At a regular monthly meeting of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Peter Francisco Auditorium of the Buckingham County Administration Building, the following members were present: Donald E. Bryan, Vice-Chairman; Robert C. Jones; Don Matthews; E. Morgan Dunnavant; Harry W. Bryant and Joe N. Chambers, Jr. Danny Allen was absent. Also present were Rebecca S. Carter, County Administrator; Karl Carter, Asst. County Administrator; and Rebecca S. Cobb, Zoning Administrator.

**Re: Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Bryan called the meeting to order.

**Re: Establishment of a Quorum**

Vice Chairman Bryan certified there was a quorum. Six of seven members present and the meeting could continue.

**Re: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Re: Announcements**

There were none.

**Re: Approval of Agenda**

*Supervisor Jones moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the agenda for the April 16, 2018 meeting as presented.*

**Re: Approval of Minutes**

*Supervisor Bryant moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the minutes of the March 19 and 21 meetings as presented.*

**Re: Approval of Claims**

*Supervisor Dunnavant moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the claims as presented.*
Re: Public Comments

John Staton, District 4: Mr. Chairman, if yall have any trouble hearing me tonight, I’m a little under the weather. Members of the Board, Mrs. Carter, I ran into a little problem December 12th. My wife was under treatment at Martha Jefferson Hospital for dietary tract. She came down at 1:00 in the morning crying and doubling over in pain. I called the rescue squad. They showed up. They said we are taking her to Farmville. I said no you are not. She’s under treatment at Martha Jefferson, her doctor is there, he needs to know and he needs to continue her treatment. They did help me put her in the car. They were polite. I did ask the gentleman, I said I’m a hematology patient at UVA at the Cancer Center. If I called you in an emergency, would you take me to UVA? He said I’m taking you to Farmville. Here’s the problems with that. You’ve got to go an hour in any medical thing pretty much. The other problem I got is financial. By the time I go to Farmville and they transport me to where ever I go, it’s going to cost me anywhere from $1-8,000 for what should be done. Hematology has a man on staff 24/7. If I went in the emergency room, that would probably be the 2nd person I’d see. The first would be the nurse. That being said, four or five years ago it came to my attention, I was at Pino’s sitting in a booth, three people came in. One was a big guy about 6’3” and between 250-300 pounds and had two women with him. As I was sitting there, I couldn’t help but hear them, their back was to me, and the woman said I’m not going to Charlottesville for anybody. Alright. Ten to fifteen days ago we had another incident at the Doctor’s office in Dillwyn a person was having a mini-stroke. The nurse practitioner there who ranks as a doctor, Chris Hucks, called the rescue squad. The rescue squad didn’t respond. The man’s son-in-law went to the rescue squad building, this is the story told to me, the man was sitting there with his shoes off watching television. They came down through the doctors office and proceeded to debate Chris Hucks because he wanted to take him to the trauma center for stroke at UVA. He was having mini-strokes and wanted to make sure he got somewhere fast. When he left there...

Bryan: Your time is up Mr. Staton.

Marie Flowers, District 3: I’m Marie Flowers, third district. I’ve been driving around looking for trouble. I found some. You may be familiar with the 1st and 2nd Liberty Church. I’ve been trying to track where the pipeline is going. I don’t know if any of you, especially those who are impacted by the pipeline but if you would or anybody go, 1st Liberty is the one at 633, not far from where you live.

Dunnavant: I know where both of them are.

Flowers: 2nd Liberty. It is incredible how close the pipeline is being proposed to go to these churches. But so what right? They could have put the pipeline through the sanctuary. But it’s really disgraceful that they are putting these pipelines so close to the churches. So I’m hoping that you all will have enough concern for your constituents to look around once in a while and see what’s going on. Thank you.

Chambers: Mrs. Flowers, no one from 1st Liberty or 2nd Liberty came and complained about it.
Flowers: What?

Chambers: Nobody from 1st or 2nd Liberty came and complained about it. You said you were looking for trouble.

Flowers: Ok. I don’t think they are happy with it though. Ok. I get your point.

Chambers: Thank you. Glad you got it.

Quinn Robinson, District 4: Good evening. My name is Quinn Robinson. I live in District 4 out in Andersonville. The church that Mrs. Flowers referenced is right next to my field and I’m not comfortable either but I think you understand that. To me it’s the beginning of a disaster and they keep referring to various laws and things like that that don’t really justify it. I don’t know how you can allow for families to be disrupted under the guides of what Mr. Ruby calls just compensation. What about the families, the histories, the farms, forests. It’s endless and you are walking away from some very critical values and also to me a violation of social contract. Those that are elected to represent us are the ones that should defend us. In this case the county is more less been turned into an approving ground or dumping ground, I’m not sure which for Dominion and that’s unfortunate. Concern now to me is if Dominion is not stopped, things are going to decline further and that’s a basic premise, Save Virginia, Stop Dominion. The prospect of having to put up with this for two or three more years is not a good sign for the county going into this. There’s nothing you can do about it now, but there’s going to be consequences for it and that’s unfortunate. It’s going to put a black cloud over the county as far as I’m concerned. And, we are going to be talking about budgets later and I don’t know how you are going to adjust the appraisals for those who have been burdened by the pipeline but I certainly think you can adjust certain campgrounds and other extraordinary departures from the county laws and ordinances to make sure that those people are included under a fair tax program. I hope Dominion will provide you with the names of all those people so they can pay their fair share for using our county and our roads and our resources. Thank you. By the way the fire departments have been told not to respond to a pipeline leak. There is nothing they can do if there is a rupture and potential to explode. It’s out of their hands. They are local fire departments that fight fires not major industrial pipelines. Thank you.

There being no further public comments, Vice Chairman Bryan closed the public comment section.

Re: VDOT Road Matters

Shippee: Good evening. I’ll start off with a big thank you to Kyanite Mining and Blue Rock Resources. They recently had their annual trash pickup and we picked up 390 bags and 27 tires they collected. Huge thank you to those guys. From a maintenance standpoint, we are still doing patching ahead of our surface treatment schedules. We are working on various projects throughout the county. Still working on 633. Got about another ½ mile of trenching to do on that and some plant mix leveling and some other work there. Our rural rustic routes, we are still on track for a late May surface treatment, hard surface on all those. Should be hitting stone work
on 662 hopefully starting tomorrow. That’s a four mile stretch. That will be a long one for us. It’s time for the secondary six year process to occur again. What I’d like to do is work on that and have a public hearing on that at the June meeting. So what I’d like to request from you is by the May meeting to get a list of what your priorities would be so I can evaluate them and then I’ll present them back to you and work on the secondary six year plan. I’ve got a list of the one’s from last year and I’ll leave them with Mrs. Carter. I should have enough copies for everyone. We should have enough money to add about 3 miles. Then we can adjust the priorities however you see fit. Aside from that, any questions or concerns for me?

Matthews: The one’s that didn’t get done last year, when is that process going to start?

Shippee: The one’s currently on the list that will be complete before the fiscal year changes are 662, Midland Road; 653, Logan; 698, Mountain View, a 1.6 mile portion of that; 689, Old Shephards Road; 695, BAH Road; 644 Bridge Road; 624, CATA Road; 731, Alpha Road; 786, Old Jones Road; ¼ mile portion of 617, Copper Mine Road. Everything else on the list is programmed further out. For instance right now if your priorities stay the same, the next four on the list will be 699 Winfrey Inez; 764 Lee Town Road; a 1 mile portion of 630 Red Road; and 737 Warminster Church. Those will be, if the priorities stay the same and we remove the one’s that are complete, those will be the next to advance.

Matthews: When can we look for the first group of roads, before June or what?

Shippee: Yes, we should be…we are trying to get all of those completed around the end of May but should be no later than the end of June.

Dunnavant: The $3 million is more than we’ve had in a while isn’t it?

Shippee: No, I said we had enough to do 3 miles. Yes.

Dunnavant: I do have one comment for you, at other meetings some of the supervisors had concerns about the dead trees beside the road with proximity of reaching the road. In my traveling around looking there are quite a few of them out there. Years back, VDOT was pretty proactive noticing the dead trees and getting in contact with landowners if they were back on private property. Are yall still active in doing that?

Shippee: We still are. Our Roadside Division rides primaries regularly. As far as secondary roads, we rely on maintenance crews to be able to pick out things. We rely on our tree trimming contractors to identify trees that need to be removed. One thing to keep in mind, when you see our tree trimming contractors out there, if you see them pass a dead tree and wonder why the heck they didn’t get it while they were out there, our tree trimming and tree removal contractors are two different things. Keep in mind our tree removals are done by contract and it’s a various range of prices to do that. For instance a 6-12 inch tree will probably cost us about $250 a piece. Greater than a 53 inch tree is going to cost us about $3,000 a piece. All of that comes out of our maintenance budget for our area headquarters. So we really have to prioritize what trees we are removing. In our district, we are actually pretty fortunate because three of our roadside folks are
actually Risk Assessment Certified Arborist so a lot of times we will have them come out and they help us prioritize what we can remove and what we don’t. If we see a tree that leaning 30 degrees over the highway, a lot of times we will have them come out and take a look at it. If they determine it’s a risk we take it out. If they see that everything looks ok, we leave it there. It’s a challenge. There are a lot of dead trees and if you identify a specific tree we will certainly take a look at them and bring them down but to go through and just be able to pick out every single dead tree on every road is tough.

**Dunnavant:** I realize that but the point I’m making is my casual observance and those that other board members have mentioned it, it doesn’t take a lot of looking to see the dead ones but living leaning trees, I mean dead with bark off of them. If they can be a little proactive on them, it would be better to get the trees at your convenience then at its convenience.

**Shippee:** I understand.

**Bryan:** Anyone else? Thank you.

**Shippee:** Thank you.

**Re: Public Hearing: Case 18-ZMA252 Request to Rezone to Residential (R-1) and to divide 8 acres into 3 lots.**

**Cobb:** Yes, this is case 18-ZMA252, Owner Applicant Steven Conner of STC Investments. Tax Map Section 88 and a portion of lot 7, approximately 8.5 acres on River Road in the James River Magisterial District. The public hearing has been advertised and adjacent landowner letter was sent and I’m just asking you all to hold that public hearing tonight and make a decision on the rezoning request.

**Conditions:**

1. An Erosion and Sediment Control Plan must be submitted to the office (if required by the E&S Ordinance) and the appropriate fees/bond paid (5-2-2-2). The following steps shall be followed for the implementation of the E&S Plan:
   a. *Two estimates (on their respective letterheads) from two different contractors for stating the estimated cost of implementation of the E&S according to the approved plan, stating the estimated cost of maintenance of the E & S before, during and after and the estimated cost of the final stabilization of the E&S Plan as approved by the plan approving authority and these estimates shall be submitted to the Zoning office and the performance guarantee shall be the higher of the two estimates plus 10% for cost overruns and administrative costs. These estimates shall be separate from the road construction performance guarantee estimate.*
   b. *The performance guarantee shall be issued to the county and once the performance guarantee is issued to the County and approved by the County and the appropriate fees paid, the Agent shall issue an E&S permit.*
c. **Fees:** $300 for the first acre and $50 for each acre after the first acre. Checks shall be made out to Buckingham County Treasurer.

d. **Once the applicant is ready for the implementation of the E&S upon the land, the applicant shall notify the County of the start date and estimated completion date.**

e. **The applicant shall be responsible for any and all E&S implementation, maintenance and final stabilization of the E&S Plan as submitted and approved by the Plan approving authority.**

f. **It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to notify the agent upon implementation of the plan is complete upon the land. The County shall make every effort to come to the site and inspect and any specification as shown on the approved E&S Plan shall be corrected by the applicant and if the applicant fails to correct any specifications, the agent shall call upon the performance guarantee to hire a contractor to correct any measure.**

g. **During implementation, maintenance and till final stabilization, the applicant shall once a week visually inspect for any failures of the E&S and shall call the agent to notify of such failures and the applicant shall take immediate steps to correct any failures. Failure by the applicant, shall cause the agent to call upon the performance guarantee to correct any failures not corrected by the applicant.**

h. **The applicant shall call the agent once final stabilization has been reached for inspection by the County Agent.**

i. **Once all requirements and final stabilization is reached the agent shall release the performance guarantee.**

**A performance guarantee shall also be posted with the County for the Construction of the Road to meet the requirements of a private road under the Subdivision Ordinance. The construction of the road shall proceed no farther until the E&S is implemented up the land and the E&S is approved by the County.**

2. The final plat shall show adequate easement along any stream, drainage course and other water ways for the purpose of widening, deepening, relocating, improving, or protecting. Such easements shall not be considered part of the required street width (5-2-2-1)

3. Soil evaluations sheets and plats showing the location of the drain fields shall be submitted showing the lots will adequately support the necessary septic tank systems (5-2-3-1)

4. The developer shall be responsible for the erection of the Street signs according to the specifications as specified by our 911 Coordinator. The fee for address markers and street signs shall be $30 for each address marker and $125 for each Street sign. The fee is to be paid to the Buckingham County Treasurer prior to final approval.

5. All fees shall be paid in full before the agent shall be allowed to sign off on the final plan (6-1-3).

6. The final plat shall include the statement “the subdivision of the land described herein is with the free consent and in accordance with the desire of the undersigned owner, proprietors, and trustees.” The statement shall be signed by such person and duly acknowledged before an official authorized to take acknowledgements of deeds (6-3-6-1)
7. The accurate location and dimensions by bearing and distances with all curve data on all lots and streets, boundaries of all proposed or existing easements, parks, school sites, all existing public streets, their names, numbers and widths, existing utilities and those to be provided such as sanitary sewer, storm drains, water mains, manholes and underground conduits including their size and type, water curses and their names, names of owners and their property lines, both within the boundary of the subdivision and adjoining said boundaries.

8. In the event that any one or more of the conditions is declared void for any reason whatever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of the permit, which shall remain in full force and effect, and for this purpose, the provisions of this are hereby declared to be severable.

**Bryan:** Anyone have any questions? Anyone speak at the Zoning Hearing?

**Cobb:** David Ball.

**Bryan:** I’ll open the public hearing.

**David Ball, District 3:** Good evening. Board members, Mrs. Carter, Mr. Carter. Thank you for having me speak. My big concern with this zoning project is the fact that it’s on the bank of the James River. That is a pretty significant and substantial waterway. If you look at the packet for tonight, some of the information that was in last month’s packet is not present in tonight’s packet and you will see plats and layouts of the property, where those lines are. You will also notice existing buildings. You will notice proposed various drainage fields for septic and some existing drain fields for septic which are very close to the edge of the bank of the James River. I will remind you that most of that soil is hydric soil. It’s floodplain soil. It’s deposited over the floods. When it floods, that hydrology seeps through the ground and percolates the sewage right out into the James River. My big concern is if this is going to get built, developed, where are the flood plain boundaries? Where is the soil analysis? Where is the determination of hydrology? Those are very important concerns if you are talking about developing a piece of property that’s right on the banks of the James River. That is a very serious concern from a conservation as well environmental aspect. Those are the things that need to be addressed before you approve it. I don’t see in the package that it was addressed. So, that’s my basic take on it. I think there is a lot to be done before it gets approved because it has potential environmental impact. The James being such a significant waterway, a protected waterway, that bares a great deal of concern. Thank you.

**Bryan:** Thank you sir.

**Matthews:** Is the developer here? Would you like to speak to that Mr. Conner?

**Conner:** I don’t know some of the terms he’s talking about but the health department has approved all the lots for drain fields. There are no existing septic systems there. They have been approved by the health department. I don’t know the terms hydrology and all that but…
Matthews: Is it in a flood plain?

Conner: Some of it is in the flood plain. It’s along the river.

Matthews: Who designed the septic system? I know the county did?

Conner: Chuck Allison Soil Consultants and Mr. Louis with the Health Department.

Cobb: Paul Louis does the review of the soil work that’s been done and signs off on the final plat and all that.

Conner: Mr. Louis has signed off.

Cobb: Before anyone establishes a septic system there they would have to get well and septic permit from the health department as well.

Matthews: Has Mr. Conner followed all the rules and guidelines? Do you see any problems in this scenario?

Cobb: No, he has followed everything and if the health department is willing to sign off on it, then I’m comfortable with that. Mrs. Carter was saying that’s a part of the conditions is that they receive health department approval.

Dunnavant: Every lot has a preapproved perk and well site, correct?

Conner: Yes, sir.

Dunnavant: So it can accommodate the number of residents you are proposing?

Conner: Yes, sir. Three of the lots are approved I’m just approving three because it was six lots and over three had to come to you all. The health department has signed off on all six lots.

Dunnavant: The land is for sale so if anybody wants it and doesn’t want to see it developed can buy it themselves, right?

Conner: Yes sir.

Dunnavant: That’s what I thought.

Conner: If you have any other questions, I’ll answer them the best I can. I don’t understand his terms but it’s all approved by health department.

Bryan: I will close the public hearing at this time.

Chambers: I make a motion we go ahead and approve it. I don’t have a problem with it.
Dunnvant: I second.

Bryan: There has been a motion by Mr. Chambers, second by Mr. Dunnivant to approve Case 18-ZMA252 request to rezone to Residential. Any more discussion on the matter? Call for the vote. 6 yes.

**Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Dunnivant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve 18-ZMA252 Steven Conner, STC Investments Inc. for rezoning property to Residential-1 and dividing lots with the above listed conditions.**

Re: Public Hearing: Advertised 2018-19 Fiscal Year Operating Budget and Tax Rates

Carter: This evening we are presenting for the purpose of a public hearing the Board of Supervisors proposed 2018-19 Fiscal Year Operating Budget and Tax Rate. The total operating budget is $50,156,587. I present the proposed tax rates also. We always put this clause in there that this budget is contingent upon all state, federal and local proposed revenues. A lot of the state and federal revenue as we all know the state budget hasn’t been adopted so a lot of it is what is expected to be received. This is a balanced budget with annual expenses not exceeding the annual revenue. The proposed tax rates remain the same.

**Proposed Tax Rates Remain:**

- Real Estate: $0.55
- Public Service Corporation: $0.55
- SCC Personal Property: $4.05
- Personal Property: $4.05
- Machinery/Tools: $2.90
- Merchants Capital: $1.00
- Air Craft: $0.55

We have several tax relief programs that we like for the public to know about. So that people can know that there are programs that they may be eligible for. One of those is the tax stabilization for the elderly and disabled. This is a tax program that if the citizen qualified the citizen’s tax rate will not change. That’s usually in the event of a tax increase or the year of a reassessment. All this information can be obtained from the Commissioner of the Revenue’s office. We also have another program that exempts United States Veterans from paying real estate tax if they are disabled due to their service in the military. This information can also be found in the Commissioner of the Revenue’s office.

Now we will take a look at the budget.
State non-categorical aid is money from the state where they don’t tell us where we have to spend it. I think about 1.3 million is the personal property relief. So it’s actually about $3,000 that we get from the state for other things and a lot of it is grant money and different areas.

State Categorical aid is money the state gives us and tell us where it has to be spent. It’s usually constitutional officers particularly.

Federal QSCB is federal money that we get to use towards school debt service.

Transfer from Sheriff’s fund is a transfer from the sheriff’s drug fund that goes into the sheriff’s budget to supplement officers salary that are used for drug task force and drug operations.
Accumulation

- The beginning/ending year balance is a result of several items. One is not spending the entire amount budgeted to be spent, this money reverts back to the general fund.
- May be a result of some one time money that has been received that is not considered an annual revenue.
- May also be an accumulation of money earned keeping the money in a savings that earns interest/investing.
- Any money that is not spent in a fiscal year reverts back to the general fund.

This General Fund Balance has Grown

- By $800,000.00 due to constant conservative spending and due to some one time revenue received. I found it interesting in looking back to when I first started working with the county budget, the ending year balance was the same amount the budget has grown this year ($800,000.00)

The General Fund reserve is anticipated to be $5,000,000.00, up from the $4,200,000.00 in the present budget.

It is good management policy and the Board of Supervisors Policy to have at least 10% of the expenditures in an uncommitted reserve.

- The total expenditure budget from the general fund is $41,867,834.00

- The balance of $5,000,000.00 General Fund Reserve is about 11.94% of the total expenditures.

- It is good to grow this balance as much as possible for an unexpected loss of revenue or expenditures.

We will take a look at the local side of the budget. As many of you know, the decisions the state and federal government makes effects everyone. A lot of times the federal government will pass the mandated responsibility to the states and the states will pass it on to the local government. The local government has no one to pass the cost of the federal and state mandates except to the
local citizens. The buck pretty much stops here with our Board of Supervisors and with the citizens of the county.

Local Budget VS Ending Year Balance

The $5,000,000.00 ending year balance is 28.93% of the local expenditures.

While this is a good percentage, we never know what reductions and or mandates the state and federal government may hand down to the county.

This part will not be long because we didn’t find a lot of changes.

Local Money- What are the changes?

LOCAL REVENUE CHANGES

$324,873.00 INCREASED REVENUE. Some revenues appear to be up and some down. The largest increase proposed is Public Service Tax $100,000.00, Personal Property Tax $150,000.00 and Local Sales Tax $50,000.00. Some other smaller increases and decreases calculate to the additional $24,873.00 additional revenue

Reserve for Contingency: $228,970.00

The Reserve for Contingency is the difference between the money coming in during a fiscal year and the money proposed to be spent during that same fiscal year.

This particular budget has $228,970 more revenue than proposed expenditures.

How did we arrive at this money?
We did have some increases and some decreased in expenditures.

**Changes in Expenditures**

- To balance yet provide for new increased needs we carefully examined general fund department expenses to see where savings could be found.
- As a result $428,185.00 in reductions have been made to this proposed budget. $524,088.00 new expenses have been added.

The new anticipated revenue of $324,873.00 and the reductions provide $753,058.00 leaving a reserve of $228,970.00

**Where is the Increased Money Proposed?**

$524,088.00

- The Majority of the increase is the schools, $183,795.00, we will discuss this later in another slide.
- The Industrial Development Authority $86,272.00. This is a financial obligation and is to pay for the Waste Water Facility Upgrade. Total local appropriation to the IDA is $256,068.00

The law enforcement is the next largest increase.
The Total Law Enforcement Budget is proposed at $2,110,295.00. This is $1,255,121.00 local money and $855,174.00 State Money.

This represents a state increase of $28,817.00 and local increase of $77,068.00.

As you can see the local government has to step up and provide more money than the state does for law enforcement.

• The Sheriff’s primary goal for the increased funds is to increase his law enforcement officer’s salaries to better compensate for their work and also for the salaries to be more competitive with other law enforcement agencies.

• The Regional Jail represents a $50,000.00 increase. This is based on the number of Buckingham Inmates that are housed. We can only budget on expense history. This can go up or go down.

• The total to the Jail is $500,000.00

• General Properties has a proposed increase of $40,000.00 for General Property Liability Insurance, $10,000.00 for sealing of parking lots, $12,000.00 for cooling system in the Social Services/Health Department basement Complex. $744,535.00 is the total General Properties Budget.
• The Library is proposed to increase $23,100.00 for a salary adjustment and 1/3 of the cost of an Information Technology Staff.  
• $189,136.00 is the total Library local appropriation.

• $7,094.00 for the Health Department for the county’s portion of state salary increases.  $121,179.00 is the total Health Department local appropriation.

• Social Services $6,996.00 to adjust starting salaries in order to attract better qualified workers.  $412,666.00 is the local appropriation to the Social Services Budget.

• Piedmont Senior Resources $5,000.00 increase mostly due to the additional services provided to the Buckingham Senior population and the PSR also provides the Meals on Wheels Program to our county.  $11,000.00 is the total appropriation to PSR

• The Board is proposing $4,000.00 funding to a new agency, Foothill Child Advocacy Center. This program is used by our court system and Social Services for counseling for children of sexual abuse.

• Commonwealth Regional Council $3,300.00 increase due to earlier action of the Board of Supervisors for this agency to provide grant writing services free of charge to agencies such as our schools, fire and rescue departments. Total Amount: $19,000.00

• Triad Seniors Program: $2,500.00. The County previously funded this program and provided funding to start the program. Triad did not need any additional money last year so they did not make a request. Therefore this shows an increase in total expenditures. Total Amount: $2,500.00
So what did we cut? $428,185 reductions.

What are the main Decreases in Expenses?

- Solid Waste: $62,771.00. We expect to reduce operation cost with the new solid waste management plan.
- Regional Juvenile Detention: $10,000.00.
- Senior Citizens Program. $5,000.00. The money was originally appropriated to get the program going and it doesn’t appear they will need the money for the upcoming year.
- Pregnancy Support System: $5,000.00. Assisted two Buckingham clients in the last year. Buckingham is the only government agency that has been providing any funding.

The main decrease is in solid waste. $62,771. We won’t realize all the savings in the first year or maybe the second but we will gradually reduce that to what we think it will come to.

Regional Juvenile Detention is based on the number of children the courts send to the Juvenile Detention Home. I think the total amount to them is $45,000.

Senior Citizens Program have been doing fund raisers and doing a lot of things and didn’t request any money this year.

Pregnancy Support System: The Board of Supervisors decided this year to take that out of the budget.
• Virginia Crossroads (VA Retreat) $4,500.00. The Board chose to not continue to fund this agency.

• Fixed Charges: $44,000.00 reduction. $12,000.00 is due to less money for county pay increases, a 2% pay increase is proposed. Other fixed charges of $32,000.00 reductions are insurances and such that are mandated, therefore fixed charges.

• The Dedicated Reserves are decreased $194,116.00. ( $20,000.00 reduction in Fire and Rescue Training, $150,000.00 for Solid Waste Sites ( that is being taken care of with the $500,000.00 SWMP fund.

• $30,000.00 Sheriff’s additional pay increases, that was transferred to the Sheriff’s operating budget.

• $19,116.00 for Social Services Vehicle and Legal Fees. This was not requested for funding.) A new reserve of $25,000.00 was added for a county vehicle. So the total reserve decreases is $194,116.00.

• Commonwealth Attorney: $16,518.00 due to employee health insurances plan changes.

• Debt Service has a total decrease of $6,615.00.

• County Administration: $1,544.00

• Commissioner of Revenue: $4,893.00

• Treasurer: $15,000.00 decrease

• Finance/Data Processing: $1,117.00
Lower Francisco did not make a request but we have since received the request. You cannot take any action for 7 days so that is something you may want to consider at the next meeting.

Next we have the school budget. School 2018-19 proposed budget ADM is 1925. Increase of 25 students. Looking back at how long I’ve been dealing with school budgets and have had family in Buckingham County School System. I have my oldest daughter’s graduation and my youngest granddaughter’s preschool graduation. I’ve been working with this for a good while.

Total Advertised School Budget
$25,147,852.00

- Instruction: $17,281,506.00
- Adm/Attn/Health: 1,255,849.00
- Transportation: 1,918,092.00
- Buses: 270,000.00
- Facilities/Operations: 2,087,313.00

Jones: That money for buses. That’s 3 buses?

Carter: Yes sir.
• Lease Payment: $122,892.00
• Cafeteria Services: 1,251,732.00
• Technology: 960,468.00
• Total School Budget

• $25,147,852.00

7,271,002.00 is LOCAL MONEY $17,876,850.00 IS OTHER FUNDING

Revenues For School (Other than Local Appropriation)

School Revenues State: $13,917,399.00
• School Revenues Federal: 2,365,719.00
• Cafeteria Fund: 1,251,732.00
• School Local: 342,000.00

Total "other than local general fund Money" for Schools $17,876,850.00

Local School Funds: $7,271,002.00

• Instruction: $4,869,604.00
• Administration/Health: 379,093.00
• Transportation: 627,045.00
• Buses: 270,000.00
• Maintenance: 687,342.00
• Lease Payment: 122,892.00
• Technology: 315,026.00
Additional Local School Appropriations

TOTAL increase : $183,795.00

$90,000.00 for an additional new bus, making three new buses
$25,000.00 for pay for Special Education Drivers
$68,795.00 for a new 6th Grade Math and/or English Teacher

- The School expects to receive additional state money to use for salary increases and other needs.

- The School requested three school security officers. We have already had a meeting with Dr. Snead who is seeking possible grants for school security officer.

School Debt Payments

- The School Debt Payments are:

  - Elementary School: $2,165,548.00
  - (we are reimbursed $422,000.00 of this from the Federal Government)

  - Middle School: $792,212.00

  - Total: $2,957,760.00
  - Increase of $14,603.00
Virginia Public Assistance

VPA State (Social Services) $550,961.00
VPA Federal 1,010,425.00
Total State and Federal VPA $1,561,386.00
Local VPA: Increase of $6,996.00 $412,066.00
Total Budget: $1,973,452.00

Comprehensive Services

• Comprehensive Services:

  • State: $1,274,544.00
  • Local: 317,917.00
  • Total: Unchanged $1,592,461.00
  • Transfers to the General Fund from the
    • Sheriffs and Water Fund: 191,637.00

Transfers to the General Fund

• From Sheriffs Fund: $16,637.00
• This is transferred from the Drug Fund to supplement the Sheriffs
  Budget in salaries that are related to drug enforcement.

• From Water Fund: $175,000.00
• Increase of $25,000.00. This is transferred from the water fund to
  supplement for office space, staff, and water and sewer billing
  department.
We had $100,000 for Gene Dixon Park and we have come to the end of what the county had agreed to appropriate for that. But we are looking at other avenues to complete that project so we transferred that money over for Animal Control Facility upgrades.

Self Supportive Reserves

- Has a beginning year balance (not a part of annual tax revenue)
  - Solid Waste Plan: $500,000.00
  - Economic Development: 676,385.00

- $1,176,385.00
This was not an annual tax revenue and was not arrived at by annual tax revenue. This was some onetime funding we got. We had a couple very big building permits that we won't get every year so we moved this money over for the new solid waste plan.

- Total Dedicated Reserves: $395,000.00
- Self Supportive: 1,176,385.00
- $1,571,385.00
- Reserve for Contingency: $228,970.00
- $1,800,385.00

County Debt Payments

- The Courthouse Debt Payment will be $526,203.00. This is a reduction of $21,217.00

I might add that this is the only county debt payment. The others are school and water and sewer. This is the only general fund debt payment.
Here Mr. Carter has provided us some pie charts. I know it’s hard to see but if any of you would like copies let us know and we will get it to you. I breaks down the percentage of expenditures that goes to each department. The biggest in green, of course, because its our biggest responsibility and I guess our most treasured is the school system.
This one shows the percentages of our local. These also go on the back of your tax tickets if you want a closer look at how your money is being spent.

• The Board of Supervisors cannot make any changes to or adopt this advertised budget or tax rates for at least seven days.

• The meeting is scheduled to reconvene on Monday, April 23rd at 6:00 P.M. to consider final adoption of the budget and tax rates.

I thank you for your interest in learning how your taxes are being spent. I think its much better to find out the facts. Now Vice Chairman Bryan will open the public hearing.
Bryan: The public hearing for the budget is now open.

John Staton, District 4: I have a couple of questions and comments. On the Fire and Ambulance Expenses, could you break those down Mrs. Carter?

Carter: Yes, $195,000 to the Rescue and the additional is to the Fire Departments. The rescue squad has asked for an additional $165,000 and the Finance Committee has met with them and is having more meetings with them for further consideration. No decision has been made for recommendation at this time.

Staton: Ok. At this point and time my personal feeling is to not give them any more money till they account for every penny that they’ve got. In the past and now.

Matthews: Who are you talking about?

Staton: The rescue squad. There’s some good people in it and like every other organization probably some not so good. But until the matter is resolved, people in my neighborhood are calling Allen Ambulance instead of the rescue squad. Gives you some idea of what the feeling is. It’s not just me. I wanted to ask to make sure that I heard you right, you said 11.94% reserve?

Carter: Of the total budget.

Staton: Yeah. 11.94%.

Carter: We use the total $50 million budget and the local is more than that.

Staton: That’s a good thing. I just wanted to make those comments and I have one more comment I want to make. If I understand and if memory serves, if somebody sues the rescue squad, gentlemen, it’s in your lap. The Board is legally, my understanding, liable for the rescue squad. Thank you.

Maggie VanEps, District 6: Mr. Vice Chairman, members of the Board of Supervisors, Mrs. Carter. The question I plan to answer tonight is this, “What is this $4,500 for Virginia Crossroads do for Buckingham County?” Good evening, my name is Maggie VanEps and I’m the Tourism Coordinator for Prince Edward County and current Chair of Virginia’s Crossroads. My husband and I are also residents of Buckingham County since 2006. Virginia’s Crossroads, originally Virginia’s Retreat, has been around since 1993. The bundle you have reflects much of what your dues have been funding to promote Buckingham County. The first video that’s playing is from my other Tourism Marketing group and here is an example of what you will see this summer after two videos specifically for Buckingham County. Next year we will be showing Buckingham County welcomes Trail Blazers videos to show. Two videos for each member of Virginia’s Crossroads are being developed this spring as a result of the $20,000 DTC grant just awarded to the group. Part of that funding will also pay for a 6 months Comcast Spotlight TV Commercial Campaign throughout Virginia. You receive these videos to use for
your own marketing as well as share with your partners here. Additionally these videos will be posted on VACrossroads.com and Virginia.org to further promote Buckingham County. The raw footage shot will be shared with DTC so if they develop more videos they will have them on hand. The next video will play for about 2 of the 6 minutes but it’s already been used for both the international cycling race in Richmond in 2015 as well as the Information Fair I attended on behalf of Prince Edward and Virginia’s Crossroads. Once printed the draft brochure in your bundle will be offered in all twelve Virginia Welcome Centers as was the old brochure for the last ten years. Those welcome centers see in excess of 12 million visitors every year. The organization has also purchased many ads in long shelf life magazines and I’ve brought some examples here. These actually belong to Prince Edward County. I hope these magazines are not new to you as your representative was given copies of these magazines as well as all other marketing materials updated or new as each thing came out. Buckingham County has a lot to market. Every year thousands come because of the Historic Village, Bike Racing, Sprouse’s Corner Horse Training, Hatton Ferry, Tractor Pull and now Thor’s Hammer. That’s not counting those visitors that come to the county by staying at Holiday Lake or James River State Park and the things they host. The variety of Parks and Rec events. Every tank of gas purchased, every meal purchased at McDonalds or Frieda’s, every bit of groceries purchased for hiking or camping or kayaking. All that adds up to what your visitors that come through here do for our county. We can do more with Virginia Crossroads as a partner. I sincerely ask you to review this information not only as the Chair of Virginia’s Crossroads but as a citizen of Buckingham County and agree that Virginia Crossroads should be in the Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget. Thank you.

Carter: Maggie, do all counties pay the same amount?

VanEps: All voting members. Not just counties but Virginia State Parks as well as Appomattox National Courthouse. All are $4500. We have three new members looking at joining this year. We always write grants to help further leverage the funding you grant to us. That allows us to do more so we can bring more business into Buckingham and to all the other members.

Carter: What happens if we are not members?

VanEps: Everything on your flash drive reflects the current brochures that are out there. You will still remain in the Civil War Trails because that’s a different organization. You will still remain in African Americans of Lee’s Retreat simply because that is a trail. You will still remain in the Civil Rights and Education Trail because that’s another trail and in fact you will be getting a new sign this year. That’s on the sheet that I gave you. That’s being installed this summer. You will be out of the Virginia’s Crossroads brochures and off the website which will be unveiled later this month and the videos will not be produced for you this year. It’s an exciting time.

Charles Smith, District 4: Hi, Buckingham spends a lot of money on legal services. For example, many would be surprised that much of the cost of the new Water Treatment Plant was a ¼ million dollar payment to a Dillwyn lawyer not to mention the other legal costs associated
with that project. With respect to our 2018 budget, the Commonwealth funds our Commonwealth Attorney’s office at about $185,000. Buckingham’s budget adds over $478,000 which is $68,000 more than last year’s proposed budget and 2 ½ times what the Commonwealth is paying to that total figure. With comparison, Fairfax, the largest court system in the Commonwealth adds only 75% to the Commonwealth budget. Fairfax has one Commonwealth Attorney for every 35,000 citizens. Buckingham with its proposed budget would have a ratio that could be as low as 1 Commonwealth Attorney for every 3400 citizens. In essence ten times more attorneys per person than Fairfax. Based on what I read in the Farmville Herald, between 1/3 and ½ of all court cases in Buckingham County are either dismissed, Nolle Prosequi, or found not guilty. My question is what exactly are we paying all this money for and why are we paying so much for it. Thank you.

Bryan: Where did you get your numbers?

Smith: County website. I have information on the other…

Bryan: I don’t care about Fairfax. I don’t live in Fairfax.

Smith: Neither do I. Which numbers specifically?

Bryan: The money to the attorney. You said $250,000.

Smith: It was in a Freedom of Information Request. Becky can probably give you more details on that. I saw it printed in the data that was sent to my lawyer.

Carter: Years back. $250,000 was never paid to a Buckingham County lawyer.

Smith: I have it in writing from Buckingham.

Carter: As Commonwealth Attorney the state pays the majority of salary and the state determines if the Commonwealth Attorney is full time or part time.

Smith: I understand that. According to the State website, they fund Buckingham $185,917 and our budget we also have $478,031.

Carter: That is total courts, Clerk of Court, everything.

Smith: That is why I asked. What are we paying for?

Carter: What do you want to know?

Smith: In Fairfax, their budget funds more positions.

Carter: The state pays a majority of Mr. Wright’s salary. The County does have a portion in there for legal services. I believe it’s $40,000. The rest is supplement for some of his staff,
some is for office expense. The Board goes down every line item. My concern is how you would say we spent $250,000 to a local attorney.

Smith: I read it from information the County provided me.

Dunnivant: Do you have that in writing tonight, sir?

Smith: No I don’t.

Dunnivant: Can you bring it back and show Mrs. Carter because she doesn’t seem to be aware of it.

Smith: I will find it.

Carter: Thank you.

Bryan: Have you discussed your concerns with Mr. Wright?

Smith: No.

Bryan: So you are just here…

Smith: Because we have a budget.

Bryan: My concern is you are throwing numbers out and I don’t doubt your facts, I would really like to see your facts.

Smith: I will dig that up.

Bryan: I don’t care about Fairfax. I don’t.

Smith: Regardless of that, I still think we are spending an awful lot of money for legal services in this jurisdiction.

Bryan: Have you discussed this with the judge?

Matthews: A certain amount of money has to be spent.

Smith: I understand. $478,000 is coming from we taxpayers in Buckingham.

Matthews: That is for General District Court and Circuit Court, I think.

Smith: That is what I’m trying to find out.

Dunnivant: The Commonwealth Attorney’s budget is…
Carter: We are pulling it up right now.

Dunnavant: I think you will find you have your categories mixed together I believe.

Carter: Total budget is $480,000. That’s not paying for county legal services. That’s for all court cases. That’s not legal services he provides to the county.

K. Carter: The amount is $200,000.

Smith: The line item on the budget says Commonwealth Attorney. Help me understand what that means?

Carter: It’s Commonwealth Attorney. Not county legal services. Commonwealth Attorney is a constitutional officer and it’s mandated that the county pays certain portion of that budget. That’s not legal services to the county.

Dunnavant: That prosecuting cases, everything that the state or county prosecutes in court. It’s not our county administration operation.

Smith: Right. I guess what I’m asking given that it is a constitutional office and it’s funded by the state, we are funding something else. The state looks like it funded three people.

Dunnavant: We only have one Commonwealth Attorney.

Smith: I know. It looked like two positions were for staff assistance, administrative.

Carter: It’s with every constitutional officer. Look at your sheriff’s budget. $1.2 million is local money. $800,000 is state money. The state used to be 80-20. The county paid 20 and the state paid 80 and each year it’s gone down. So, it’s with every constitutional officer. In the Treasurer’s office, the state provides money for the treasurer and part of her deputy. All the rest is county funded. Yall seen the county funded deputy position.

Smith: I understand that so we are funding…

Dunnavant: I understand where you are coming from. You read the numbers and they don’t look quite right so it goes to question. I’m not prepared and I don’t think any of us are prepared to answer your questions exactly off the cuff. I recommend that you get with Mrs. Carter at her schedule and show her where you thought these numbers came from and she can show you what’s actually there. If you and her can’t get together, come back and tell us about it next month.

Smith: You are having a meeting on the 23rd?

Dunnavant: The 23rd is pretty short notice for her to do this.
Carter: Whenever my schedule is permitting, if he will check with me I’ll be happy to meet with him and show him the details of the commonwealth attorney budget and all the budget. I’d be happy to show you that. We have line items expenditures that’s open to everyone in the public.

Smith: Great.

Matthews: Does that include the magistrates?

Carter: That’s in the total amount of court services. But in the Commonwealth Attorney it is the Commonwealth Attorney’s salary, his staff salary, health insurance, benefits, office expense. The Commonwealth Attorney’s budget is the only constitutional officer’s budget now that receives any money from the state for office operations. The county local money funds all the operation costs for other constitutional officers. That’s something that I talked to you earlier. It’s one of those things handed to you not quite on a silver platter but passed down to you all and the services have to be provided so its passed down to you all. This year it did reduce about $16,000 but that’s because there is a new Assistant Commonwealth Attorney and he did not chose the same health insurance plan as the previous one chose.

Dunnavant: That’s a part time position, right?

Carter: Yes, sir.

Dunnavant: Our regular monthly meeting is the 2nd Monday of the month. That will be the 2nd Monday in May. By then you and Mrs. Carter should be able to get together. I wouldn’t expect her to be able to get it by next week.

Smith: But you are not voting on a budget prior to that?

Dunnavant: We are voting on the budget on the 23rd.

Carter: We can get you a breakdown tomorrow.

Smith: I’ll send you where I got my numbers too.

Carter: I’m anxious…if you are saying the county spent $250,000 on one project to a local attorney in legal fees, I’m interested to see that.

Smith: Ok. Thank you.

David Ball, District 3: David Ball, District 3. Again, good evening Supervisors and Mr. and Mrs. Carter. I’m here to talk about the budget and present some information. The budget which was published March 30, in the Farmville Herald is about $600,000 approximately less than what’s proposed here tonight. But two things that stand out and concern me and one was the fact
that basically it’s just a…what we call a budget shuffle. You have money sitting over here on the income side that’s just been sitting there on the revenue side for economic development so we are just going to show an equal amount on the other side for expense. We are really not expending that money. That’s a travesty because what’s happening to this county is it’s little by little dying. Statistically you should have a ratio of about 25% of your population being considered elderly or over 65. I don’t have the current statistic but I know Buckingham is approaching 50% mark. We are losing our young people because they don’t have jobs. Most of the citizens of this county have to go outside the county to other cities, other counties in order to get a job. We have great programs at the high schools but the kids have to go to Norfolk to take jobs welding for the ship building. We don’t have those jobs here because we are doing nothing about the economic development. We’ve got a business park that sits empty because the only business that was in the business park packed up their shop and left. That’s ridiculous. There are business leaving the county. We don’t have any growth. We don’t have a person that is dedicated to the job of economic development. We’ve got money in the budget, more than enough to spend for economic development. I would say that some of that money for economic development and I’ll have to disagree with Mr. Staton, although I empathize with his situation, but we should be putting more money into our fire and rescue. All the things we put in even considering having emergency facilities for traumas and stuff, those are the things people are looking to develop and bring business and jobs to this county are looking at. They want to see how we invest in our future. What we do to encourage jobs. ACP will be here and then gone. What’s going to replace them? There is an article in the Farmville Herald. A lot of those jobs are going to be union. So if you are not union shop in a free work state, forget it. So much for jobs. Another thing is, look at the money. $0.55 that’s ridiculous with the wealthy people that have air planes…

Bryan: Times up.

There were no more signed up to speak.

Bryan: The public hearing is now closed. We will meet on April 23rd to vote on the budget.

Re: Sheriff Kidd, Transfer of Two Retired Vehicles to the School Board

Kidd: Good evening. My only purpose here tonight is to ask to transfer two surplus vehicles to the Buckingham County School Board. Both of them are 2010 Crown Victoria Sedans. I’m not going to read the VIN #. You have them in front of you. Both of them have 160,000 miles or better on them. I have no need for them.

Chambers: So moved.

Bryan: Motion made by Mr. Chambers, second by Mr. Bryant to transfer two retired vehicles to the School Board. Any discussion on the matter? Call for the vote. 6 yes.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Bryan seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to transfer two 2010 Crown Victoria Sheriff’s cars to the school board.
Re: Zoning Matters: Introduction Special Use Permit 18-SUP253 Request to Expand Virginia Keys School Operations

Cobb: The first item I have for you tonight is case 18-SUP253, Application from Richard Kingswell of Virginia Keys School. This is on tax map section 140 lot 56 containing approximately 2 acres on High Rock Road in the Curdsville Magisterial District. They are asking for a special use permit to basically expand their private school facilities onto this new parcel. At this time I’m asking you to schedule a public hearing. You can see I have provided you conditions for your consideration as well as a representative of the applicant is here if you have any questions.

Conditions:
1. That all federal, state and local laws, regulations, permit requirements and ordinances will be adhered to.
2. That commencement of the business shall begin within one year of the approval by the Board of Supervisors or this special use permit shall be null and void.
3. That the applicant pursues a commercial solid waste container and follow the County Solid Waste Ordinance.
4. The permittee or their agent shall secure and maintain sufficient insurance to protect against liability for personal injury and property damage that may arise from the activities performed under this special use permit and from the operation of the permitted activity and such insurance shall extend to the benefit of personal injury or property damage that occurs off premises by employees, agents, invitees, guests, contractors and students of the permittee. Insurance must be obtained prior to start of permitted activity and shall remain valid through the time the permittee conducts activity under the special use permit. The Zoning Administrator may require a valid certificate or letter of insurance from the issuing insurance agent or agency prior to issuing the special use permit. Failure to maintain such insurance shall be grounds to revoke such permit.
5. The students shall be monitored and prevented from trespassing on adjacent parcels. If students trespass and are a private nuisance to the neighbors then the permit may be revoked by the Board of Supervisors through public hearing.
6. That all documentation submitted by the applicant in support of this special use permit request becomes a part of the conditions.
7. Nothing in this approval shall be deemed to obligate the County to acquire any interest in property, to construct, maintain or operate any facility or to grant any permits or approvals except as may be directly related hereto.
8. In the event that any one or more of the conditions is declared void for any reason whatever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of the permit, which shall remain in full force and effect, and for this purpose, the provisions of this are hereby declared to be severable.
9. No school structure greater than 150 square feet shall be erected within 100’ of adjoining properties without adjacent landowners written permission.
10. The Buckingham County Noise Ordinance must be adhered to.
11. The County Zoning Administrator and one other County staff member as appointed by the County Administrator, shall be allowed to enter the property with proper notice, if a
complaint is registered against the property for noncompliance with this permit. Any complaints not solely related to this permit will be given to the appropriate department or agency.

12. That any infraction of the above mentioned conditions could lead to a stop order and discontinuation of the special use permit, if it be the wishes of the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors.

13. That the applicant(s) understands the conditions and agrees to the conditions.

Bryan: That’s the old Lion Heart Resort?

Cobb: Yes.

Bryan: You are currently operating I guess a base school there right now?

Cobb: It’s also overnight stay.

Bill Lay: We currently operate a residential facility on the old Lion Heart Resort. Our current population is 15 residents. We are requesting a special use permit at the end of our drive is 2010 High Rock Road which was an old Johnson’s garage which is in a state of disrepair now. Actually crumbling down. It’s at the end of our driveway. We have purchased that property and would like to renovate the property and utilize the house for bedrooms and 2 office spaces and at some point refurbish or rebuilt the garage into a business entity there. We’d like to move forward on this as much as possible. The property will be used as almost an emergency or trauma center for the young kids when they are removed from their respective homes or brought into custody. Prior to July they were able to be admitted to hospitals and due to insurance they are no longer able to do that. So this facility will serve as a short term facility 12-20 days to be able to stabilize the person and get them into a program, most likely ours or another program that will be more suited to their needs.

Bryan: So that would be May 14th?

Dunnavant: I have a question. Item 4 on the special conditions is a new one. I haven’t seen this in any other zoning conditions that we’ve done since I’ve been here. I’m just wondering why we are asking for somebody to provide insurance for private property. A responsible person will provide insurance anyway. Why are we asking for this?

Cobb: A lot of these conditions are brought over from their current special use permit. They have a current special use permit for their other properties. So a lot of these conditions and this is one of those is brought from that permit and if I recall that was in there because at the time this was issued there were a lot of concerns from adjacent landowners about students leaving the property and damaging somebody else’s property, stealing somebody’s car to get away and that sort of thing. There had been problems with that in the past with other schools that were in the area. So that was why that condition was brought about at the time.
Lay: If I may comment, that condition was put in in order to satisfy one of our neighbors who did during the previous school administration and facility did have his car stolen and driven off the property. We’ve had no issues with neighbors and residents at this point. Sheriff Kidd has come out a couple of times but they have been self-contained issues and there was no additional property damage. That condition was put in in order to satisfy the surrounding neighbors that their property will be protected. Not ours but theirs.

Dunnavant: Right. Do you have any concern of that condition? Does it cost you more than normal?

Lay: It does cost me an additional insurance policy and I left it in there because Mrs. Cobb wanted us to continue with the existing conditions. If it came down it would allow me to reinvest in the other additional properties that we just purchased for our expansion. We are a proud employer of Buckingham County currently with 28 staff on our payroll. This property will allow us to add 3 additional staff at that location and with the Claybank Road property we should be able to add an additional 25-30 employees at that point which will put us way above 50 employees for our business.

Dunnavant: What would you estimate that additional insurance costs you each year?

Lay: I would say it’s about $1200-1500 per year.

Dunnavant: I just wanted to bring that up to the rest of the folks to see what you thought about it.

Lay: We are ok with the condition as it is written.

Dunnavant: You are ok with it.

Matthews: Are these students a flight risk or something?

Lay: These young people that come to us are traumatized youth and most have been in the social services system for anywhere from 5 to 12 years and they all want to go home. Unfortunately they have nowhere to flight or escape to. So once they are out and they have set themselves free they pretty much want to get back to us. We’ve had 3 discharges, successful discharges that have petitioned to come back to our program after they reached their 18th birthday which is huge for what we do.

Matthews: What kind of time frame are they staying at your facility basically? If you get a kid that’s 15, how long does he stay there?

Lay: Potentially he would be there until his 18th birthday or longer. There is a new program in the Commonwealth which is Fostering Futures which allows social services youth to stay past their 18th birthday with conditions for independent living and job placement, continuing their education. We’ve had 4 high school graduates in 2017. I wanted to bring this up because you
guys supported us 3 years ago. Last year we had 4 high school graduates of kids that had less than a 60% chance of success. I had one young man currently working in Farmville as a Certified Nursing Assistant. 2 working in Richmond in HVAC programs. We currently do building trades where they build these tiny houses. They do the plumbing, electrical, roofing, the whole thing. I don’t want to get into the commercial but we are running a very successful business out there and helping young people that once they transition away from our program, they do not reenter social services. They are able to stay independent on their own which is a great benefit for the Commonwealth and our communities and for these young people.

Matthews: Are they basically foster kids?

Lay: We run about 80% foster kids and about 20% DJJ. With the DJJ young people that come to us are at a different level. We are very selective in the kids that we bring are the ones that we can help.

Matthews: I guess, criminal record, some of them do have these I guess?

Lay: Yes.

Matthews: So I guess that’s the concern of the neighbor. You’ve had one instance in how many years?

Lay: Absolutely. We’ve had a couple kids that have run. But Sheriff Kidd and his department have managed to get these kids back to us. We have not lost any. We do manage to bring them back and they stay with us throughout the program. They want to go home. That’s the challenge with them.

Bryan: Motion for public hearing? May 14th.

Jones: I make a motion we hold a public hearing.

Dunnavant: Second.

Bryan: A motion by Mr. Jones, second by Mr. Dunnavant to set a public hearing for May 14th. Any discussion on the matter? Call for the vote. 6 yes.

Supervisor Jones moved, Supervisor Dunnavant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to schedule a public hearing for Case 18-SUP253 for the expansion of Virginia Keys School for May 14, 2018.
Re: ACP Floodplain Request Follow Up

Cobb: Yes, this is to follow up last month I came to you and we were looking at several companies that could help us review the ACP Floodplain request. Mrs. Carter, Mr. Wright and myself talked with those companies and we have selected who we thought would be the best one which would be KCI Technologies and we are currently working with them on contract language and Mr. Wright’s been reviewing that and speaking back and forth with that. I hope to have them review soon and have a report for you all from them.

Re: Updating Zoning Ordinance

Cobb: Yes, so quite a while back I came to you with request to look at Article 9 of the Zoning Ordinance which is telecommunications. At that time there were some federal and state changes that were happening as well as we just hadn’t looked at that in about 8 years so it needed some updating. The Planning Commission has worked on that through a subcommittee and in doing so has a draft with changes for you to review. Also at that time we talked with CityScape because one of the things we were concerned about was our collocation fees. So we were able to talk to CityScape and they were able to lower that from $4,000 which is what the current fee is to $1800. They are also willing to help us with the Master Plan and with our Cellular Inventory Map and the hope is that if they can help us update those things we can see areas that are lacking in service and come up with ideas to promote service in those areas. So there may be another need of another round of changes to the Article 9 for language that promotes that and does that but for right now I’m asking you all to consider the Planning Commission’s recommendation of the changes to Article 9, the $1800 collocation fee and have CityScape update the Master Plan and a map at no fee. CityScape is not going to charge us anything additional to do that. I guess we do need to schedule a public hearing for the changes to the Zoning Ordinance.

Matthews: I move we schedule a public hearing for May 14th for cellular tower information.

Dunnavant: Mrs. Cobb, can I ask you one question before we vote? Since they reduced the cost of their consultant services to $1800, on page 6 of this proposal it’s still asking for $4,000 in fees. Is that just a typo or am I missing something?

Cobb: Page 6. $4,000 I believe, I can’t get to the page fast enough.

Dunnavant: It’s on page 6 item #9. By a third party selected by the county the costs of which $4,000 shall be borne by the applicant.

Cobb: Yes, so that is for new tower applications. So it was that it was $4,000 for new tower applications as well as collocations. What we want to do is promote the collocations and have people joining on towers instead of putting up new towers. So the new tower application because it’s a little more substantial review that they have to do will stay at $4,000. The lesser review collocation that we want to promote will be $1800.
Dunnavant: Two separate items? One is to collocate on an existing antenna pole and the other is for a new location. That answered my question. Another question I have on it, get over in there beyond the first 17 set of pages, page 5, it starts getting into architectural review and paint colors. Roofing materials. I don’t think we need that level of zoning out here in the country yet.

Cobb: I think that may…

Dunnavant: After the first 17, it starts numbering again, page 5 and it goes on about exposed exterior paint and stain samples…I think that is over reaching for our jurisdiction.

Bryant: Me too.

Dunnavant: I just wanted to say those comments so people will be thinking about it. I’m done.

Cobb: You said page 5…

Dunnavant: The thing goes 1-17 and then starts over counting again. Page 5 item #2 paragraph c, the last line. Proposed exterior paint and stain samples and then if you continue reading on it mentions architectural review in there somewhere. I just think that’s a little urban for our ruralness.

Cobb: It does say when required. The beginning of that item says when required so that would be something say someone is going to attach a collation here in our courthouse area or to this building or something like that and you want to make sure it is going to match and blend in with the building then we could if we chose to require that.

Dunnavant: Maybe it needs to be spelled out a little further like for Historic Buckingham District or something like that or within the corporate limits of the Town of Dillwyn but out here in the boonies of Buckingham the shingles don’t matter if they are architectural shingles, slate or galvanized tin.

Cobb: Right, that’s why it says when required so that would be a choice if we were to require that.

Dunnavant: I just don’t want it sneak over to the residential side a couple years from now.

Cobb: No. It has nothing to do with that.

Jones: I have something to say when Mr. Dunnavant is through. The #2 item L, ACP Floodplain request follow-up. I was present when that thing came up originally in the Planning Commission. Becca said she wasn’t sure if she knew enough about the parameters of the floodplain and maybe we need to get somebody outside. I think if we could have looked into this thing and approached the pipeline people to see what they had to say about the floodplain rather than get somebody and I realize that the county doesn’t have to pay but somebody has to pay and if it’s not necessary why make them pay extra money. I just wanted to put that out. I
disagree with having to get professional people come in until we know we don’t have anything to rectify what’s good and what’s not. Thank you.

**Bryan:** Any other comments? A motion by Mr. Matthews, second by Mr. Bryant to schedule a public hearing to update the zoning ordinance for May 14th. Call for the vote. 6 yes.

* Supervisor Matthews moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to schedule a public hearing for the purpose of updating Article 9 of the Zoning Ordinance. 

**Re: Consider appointment or reappointment to the Piedmont Virginia Community College Board**

**Carter:** I got a letter from Dr. Friedman, President of Piedmont Virginia Community College advising you all that Joseph Scruggs’ term expires June 30, 2018. He advised that Mr. Scruggs is eligible for reappointment for another four year term and respectfully request that the Board consider Mr. Scruggs’ reappointment.

**Bryan:** Has anyone asked if he’d like to serve again. He is willing to.

**Chambers:** I make a motion to reappoint Joe Scruggs.

**Bryan:** We have a motion by Mr. Chambers, second by Mr. Bryant to reappoint Joseph Scruggs to the Piedmont Virginia Community College Board. Any discussion? Call for the vote. 6 yes.

* Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Bryant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to reappoint Joseph Scruggs to the Piedmont Virginia Community College Board for another four year term.

**Re: Consider Contract with Dominion for Space on the Tower to Provide for the Lack of Communication Coverage in the Arvonia/New Canton Area**

**Carter:** Yes, sir. Previously I think last month or the month before you all discussed the problem of poor service in the Arvonia/New Canton area for our fire and rescue communication. We have a finished contract here to collocate on a tower at Bremo Bluff. The facility is in Fluvanna County. Dominion has been gracious enough to allow us to place emergency radio equipment on this tower at no cost to the county. We have already discussed the cost of putting the equipment on there. This is the contract with Dominion Power and Mr. Wright has looked at this.

**Dunnavant:** Do we have enough insurance to cover that? They have a pretty big umbrella there. We do already have it on the policy.

**Carter:** We have insurance. We don’t have it on there already.
Dunnivant: But we have the insurance limits in excess of what they are asking for.

Bryan: Motion by Mr. Bryant, second by Mr. Dunnivant to authorize the County Administrator to sign the contract with Dominion for space on the tower for the New Canton/Arvonia area. Any further discussion? Call for the vote. 6 yes.

Supervisor Bryant moved, Supervisor Dunnivant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to authorize the County Administrator to sign the contract with Dominion for space on the tower at Bremo Bluff for fire and rescue communication equipment free of charge.

Re: County Attorney Matters

There were none.

Re: County Administrator’s Report

Carter: First thing is a reminder that Tire Day is scheduled for April 21 at the old Dillwyn Primary School.

Virginia Department of Transportation has provided you information of a public meeting in Lynchburg on April 19th.

Also a certificate from the Office of Water Programs for Chad Woodson. He has completed the Water Treatment Plant Operation program.

If I can make one more comment, if you are thinking about some of Mr. Smith’s comments regarding Commonwealth Attorney budget, part of that you may recall is the grant money of $68,000 which is new in that budget for Victim Witness Program. All of that money is not local money.

We have our March Building Permit Report, Commonwealth Regional Council report, and Buckingham County Public Schools Membership Report.

That concludes my report.

Re: Other Board Matters

Matthews: I just got notification that Central Virginia Electric Coop is going to provide a couple workshops on high speed internet. Have they discussed that with you? We might have to make some sort of public announcement about that. It’s going to be I think they said April 23 at the Curdsville Community Center at 6:00. I believe that’s right. Its for people that are interested or getting some knowledge because a lot of people in my district, people don’t have internet service in their homes. I’d like to get them to give us a map of that area and it could be in some other districts too. Central Virginia does service a large part of our county but Southside also
serves some areas too and Dominion. So I’m sure they are buying power from Dominion Power so I would like to…

Carter: I’ll call and see what information I can get on this workshop and see if we can get the word out. When I said I’ve been communicating with him. I have but we are not prepared to come out with that information. You all may have read from Fluvanna County, they are working with Fluvanna County to provide internet service. What that would mean is if you are a customer of Central Virginia Electric and live out in the boonies, you may have an opportunity to get internet service by putting it on your light pole. So they are working on that. They do want to work with Buckingham but probably 2 or 3 years down the road because you know we have trouble with other companies with not enough users to pay for their build out.

Matthews: This has been a big thing for the last 4 or 5 years on this corridor, Rt. 15 corridor all the way through our county where you know some people a mile or two off of 15 do have internet service but for the most part I don’t know what the percentage would be it’s a large percentage that do not have internet service at their homes. I’ve had several constituents of mine that was one of things that they wanted to talk about early on when I got on the Board. It is something that is important to the citizens of the county. It’s important to me. I’m not that computer savvy but every once in a while I do get on the computer and it would be helpful.

Carter: A lot of students need it for their homework.

Matthews: They wouldn’t be relying on the library too. If we could get service to their homes they wouldn’t be filling up the parking lot up there.

Bryan: Affordable.

Carter: Did you say two workshops?

Matthews: I just know that one now but I would think they would be willing to do another one somewhere else.

Carter: I’ll talk to them.

Bryan: Any more Board matters? We will recess to reconvene on April 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. for the adoption of the 2018-19 Budget.

Jones: Mr. Chairman, before you hit that gavel I would like to think it would be very complimentary for Mrs. Carter the work that she had done on this budget is tremendous and I would like to thank her for her time and effort that she puts into this. It’s not something that she can do in a few minutes. I know she works a long time. I want to tell you that I thank you and I’m sure this Board thanks you.

Dunnivant: Good job.
Bryant: Amen.

Bryan: Thank you.

There being no further business to discuss, Vice Chairman Bryan declared the meeting recessed to reconvene April 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. to adopt the 2018-19 Operating Budget.

ATTEST:

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Rebecca S. Carter                  Donald E. Bryan
County Administrator              Vice Chairman