500 to Virginia Retreat.

Bryan: I second.

Allen: Motion made and seconded to remove the Virginia Retreat.

Supervisor Dunnavant moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to remove the $4,500 to Virginia Retreat from the FY18-19 Budget.

Allen: The next one I’ve got marked is #11. I’d like to add at least $500 to it since we just removed $4500. That’s to the Christian Outreach in Arvonia.

Bryan: Didn’t we just increase that last year?

Allen: We started it last year. Last year was the first time.

Dunnavant: But they are only asking for level money.

Allen: That’s because she didn’t know to ask for more. She talked to me about it and I told her I’d try to get her a little more.

Matthews: What do they do up there?

Allen: They help a lot of people. I don’t have the letter on it now, but they gave us a letter one time before. They help people that have had fires and burn and give them furniture and clothing. Help people with electricity bills.
**Bryan:** Mr. Chairman, I say we increase Christian Outreach to $3000.

**Chambers:** Second.

**Allen:** A motion and a second to increase to $3,000.

*Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to increase the appropriation to Christian Outreach to $3000 for FY18-19.*

**Allen:** Next one I have is Jaunt.

**Dunnavant:** Are we going to continue to fund Hatton’s Ferry?

**Bryan:** Next one is #16. I have a question about that. The other night, a question was, they said something about 10 people ride the 2nd route, is the 2nd route cost effective?

**K. Carter:** Yes, because you are talking about 5-7 days a week.

**Bryan:** Couldn’t the people meet them at Dillwyn, cut out one route and save money?

**K. Carter:** What do you mean, meet in Dillwyn?

**Bryan:** Right now they currently operate out of Dillwyn and Duck’s Corner.

**K. Carter:** They stop at several places, they stop at Midway Market as well.

**Bryan:** Midway is on the way to Charlottesville so it’s not like they are going out of their way.

**K. Carter:** That’s another thing, it’s not as simple as cutting out or increase their fares because they have a formula so if you increase the fares they will get less federal and state money. So it’s a balance in the formula. So it’s not you cut this and they can increase their fares to make up for it.

**Dunnavant:** They have what 56 people that ride.

**Bryan:** My second question is what is the percentage for the total people that ride versus the amount of people in the county. Bang for the buck.

**Dunnavant:** It’s meniscal. We are in the boat with them, we got it started so we are not going to pull the rug out from under them. But I’m not going to give them any more. That’s me.

**Allen:** Somebody make a motion on what you want to do.

**Bryan:** Does anyone want to increase Jaunt?
**Dunnavant:** I move that we fund them at level funding level.

**Bryant:** I’ll second it.

**Allen:** We have a motion made and a second to keep Jaunt at the $28,740.

*Supervisor Dunnavant moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to keep Jaunt at level funding.*

**Allen:** Somebody said something about Hatton Ferry, #20.

**Dunnavant:** I’d like to take Hatton’s Ferry money and put it somewhere that will work rather than have it for a toy. There was a copy of the 50 years ago Farmville Herald where this Board said Operation of Hatton’s Ferry to costly for Buckingham Board says. We have a new bridge over James River at Rt. 20. So I don’t think there is any financial, economical other than a hobby toy, yet you are funding that thing.

**Chambers:** That was 50 years ago. You can’t compare 50 years ago.

**Dunnavant:** They didn’t need it 50 years ago and they don’t need it today. That’s my take on that one.

**Chambers:** You’d be surprised at the people that use that thing in the summer months.

**Dunnavant:** What benefit do we get from it?

**Chambers:** People that come down there to use spend money in the county.

**Dunnavant:** Do they or do they give it to the tour company in Albermarle on the other side of the river.

**Allen:** Alright, let’s make a motion on what you want to do. It’s already past 9:00.

**Chambers:** I make a motion that we stay in.

**Bryant:** I second it.

**Allen:** Motion made and seconded that we give Hatton’s Ferry the $2,000.

*Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded to continue funding Hatton Ferry the $2,000. This motion passed with a 6-1 vote. Supervisor Dunnavant opposing.*

**Allen:** Longwood Small Business is the next one I heard.

**Bryan:** We are good with that.

Bryan: No.

Allen: No what?

Bryan: No funding. I make a motion that we withdraw the funding for Pregnancy Support Center.

Carter: I don’t have that in there.

Bryan: You had recommended a decrease of $5,000.

Allen: So you don’t need a motion.

Carter: No, I don’t need a motion. Supervisor Matthews, you had comments.

Matthews: I said all I needed to say while ago. We need it in other places, so we can put the $5,000 to good use somewhere else. If they come back next year, maybe we can help them out.

Dunnavant: We are not saving it because it’s not spent. Mrs. Carter didn’t have it added in.

Carter: We are giving it to them this year. But based on what they sent in about not getting funding from anyone else and only serving two people, I thought you might want to consider where you would want to put that $5,000.

Allen: Triad, that was a question.

Bryan: That’s good.

Allen: Foothills Child Advocacy Center. I talked to Social Services and they were very adamant that they wanted them because they go to court and when they go to court…

Bryan: So was Mr. Wright. We have $4,000 left over from Virginia Retreat.

Matthews: We asked them to go to CRC and look at getting a grant. Until they do that.

Dunnavant: Something happened with them because they were being funded by grants and evidently grant money has run out. Either the funding agency or the entity that was granting them money didn’t see value in them or something changed. They were previously grant funded and now they are coming to us to pick them up. They must have failed somewhere.

Allen: All I know is Social Services says when they go to court, these people help out a whole lot.
Bryan: Mr. Wright speaks highly of them too.

Allen: What I see, they are helping children out a whole lot.

Dunnavant: If they help social services, can’t social services take it out of their budget?

Allen: No, that will put them under them and they will not be able to do the investigations they do.

Bryan: That’s what she said during her presentation.

Dunnavant: Well, its better money spent than on Virginia Retreat. I won’t fight you on that.

Bryan: I’d say give the $4,000 left from Virginia Retreat to Foothill Children’s Advocacy Center. That’s my motion.

Chambers: I second it.

Allen: Motion and a second to give the Foothills Children Advocacy Center the $4,000.

*Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to fund the Foothills Children Advocacy Center $4,000 for the FY18-19 budget.*

Allen: What’s next?

Dunnavant: Southeast Rural Community Assistance Fund. I’ve never heard of them folks.

Allen: That’s not in there so you don’t have to worry about that.

Carter: Do you want to know where you stand right now? What you’ve added and taken away, you are at $75,563 added.

Bryan: That’s it. We still got the library and…

Allen: Ok, we are rolling. I said go home at 9:00 but I guess we are still rolling. I think we are down to library unless anybody has any objections.

Dunnavant: I say give them a teaspoon full of money to bring their current staff cost of living raise but not fund the IT position. I think we have enough…come over here and look at the big page.

Bryan: They are asking $5100 for front line salary adjustments.
Carter: Just to throw my 2¢ in, what Jamie has saved us when we built this building with him as IT manager, we saved $80,000 some technology stuff. They had it in the budget to pay somebody else and we did it in-house. I just want to throw that out there with the new building coming online.

Allen: With the new building, I think it would be a good thing.

Dunnavant: But we don’t know when the building is coming.

Allen: He’ll be here and ready to go.

Dunnavant: They don’t have enough IT yet to justify the position I don’t think. We might be 3 years if we approve the library next week it might be 3 years before they move in there. Where are we Mr. Chairman?

Allen: Nobody’s made a motion. We aren’t nowhere. Page 34. Requesting $23,100.

Dunnavant: Mrs. Carter, you had the figure for the current employees. What is that figure? $5,000

Bryan: $5,100. Did you hear what Becky was talking about with what Jamie saved us? Because Jamie was onboard when we built this building, he saved us over $80,000. We are going to be building or renovating a new library.

Dunnavant: But when?

Bryan: Let’s say it starts in February. Ok. That’s in the fiscal year we can’t go back and suddenly say oh yeah, we are going to give you the money for this position but if we allocate that position he’s already onboard.

Dunnavant: I don’t think we…we are going to be well over a year before they occupy that building.

Bryan: I’m not saying occupy. I’m saying during the renovation stage, Morgan. When they start stringing wire this guy needs to be onboard.

Jones: I make a motion that we give the request of $23,100 to them.

Bryan: I second it.

Allen: Motion made and second to give the $23,100 to Buckingham County Library.

Supervisor Jones moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded to increase the Buckingham County Library’s appropriation by $23,100. This motion passed with a 5-2 vote. Supervisors Dunnavant and Matthews opposing.
Allen: Anybody have anything else, extension service, anything? Alright, next page. On 42 you have more items down there. There was question about the fire and rescue training.

Bryant: Change that to $20,000 ain’t it.

Bryan: You said you think it would be fine with $20,000, Chris?

Davis: My opinion.

Bryan: I make a motion to lower it to $20,000 from $40,000.

Allen: Motion made and seconded to change the reserve for fire and rescue training from $40,000 to $20,000.

**Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to reduce the Reserve-Fire and Rescue Training from $40,000 to $20,000.**

Bryan: That will cover the library position.

Chambers: When the finance committee meet for the rescue squad, will they meet with the fire chiefs also?

Allen: I don’t have a problem with it.

Bryan: That way we know what departments are getting what.

Matthews: The fire department are getting $200,000.

Bryan: Which departments are getting what? Whose getting it though? That’s what they been doing?

Davis: Not the fire training money.

Bryan: I don’t care about the fire training. I’m talking about the $200,000. How is that spent?

Davis: Each one of the departments, Arvonia, Glenmore and Toga each receive (couldn’t hear with someone talking over him). Dillwyn, I’m not sure what Dillwyn gets.

Jones: The $200,000 that was allocated last year, each of them get $50,000 added.

Bryan: We’ve got to finish this thing. Go ahead.

Allen: Page 11, under #42, we took care of #1. Anything else in there we need to do?

Dunnavant: Except for items 47-54. Everything except 47-54.
Carter: Schools are where we are now. You’ve brought the balance from $497,934 down to $407,289. That is your reserve for contingency for the year. I’ve got to commend you for what you’ve done tonight.

Allen: What would it be for a 2% increase? Right now you have $431,340.

Oliver: $286,337.

Snead: 2% plus step for all contracted employees, $286,337.

Allen: If you look at the page in the beginning it would be $900,000 some. They took the $287,584 off and brought it down to $637,551.

Carter: So you are saying the county is going to give you…

Allen: 282,548.

Chambers: Say what?

Carter: That’s not the pay increase.

Bryan: If they take the less state money…

Carter: I see what you are saying Danny, total amount is $900,000 some.

Allen: They only want the 600,000 because they took the $287,000 off. So anything you figure below the 287,000 you’ve got to take that 287 back off.

Jones: You are taking one bus off of it right?

Allen: Yes, if you take one bus off, take it back to 2% and step increase, give them the $25,000; $100,000 and the $68,000 you still giving them $282,000. If you like that great if not we will work on something else.

Jones: It’s a mistake to take that bus away.

Allen: That will give them 3 buses this year.

Jones: No they are only asking for two.

Allen: They already go two in there and we are giving them two more.

Bryan: We are giving them one more.

Allen: We were giving them two in the budget and now cut back to one.
Bryan: Becky, you said we have $407,000 right? Is that minus the sheriff’s money?

Carter: Yes, that’s giving the sheriff’s number. I was actually presenting that wrong. I thought you were asking the county for $637,000.

Oliver: We are. (inaudible)

Carter: So the only thing we won’t be funding is the one bus, two officers, 1%.

Chambers: What is that figure?

Allen: 282,000 extra.

Chambers: I can go along with that.

Allen: That’s what I come up with.

Carter: You are cutting their request $300,000 some. One bus, officers, and 1%.

Bryan: 183,795?

Allen: 282,548. They have it prioritized.

Matthews: What was the reduction in Virginia Retirement this year?

Oliver: (speaking from audience, did not pick up on recording)

Matthews: I don’t like $100,000 for health insurance. I don’t like that.

Allen: Do you see what I’m saying? If you like it or don’t like it.

Bryan: If we fund the teacher, special Ed transportation, one bus its $183,795. It still leaves us $200,000 roughly in our reserve, Becky?

Chambers: So you are saying $183,000?

Allen: He’s taking the $100,000 off for the health insurance.

Bryan: We can’t cut our own throat.

Allen: I didn’t think we were.

Bryan: We only have $400,000 left in the entire budget of money and we have to have some contingency money.
Allen: You’ve got $5 million as far as I’m concerned.

Bryan: $5 million is based on our Triple A Bond rating. You have to have that money in the bank because it’s 10% of your budget.

Dunnavant: If we don’t have that than anything else we want to do is going to cost us more to get done.

Bryan: Right.

Allen: Like a loan.

Dunnavant: We have loans coming out everywhere.

Bryan: We still want to renovate and do Sprouse’s Corner.

Dunnavant: Do the sewer line up to there. We have to prioritize.

Bryan: My recommendation is to fund the 6th grade teacher, I share in that pain. The Special Ed Transportation, I share the pain for that. The bus, I would like to see one bus added and that will be put under our special line item under buses. Breakdown for one bus would be $90,000. For a total it looks like for $183,795. If the school wants to take the $287,584 and fund the 2% pay raise, that’s up to them. But that’s my recommendation right now. Just fund the 6th grade teacher, the Special Ed vehicle and one bus.

Chambers: $183,795.

Bryan: Right. That will still leave the county enough contingency money, a little over $200,000. Take out the health insurance basically is what you are taking out.

Allen: Take that $100,000 out.

Bryan: 183,795 is what I came up with. 68,795 for the teacher, 25,000 for the special Ed vehicle and 90,000 for the bus.

Allen: $286,000 for the raises.

Bryan: That’s up to the school to use the state money.

Allen: I see what you are saying.

Bryan: That still takes care of the county. That’s my motion.
Dunnavant: I second.
Allen: Ok. A motion has been made and seconded that we give an addition of $182,500…

Bryan: 183,795

*Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Dunnavant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to give the schools an additional $183,795 for the FY18-19 budget.*

Bryan: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that we advertise the budget as voted on in tonight’s meeting.

Matthews: Second.

Allen: We have a motion and a second to advertise the budget as is.

*Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to advertise the FY2018-2019 Budget as amended in tonight’s meeting.*

Bryan: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that we advertise the tax rate at:

- Real Estate $0.55
- Public Service Corporation $0.55
- State Corporation Commission Personal Property $4.05
- Personal Property $4.05
- Machinery and Tools $2.90
- Merchant’s Capital $1.00
- Air Craft $0.55

Chambers: Second.

Allen: Motion made and second to leave them as is and advertise that too.

*Supervisor Bryan moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to advertise the tax rates as listed above for the FY2018-2019 budget.*

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Allen declared the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Rebecca S. Carter     Danny R. Allen
County Administrator    Chairman