At a reconvened joint Budget Worksession with the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors and Buckingham County School Board held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Peter Francisco Auditorium of the Buckingham County Administration Complex, the following members were present: Donald E. Bryan, Chairman; Harry Bryant, Vice-Chairman; Robert C. Jones; Don Matthews; E. Morgan Dunnavant; Joe N. Chambers, Jr.; and Danny R. Allen. Also present were Rebecca S. Carter County Administrator; Karl Carter, Asst. County Administrator; and E.M. Wright, Jr., County Attorney. Thomas W. Hutcherson, Jr., School Board Chairman; Sherry S. Ragland, School Board Vice Chairman; Theresa D. Bryant; Joii W. Goodman; Kathy F. Midkiff; Jacqueline J. Newton; and H. Ed Wise. Also present with School Board were Dr. Daisy Hicks and Wendy Oliver.

**Re: Call to Order**

Chairman Bryan called the meeting to order.

School Board Chairman Hutcherson called the School Board meeting to order.

**Re: Establishment of a Quorum**

Chairman Bryan certified there was a quorum. Seven of Seven members were present.

School Board Chairman Hutcherson certified there was a quorum. Seven of Seven School Board members present.

The meeting could continue.

**Re: Approval of Agenda**

*Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Jones seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the agenda as presented.*

**Re: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Supervisor Allen gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all who were in attendance.
Re: Presentations: Davenport Inc. Information regarding the results of the Requests for Proposals for the Library/Community Center Financing

K. Carter: We are working on the library financing project and we are not at the point yet for Davenport to show up but we did get permission from Davenport to do is…you should have in front of you is a Reimbursement Resolution…this is to reimburse the county for anything we pay for the project before funding gets in place. So anything that we pay from this day forward, we can reimburse ourselves when the funding comes in.

Allen: Do you need a motion on that? I move that we approve this resolution.

Dunnavant: I second.

Bryan: There’s been a motion made and properly seconded to accept the resolution as presented by Mr. Carter. Any discussion on the matter? This is just simply to reimburse ourselves when the financing comes through. Show of hands please? It’s unanimous.

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Dunnavant seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the Reimbursement Resolution as presented.

Re: Dr. Daisy Hicks, Division Superintendent, Buckingham County Public School System: Request for Carry Over Appropriations and other Appropriations from the FY2017-18 to the FY2018-19 Budget

Hicks: Good afternoon. We are requesting approval for the yearend balance to purchase a chiller and controllers for the Middle School. The project will start as soon as funding is approved, however the project will carry over until the next fiscal year so we are requesting that the unspent balance as of June 30th be carried over until next year to complete this project.

Bryan: That is just one chiller correct, Dr. Hicks?

Hicks: Yes.

Bryan: Is that for all the parts? I know we talked about chillers, did we talk about it here, Sherry, or did we talk about it in our meeting? Both of them are dying. But it’s better to replace one right now, get all the parts and controllers for one now and then down the road we are going to have to kick that can and end up replacing the second one as well because it’s dying as well.

Ragland: We are staggering them without having to compromise the other one.

Jones: I’m going to ask a dumb question. What’s a chiller?

Matthews: HVAC

Dunnavant: It’s an industrial sized air conditioning unit.
Jones: I’ve never heard it expressed that way. Thank you.

Allen: I make a motion to approve the carryover.

Chambers: Second.

Bryan: There’s been a motion made and seconded to allow the School Board to carry over money from this fiscal year to next fiscal year for the purpose of installing a chiller at the middle school. Any further discussion on the matter? Show of hand for yes.

Allen: Do you want the number in there?

Carter: If you could include the amount for the auditors.

Hicks: It’s $233,559.

Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve for the School Board to carryover $233,559 from this fiscal year to next fiscal year for the purpose of installing a chiller at the middle school.

Carter: Page 3 of 3 is $465,720. That’s more cafeteria money and other state and federal money received. Local was $232,161.

Oliver: The yearend that we are asking for is $233,559 and the other amount of $232,161 is the cafeteria balance.

Carter: The very last page I have that says 1 of 1 has the bottom line. You have already approved the local budget adjustment of $233,559. They have a cafeteria change of $232,161 and you will need a motion to adjust that.

Chambers: So moved.

Allen: Second.

Bryan: So are we amending the first motion, Mr. Carter and roll everything into one?

Carter: You already have a motion to carryover the local money from facility to capital improvements. Now you need a motion to adjust the cafeteria roll over.

Bryan: We have a motion and properly seconded. Any discussion on the Cafeteria money? Show of hands for yes. It’s unanimous.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the carryover of $232,161 in cafeteria funds.
Re: Dr. Daisy Hicks, Presentation of the FY19-20 School Board Budget Request

Hicks:

This is a 10 year comparison of our March 31st ADM based on the history and time frame of our ADM we are proposing that the projected ADM of 1955 for the 2019/2020 school year. As you can see on the left is our current budget with an ADM of 1925. We are proposing to build our 2019/2020 budget on the most recent state proposed budget from the General Assembly. When we look at the state funding comparison the current year’s budget is $13,872,175 and the proposed budget is $14,785,257 which is an additional $913,083.
This is a highlight of the state’s budget. We are getting an additional, as I just said, $913,083. Our projected ADM will be increasing to 1955 which is an increase of 30. As you can see as well the composite index and VRS rates are remaining the same.
The VPI slots are increasing by 6 in which we have no control over that number. Of our funded VPI slots that is totally controlled by the state. The other significant increase in the state budget are the Basic Aide which you can see that’s $99,346. Sales Tax $88,332. Compensation supplement $421,435 and Lottery per pupil $119,608. We have a 5% salary increase for SOQ funded Instructional Positions and Support Personnel. Certification requires stating that a salary increase with a minimum of 5% be provided either the first year or second year or by combination of the two biennium years. Buckingham County Public Schools as you are aware gave a 2% increase last year, there we are proposing a 3% this year to make that 5%.

Also the SOQ for school counselor’s ratios is projected to change. This is the first of a three year phase to reduce the staffing standards to 250:1 in all schools by 2020.
These are current and projected class sizes. We currently receive K-3 class size reduction funds requiring us to keep class sizes 22 or below in K-3 and SOQ requires no more than 24 students in grades 6-12 in English classes.
These are our other proposed state revenues. We are removing the currently funded security equipment grant but we do plan to apply for that grant again. The alternative education funds are increasing. We are removing the school security officer grant but we do understand the importance of this position and plan to fund this position regardless of whether it be grant or not. We are applying for that grant again as well.

Federal revenues, the significant change is the school improvement grant. We recently applied for this grant for Buckingham Primary and Buckingham Elementary Schools which will increase
our projected revenues as well. Other revenues were projected to increase our out of district tuition and also projecting a total loss of E-rate funds.

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The local county appropriations projected for this budget does not require any additional funding. Just a transfer from our maintenance category to debt services to cover the expected loan payment. Again, we are not asking for any additional funds this year.
Cafeteria Revenues. These are our projected revenues for the cafeteria. There are no significant changes however we are increasing the local and federal funds for that.
Proposed budget revenue summary. We are projecting an increase in regular operations of $1,146,730 and in cafeteria funds an increase of $49,124.
This is a handout of our expenditure budget summary. We are proposing an additional middle school teacher and high school teacher due to enrollment projections that we talked about earlier. An additional school counselor based on the projected SOQ and we are required to give the 3% increase in salaries to cover the total 5% biennium in the budget. We are also revising our teacher salary scale to unfreeze steps that were frozen due to the lack of funding in previous years. We believe with what the state and federal funding we will be receiving and with your support as well, we feel this would be a good time to make our salaries and keep our salaries for our teachers competitive to other divisions. We are also implementing an administrative salary scale which is based on current salaries with projected 3% increase. This budget does include health insurance increase.

Are there any questions? I know that was a lot of information.

**Chambers:** How much was your health insurance increase?

**Hicks:** Health insurance originally went up 8% this school year. We were able to do some negotiations and were able to reduce that cost to 3% increase after adjustments.
Chambers: The insurance will take care of the raise then won’t it.

Hicks: No, no increase on the employees. We will pick it up.

Bryan: Are you still going to be able to offer breakfast and lunch at the complex?

Hicks: Yes.

Bryan: I heard somebody had said breakfast yes, but no on the lunch because you had lost a grant or something. I wasn’t sure if that was true or not.

Hicks: We haven’t heard anything about that. We are going to feed our babies. That’s important.

Chambers: I have one more question. Can I ask Mr. Palmore a question? Mr. Palmore, how is the bus rotation? We talked about it a year or so ago. How do we stand on them?

Palmore: (not verbatim, mic doesn’t pick up in the audience very well) We have always had a 4 bus rotation. Then it went to 2 ½ buses. You can’t have 2 ½. Then thanks to our Board and yall’s Board, yall have been funding us through the years. I think yall gave us three. We are not on that 4 bus rotation as of yet we used to be religious to that 4 bus rotation when I first came here. That’s where it stands now.

Bryan: What’s the status of the fleet? Are you still struggling to maintain the buses?

Palmore: We are maintaining. It would be nice, it would be wonderful to be on a 4 a year rotation. We haven’t quite gotten to that point yet.

Jones: This year we are looking at three. Is that right?

Palmore: Yes, sir.

Chambers: If we don’t hurry up and get back on the 4 a year rotation, it will be like it was at first. You can’t make progress and then lose it. Is there any way we can give them another bus this year?

Palmore: It’s definitely been a progress with the two boards. (Could not hear)

Allen: Three buses will be you by this year you think alright?

Palmore: (Could not hear) If that’s the case, we’d love to have more.

Bryan: You’d love to have 5 or 6.
Chambers: How about we get that compressor station built, we can get back on schedule.

Bryan: Thank you Dr. Hicks. Any other questions for the School Board? Dr. Hicks, I’ve mentioned before in previous times, it’s taken us 10 years to build what we have in discussion. Sherry knows definitely that I would like for us to work closer together maybe start a committee now to discuss, and I’m not saying this is going to happen tomorrow, please don’t anybody go out and say that Donnie Bryan said we are going to build a new high school. But the high school is aging. There is going to come a time where we are throwing good money after bad money. We are not there yet. We are able to maintain currently what we have through very good spending practices. But I would like to see us sit down now and start designing a new high school because it’s going to take us 10 years to get that in discussion because that’s what it took for the middle school. And it certainly took just as long to revamp the complex. So, you know, it’s not going to happen overnight, I know that, we all know that sitting here but the quicker we start the dialog the quicker we can move forward with it and get things in line to where we need to be so when it does happen we can pull the trigger on it and say we are already prepared, here’s what we have rather than be behind.

Hicks: Yes, Thank you.

Bryan: Any other matters? Ok.

Carter: Dr. Hicks and I have discussed that there is a capital improvements plan in the works and I did suggest after budget is over with maybe we would have a joint Worksession and look at all of it. It’s not just the school, it’s maintenance of the buildings that’s very important. So maybe later we can sit down and…

Bryan: We talked about it Dr. Hicks, before you got here, Sherry knows I’ve…just in case it happens, a rainy day fund so that we are not…and I don’t want to jinx us so that’s all I’m going to say.

Hicks: Yes, please don’t.

Ragland: I just think we’ve been on this committee for a long time now, we know how important it is to keep you informed for what you are up against. You know what you are up against too. It’s been a work in progress and it’s still a work in progress but I think we are at a point where we can now put it on paper and be confident with the numbers we have so I can show you and the rotation we have to do like the reforming of the flat roofs. People have no idea how much that costs and we are trying to get into a rotation that we are doing 3 or 4 we are staggering. That’s what Dr. Hicks and the committee has been working on.

Bryan: Like the painting of the buildings, you have to do the roofs to maintain the contract on the roofs so if there is damage, they will cover that. It’s just everything from something as small as a fence around the playground at the early learning center with four year olds to keep them safe to something major at the complex where we want to fence in the walkway so our
kindergarten and first grade students are not exposed outside and are more protected. That’s just some of the things that the facilities committee is looking at and is in line with.

**Ragland:** I think Dr. Hicks is on top of it.

**Hicks:** Yes, very much so. I’m glad that you all are willing to work with us and form those relationships and when we meet again I’m hoping that when we go meet with our legislators as well that you all will join us so they can see we are in this together and we are looking for them to support it as well because being in a rural area our population is more elderly with fixed incomes and all that stuff plays a part in it. But our students should not go without because of that so they need to hear from us as a united group.

**Ragland:** To lead off from that, Hutcherson and I do, we don’t wait for legislative day in Richmond because they are bombarded as it is and we go out to see Senator Peak and Matt Farris and it’s not just a 15 minute visit. We are there a couple of hours and talk about things that need to be discussed.

**Bryan:** I’m on the Education Steering Committee as well and every chance I get I get on my soapbox and…

**Ragland:** That one on one, face to face makes a difference.

**Bryan:** Yes it does. I puts the buzz in their ear if nothing else and they know that we are buzzing.

**Ragland:** The next time we meet with them we will let you know and maybe you can go with us.

**Hutcherson:** Any School Board Member have any statements you’d like to make. If not I declare the School Board meeting adjourned.

**Bryan:** Before we get started, Mrs. Carter, 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 2019-2020 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.

Moving right along, Mrs. Carter, presentation of the FY2019-2020 Recommended Operating Budget.

Carter: The budget will be contingent upon receipt of all anticipated state, federal and local revenue. This is for your financial security in the event revenues do not come in as expected. This statement also protects the county general fund balance from supplementing any shortage of state or federal funding that any department or agency has in this budget if it is not received. The department or agency must assure the funding is received or request an adjustment of budget to reflect any shortfall of funds.

I respectfully submit a budget balanced within its annual revenues with a $131,400 difference in annual revenues and expenditures. So that is cutting it pretty short. Any changes you make in this recommended budget will change this reserve. If you increase something or take away from something, that’s the number that will change. As we navigate through each department/agency request I will explain any differences that’s in there.

This budget I have provided is based on the current tax rates.

We are not seeing a lot of increased revenues but we do see increased grants and state and federal money. We are thankful that the schools did too. We’d be in a bind this evening if not. We do have a larger ending year balance and a better reserve. I am confident this budget meets the needs for adequate services for the county.

You may have heard from the auditors, the increase ending year balance is based on good management of your money and not spending all of our budgets so it’s an accumulation of money. It’s not difference of revenues and expenditures. It’s an accumulation of money.

The total presented budget is $55,115,567.00. The present year’s adjusted budget (after getting actual state and federal school amendments) is $50,621,335.00. This is an increased in the total budget of $4,494,232.00.

Before you get all worked up on that, the bottom line of the local increase after decreasing some portions of the budget is $353,229.00. The Reassessment cost of $200,000.00 is one time and included in this number so the actual bottom line local increase in regular operations is $153,229.00. I’ve got to add that this is the first budget I’ve worked with that’s had that low of a new local appropriation but it’s also the first budget I’ve worked with that’s not had a large increase in your local revenues.
The reasons for this increased total budget is not due to significant increased local money spending as previously noted, but due to better ending year fund balances and additional state and federal revenues for categorical aid and educations. The local revenues are leveling off as expected, so balancing this budget did require careful thought and consideration. Although we certainly did not budget any ACP money, it certainly was in our consideration during the last tax increase that we would have the opportunity to receive about $1,000,000.00 additional State Corporation Tax for 2019-20 for the pipeline and compressor station project. We also knew that the reassessment is scheduled to be completed for the 2020-21 budget and at that time predicted to study all revenues carefully. I believe we are right in line with revenues vs expenditures as we expected to be at this time. The increased general fund balance is commendable.

This recommended budget does address most all request for additional local money and funds all new justifiable increases.

Differences:

- Increased State and Federal School Money: $1,146,730.00
- Increased State Categorical Aid: 301,385.00
- Increased State/Fed/Local VPA/Comprehensive Services: 54,092.00
- New Line Item for Reassessment Budget: 200,000.00
- County Computer System Upgrade increased onetime cost: 46,000.00
- Law Enforcement increased Local: 60,950.00
- Water Transfer: Increased to General Fund: 25,000.00
- Water/Sewer Increased Budget (Sprouse’s Corner Project): 1,244,776.00
- Increased Capital Improvements /Reserve Funds: (good news) 340,000.00
- Increased Ending Year Balance: (Good news): 1,123,615.00
- Larger Budget Reductions: - 301,255.00
- Other smaller revenue and expenditure changes throughout all: 252,939.00
- Departments that we will discuss in the department reviews: $4,494,232.00

We Decreased Local Expenditures by $341,152.00 to help offset the increased expenditure needs.

Increased Local Expenditures by $694,381.000 yields $353,229.00 more expenses. ($200,000.00 of this increased expenditure is the reassessment) The Reassessment is a onetime cost so the actual increased local expenditures excluding the $200,000.00 is $153,229.00.

The Increased Revenue is anticipated to be $407,856.00 (301,000.00 is increased categorical aid from the state) and the change in several reserves added $76,773.00 which equated $484,629.00. The anticipated new expenditures of $353,229.00 will bring us back to the new anticipated reserve for contingency of $131,400.00.
Beginning Year Balance: General Fund: $6,123,615.00
Beginning Year Balance: Economic Development Fund: 676,385.00
Beginning Year Balance: Capital Projects Fund: 900,000.00
Beginning Year Balance: Solid Waste Fund: 300,000.00
Total Beginning Year Balance: $8,000,000.00
(all accumulated funds)

The total local Revenue 17,565,173.00
General Fund Federal 422,000.00
General Fund State 3,591,073.00
School State and Federal Revenue 19,353,627.00
State /Fed Social Services/CSA 2,855,521.00
Transfer from Water Fund 200,000.00
(For services provided by the county for billing and collections)
Water and Sewer Fund 3,128,173.00
(I might add that revenues and expenditures balance. The increase there is the money for the
Sprouse’s Corner Sewer to the four corners in included in this budget)
Total Revenues and Beginning Year Balance 5,115,567.00

Expenditures
General Fund Expenditures 10,056,125.00
School Expenditures (local 7,271,002.00) 26,624,629.00
VPA/Comprehensive Services 3,620,005.00
Debt Service 3,500,235.00
(that is the courthouse, 2 schools and I don’t think that includes the library because we
Put the money for the library payment in the IDA because we will move that money through
The IDA so it’s still $250,000)
Water/Sewer 3,128,173.00
Reserves 1,931,385.00
Reserve for Contingency 131,400.00
Total Expenditures $48,991,952.00

Ending Year Balance if all Reserves are spent: $6,123,615.00
If Reserves are not spent: $8,000,000.00

Bryan: I have a question, Karl this is for you, how are we standing with CSA? I mean,
inevitably that is something that we don’t have a say in, if she comes up tomorrow and says I
need $400,000, that’s something that you have to pay. How are we looking right now compared
to last year on expenditures of what we spent?

K. Carter: We are about the same as last year. CSA meets tomorrow morning so I pulled that
information today and we are within $100,000 of last year, I think it’s less actually than last year.
The biggest spending is going to be in June and July when you get those three months at a time
that has to be put back in the last fiscal year is when you see the big increase.
Jones: Our auditors say we need to have 4 or 5 million reserved?

Chambers: I thought it was 6.

Carter: It’s a percentage of your total budget.

Bryan: 10%.

Carter: We are good.

Bryan: So, as far as CSA is looking, we are a little bit better than we were last year so…

Carter: It can change quick.

Bryan: Inevitably it’s how the computer accepts it and how they process it or sit on it or do they quickly want to quickly reimburse it.

Carter: Another reason why we need to keep reserves. You don’t know what is going to happen and we have to pay for it. In budget meetings today with Juvenile Detention and Regional Jail, that’s another case. We don’t know how many people are going to be in the jail or how many people are going to be in juvenile detention. So it’s something you have to monitor all year.

Chambers: Something is going right, we’ve never had an ending year balance like this before. Me and Becky started off the budget was $10 million.

Carter: I can remember an $800,000 ending year balance.

Dunnavant: If everything goes as planned, we will have $8 million next year.

Bryan: If everything goes the way it is. Let’s hope.

Dunnavant: We will keep our fingers crossed. It looks pretty good so far.

Carter: The answer to Supervisor Jones’ question, based on what I proposed to you all tonight, with your unassigned ending year balance, and that is your unassigned balance needs to be a certain percentage of your budget. It’s recommended 10%. In any case we drop below that 10%, it’s actually recommended that the Board vote to say that we know we are taking our balance below that 10% and that’s the first red flag for the auditors and then goes into the Auditors of Public Accounts. Unassigned balance, ending year balance would be 28.8% of local expenditures if you speed all your reserves and 42.6% if you do not. So total budget, schools and everything, I look at the local side because that’s our local money I’m talking about, on the local side your balance is 13.3% if you spend all reserve money, and 18.2% if you do not spend any of it. That’s counting all school money and everything. Really we are supposed to look at
our local money. We are ok and I’ve got to say and any of you would say that that is the best standing we’ve had for any emergencies that may come up. I caution, it should never be used for reoccurring costs. Each year it will compound itself without the revenue to protect that and then you are going to be in a problem.

Bryan: I guess the bids have come in for the library. They are attractive. So I guess we are doing something right. The banks know we have the capital to back what we want so I guess we have attractive rates.

Carter: We have an AA rating.

Dunnavant: The bottom line is we’ve been responsible lately.

Allen: I’ve got a question about Gene Dixon Park. We are talking about taking that $100,000 out again and start that over again. What I’ve seen in the past, we’ve waited a couple years, tried to collect some money, and then do a project. But in between that time the amount for that project is going up and we are losing money either way. So can we use that $100,000 to make a payment and go on and get a loan for whatever it takes to finish the project up there?

Carter: We are at a point in the project I think we have $274,000 right now left over. If you approve another $100,000 that would be close to $400,000. They are at a point now where the lights are very expensive component of the whole project. I’m talking about $1 million to do the lights for all the fields. It will be more cost effective to do them all at one time. Then the concession stand and bathrooms is another expensive component. Those are the last two things. I think the real big expenses are left. We’ve been trying to find grant money and people to make donations and but we are not there.

Allen: Other than the lights, we’d be able to get a bid on the building and the field and go ahead and pay for that. Each year it goes up more and more.

Carter: We have those nice fields there and not able to use them at night.

Bryan: If it came down to it I share what Supervisor Allen says. If I had my choice between choosing a nice new complex right there at the junction of the 4 fields, I would rather go for lights because then our kids can play longer hours. There are already bathrooms there. You just have to travel a little bit and then it would help our kids out a little more.

Matthews: You mean there are 4 fields so it’s $250,000 per field to do lights.

Carter: It costs about $300,000.

Bryan: You don’t have to light them all at one time. You can gradually work it in.

Matthews: How many fields are going to back up to the complex?
Bryan: Eventually there is going to be 4 fields. There’s 3 completed right now.

Carter: Except lights.

Bryan: The two that they play on, they predominantly play on 2 of the fields and those would be the ones that would require lighting.

Matthews: There’s no lighting now?

Bryan: Not on the new fields.

Chambers: I’d like to see the lights. Those kids play out in the hot sun last year.

Carter: We had the tournaments last year and had generators.

Bryan: I think they are looking at another big state tournament this year as well.

Matthews: What you are saying is, if you do them all at one time it’s going to be $1 million?

Bryan: About.

Matthews: That doesn’t include the existing fields there now which already have some lighting.

Bryan: Wasn’t the million lights and the bathroom?

Carter: I think the bathrooms go with the concession stand. As a concession stand and meeting room. The rest rooms are definitely needed.

Matthews: How much money do we have in it now? Right now, what is the balance?

Carter: We have $274,000.

K. Carter: Actually $294,000

Matthews: Let’s just say $300,000 but that means we are $700,000 short on getting lights on everything if we did it all at one time. That’s what you are saying right, Danny? What you are suggesting is go borrow the $700,000 and do all the lights at one time. Is that what you want to do?

Allen: Do everything at one time? Take that $100,000 and make a payment.

Carter: Let me give you an option. We don’t know what the bids are going to come in at for the library. To meet the timeframe we have to go with a price so we are going with the $5 million. When we built the courthouse, we arranged the loan to say any other capital projects. We had about $1 million left over from the courthouse and put it in this building. We could look
at that with the library loan to have some additional money put in for capital projects. We can look at that.

Matthews: We haven’t put it out to bid yet so there is a chance that it could change some.

Carter: We want to include wording in it for the loan and the bonds through the IDA to say that the county can use it for other projects if they don’t need it for the library. We’ve been 10 years doing this project.

Bryan: We went through the big economic downturn as well.

Carter: Originally Mr. Dixon donated the land and in return the county was supposed to put $100,000 a year until it reached a million and you reached that last year. But its cost more. Danny you are probably right, if done all at once it may have cost less.

Allen: We could make the payment instead of…

Carter: When it started out people volunteered their time, material, when the economy went, people couldn’t do that anymore.

Matthews: Let me ask a question, we are getting ready to do a big capital project. We are going to be involved with Central Virginia Electric Cooperative and of course Dominion is very involved in the county. We voted on easing some of the tax for Central Virginia, have we done any numbers if we got Central Virginia to provide some of the poles in conjunction with Dominion. Then we will only have to buy the lights. Would that save us any money?

Carter: I haven’t approached Central Virginia Electric but we have approached Dominion. I said we could even name a field Dominion Field. They have offered to come and provide some manpower and maybe the poles.

Matthews: Since we are stepping up to help them and going the extra mile to get them started for their new equipment.

Carter: Is the park on Dominion or Central Virginia?

K. Carter: Dominion.

Dunnavant: You would think they would look after us a little better because we are going to burn their electricity anyway if we pay the bill. Just had to throw a comment in there.

Bryan: I just recently gotten an email from the guy at Musco Lighting too asking what the status of our project. These are two different kinds of lights with two different price tags that go with them. Is Todd in?
Carter: I don’t think so. It’s like with anything, if you are going to invest $100,000 or $1 million you have to invest it well and do it right.

Bryant: Exactly right.

Bryan: He’s been there. I’ve met him there and he laid out and gave us the price.

Carter: Is this the gentleman you met with at the conference?

Bryan: Yes. He did come to Gene Dixon Park.

Carter: I’m glad we had that discussion. Now we know how to start looking at that. This $100,000 a year is wearing me out.

Bryan: It would help, that $100,000, instead of going to Parks & Recs if you do the lights, it would go to the library to pay off that loan.

Carter: Either way, you are right. Do you want me to go page by page?

Bryan: Most of it is self-explanatory. It’s here. It’s listed.

Carter: There is very little request in there that’s not recommended.

Matthews: Do you want to highlight those?

Bryan: You’ve already highlighted the revenues.

SCHOOL BUDGET: The proposed School Budget is attached to this page. Dr. Hicks, Division Superintendent, Buckingham County Public School System and the School Board Members are present to present their requested school budget. The total School requested budget is $26,624,629.00. $7,271,002.00 of this amount is local funds. The School System is not requesting any additional local funding.

The FY 2019-20 Requested School Budget is based on an ADM of 1955. This is an increase of 30 pupils.
PROPOSED REVENUES

PAGE 1. REAL ESTATE: Anticipated $8,315,000. $3,000.00 increased based on collection history

PAGE 2. PUBLIC SERVICE TAX: Anticipated $3,600,000. No change

PAGE 3. PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX: Anticipated $2,850,000.00. Increase of $50,000.00

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: $190,000.00. Increase of $5,000.00

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

PAGE 8. PENALTIES AND INTEREST: $350,000.00. $2,000.00 increase

PAGE 9. LOCAL SALES TAX AND USE TAX: $815,360.00. Decrease of $54,640.00 based on numbers received from the department of taxation. Recordation Tax $28,397.00 increase of $12,397.00. Transient Occupancy Tax $4,000.00 and is no change

PAGE 10: CONSUMER UTILITY TAX: $350,000.00. Increase of $2,000.00

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

PAGE 12: MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAXES: $340,000.00. Increase of $5,000.00

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

PAGE 14: TAXES ON RECORDATION AND WILLS: $72,000.00 Increase of $2,000.00

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

PAGE 16: PERMITS AND OTHER LICENSE: $75,200.00. $12,700.00 increase

PAGE 17: FINES & FORFEITURES: $29,100.00. $2,000.00 increase

PAGE 18: REVENUE FROM USE OF MONEY: $20,000.00. Increase of $5,000.00. (We have more money invested)
PAGE 19: REVENUE FROM USE OF PROPERTY: $100,500.00. $10,000.00 decrease based on the rental funds we are receiving; I believe we may have miscalculated for previous years.

PAGE 20: COURT COST: $13,616.00. $2,916.00 decrease $484.00 decrease

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

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

PAGE 23: MISCELLANEOUS: $22,000.00. Unchanged

Beginning year balance: $8,000,000.00
General Fund: $6,123,615.00, $300,000.00 Solid Waste Reserve, $676,385.00 Economic Development, $900,000.00 Capital Improvements Fund. (These funds are not reoccurring revenue but are a result of conservative spending and some one-time additional revenues that has increased your fund balances) I have separated this money $1,876,385 into these reserves to insure we do not appropriate any of this in reoccurring expenditures. Your ending year balance if all reserves should be spent will be $6,123,615.00 which balances with your expenditures vs annual revenue. According to this budget the beginning and ending year balance is increasing by $1,123,615.00. I want to congratulate you on the management of the money and for most departments not spending all of their budgeted money. We can feel more comfortable now should any unexpected, or planned one-time expenditures be needed because you have accumulated a safe and commendable balance. This balance will represent 13.8% of the county budget (everything except water and sewer) if all reserves are spent and 19.3% if the reserves are not spent. I do caution that the difference between the projected revenues and the projected expenditures is $131,400.00. Considering the lack of new revenues, we feel fortunate to balance the budget. (It was anticipated, but certainly not budgeted) that an additional $1,000,000.00 in State Corporation Tax would be realized in 2019 from the Pipeline.

PAGE 24: NON-CATEGORICAL AID: $1,613,414.00. $500.00 increase in auto rental tax

PAGE 25: CATEGORICAL AID-STATE COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY: $214,446.00 $6,110.00 increase

PAGE 26: CATEGORICAL AID-STATE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT: $869,013.00. Increase of $13,839.00.

PAGE 27: CATEGORICAL AID-STATE-COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE: $80,018.00. Increase of $1,722.00
PAGE 28: CATEGORICAL AID- STATE- TREASURER: $94,066.00. $1,397.00 increase.

PAGE 29: CATEGORICAL AID- STATE- REGISTRAR/ELECTORAL BOARD: $40,000.00. Unchanged

PAGE 30: CATEGORICAL AID- STATE- CLERK OF COURT: $198,222.00. $8,309.00 increase.

PAGE 31: OTHER CATEGORICAL STATE AIDS: $466,633.00. This is an increase of $284,750.00 mostly due to the grant to upgrade our 911 system.

PAGE 32: Transfers to General Fund from the Sheriff’s Fund: 0. This is a decrease of $16,637.00 because there are not sufficient funds in the drug fund to make this transfer. This is money transferred from the Sheriff’s Drug Fund to supplement law enforcement salaries. Transfer from Water Fund to the General Fund, $200,000.00. 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. No change

PAGE 34-37: VPA FUND: Virginia Public Assistance- Social Services: This demonstrates a total amount of funding resources to the Social Services (VPA) of $2,027,544.00, $1,580,977.00 is state and federal funds and $446,567.00 is local revenue. This is a $54,092.00 increase with $19,848.00 being a local increase mostly due to the Medicaid Expansion.

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.

Pages 39-49: SCHOOL FUND: This was addressed at the beginning of this guidebook.

Page 49 is where the School Debt Service is transferred from the general fund into a debt service fund. This Transfer amount is $3,500,235.00 Increase of $16,237.00.

Page 50: Debt Service Transfer Fund: This is the 401 fund where the school debt service is transferred. Total (county: $527,553.00.00 is the courthouse and $2,972,682.00 is schools.

PAGE 51: SEWER FUND REVENUE: $1,746,649.00. The expenditures are balance with the revenues. This increase of $1,300,000.00 is due to the Sprouse’s Corner Sewer Project. The expenditures are balanced with the transfers and the revenues.
PAGE 52: WATER FUND REVENUE: $1,381,524.00. The Expenditures are balanced with the revenues.

Expenditures:

PAGE 1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: $290,109.00 Increase of $197,500.00. Due to adding $200,000.00 for the reassessment cost for this fiscal year.

PAGE 2. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: $258,045.00. Increase of $21,034.00 due to salary adjustments and benefits in this department.

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

PAGE 4. COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE: $264,849.00. $184,831.00 is local and $80,018.00 is state. This is a local increase of $1,513.00 mostly for additional office cost during the reassessment.

PAGE 5. TREASURER: Total Budget $302,738.00. $92,669.00 is State. The is a $1,397.00 increase in state money and $458.00 local increase.

PAGE 6. FINANCE/DATA PROCESSING: $227,392.00. $3,192.00 decrease due to health insurance plan change.

PAGE 7. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: $181,796.00. This is a $46,000.00 increase to a “must” upgrade of our county computer system.

PAGE 8. ELECTORAL BOARD AND OFFICIALS: $69,149.00 is the electoral board, this is a local increase of $1,674.00 mostly due to the upcoming 2019 election. This is all local money. No state or federal funds for this department.

PAGE 9. REGISTRAR: $104,426.00. This is an increase of $4,106.00 due to additional part time hours for the upcoming election. $40,000.00 is state funds.

PAGE 10. CIRCUIT COURT: $19,277.00. This is all local money and is a decrease of $800.00.

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 $368,644.00. $184,710.00 is local funding and $198,222.00 is state. This is a total reduction of $12,021.00. This is mostly due
to the difference in the pay of the new clerk vs the previous clerk and change of health
insurance plan.

PAGE 14: Victim Witness Assistance Program: $70,669.00. This is all state Grant and is a
$1.00 increase.

PAGE 15: COMMONWEALTH’S ATTORNEY: Total budget is $427,491.00.
$213,045.00 is local money and $214,446.00 is state. This is an increase of $650.00 mostly
due to the retirement plan for new hires. This includes county attorney expenses.

Carter: I believe we have the Sheriff here. Starting with page 12 in the Guide Book.

PAGE 16: LAW ENFORCEMENT: Total Budget $2,255,096.00. This is a $74,339.00
increase. The State amount is $869,013.00 and the county amount is $1,386,083.00. This
represents a state increase of $13,389.00 increase and a local increase of $60,950.00.
According to the sheriff’s office the $60,950.00 will supplement the benefits of the state 3%
pay increase provided by the state and will also provide the 3% pay increase for all other
employees that will not receive the state pay increase. This increase also has about
$38,000.00 for a new position and $39,606.00 for additional part time salaries and wages.

Carter: That’s a line item they struggle with every year. You all have to appropriate additional
money in. I believe in discussion if this budget is approved this should bring them inline. Is that
what you said where they can be kept within your budget? They themselves suggested a few
other line items to meet their needs. Let’s see the $60,950, we went ahead and put that $15,000,
we never know what that courthouse security fee is going to be but that money is actually to help
pay their courthouse security officers which is in that part time line item so we went ahead and
included what we thought that would be in this budget which will help them not go over also
rather than have to wait for a transfer. We will have to adjust it to be actual.

Other line items have been adjusted according to the needs and to assist with providing the
additional money for salaries and other line item changes to continue to keep the new local
appropriation at $60,950.00. As you are aware the Sheriff’s office has had difficulty
staying within their budget due to part time salaries and wages. It is hopeful a new
position will help with overtime wages. This $60,950.00 also includes a transfer of
$15,000.00 in courthouse security fees to help pay for the part time workers that provide
security while court is in session. According to the Sheriff’s office this additional
$60,950.00 will bring them in line to where they can stay within their budget. You are having to make amendments every year and according to their office this should eliminate their budgetary deficiencies. I have attached their request to this page and the Sheriff will be in attendance to answer any question. Their request page has a different amount for new local money but I calculated the actual local budget for the present year and the difference in their request was able to be lowered because they were working with their amended budgeted total amount. The additional $60,950.00 will accomplish their total budget request.

Carter: I believe you have something in there for cameras in vehicles.

(Sheriff Kidd and Brent Uzdanovics spoke to answer questions but was speaking from the back with no microphone so nothing picked up.)

Carter: You might notice in the letter to you all from the Sheriff for request, it was for $135,414 additional local money and we started running numbers and we were actually using the budget amount from last year and not the amended amount. It was amended with the salaries and supplements. Instead of $135,414 the $60,950 will give them their total request which is a total budget of $2,255,096 and total local of $1,386,083.

Chambers: They need the equipment to get the job done. Stuff gets obsolete over the years.

Carter: This does include another position and I was confused on what that was of whether it was an investigator or deputy. Having a new position, will that help some with the overtime and comp time? That could help offset some of that too?

Dunnavant: A position is in here isn’t it?

Carter: One new position.

Matthews: $38,000 is the new position. $39,606 is the additional part time salaries and wages.

Carter: If you look at the big book under expenditures, that’s the one they are having trouble staying within. The Part Time salary and wages.

Matthews: What is the cost of the two way radios that you are talking about?

Uzdanovics answered but was inaudible.

Matthews: I don’t agree with you with replacing them every 5 years. By the time you replace all of them it’s time to start again. It looks like to me we could get a little more longevity out of that stuff to tell you the truth. Maybe go 8 years before you start it again. I know things change
but some of this stuff doesn’t change that quickly. You’ve got cell towers now and cell phones and all that technology, once we get you up to speed I don’t see how they can be making to much improvement on those things plus they updated the towers last year in the county, these Emergency Management Towers that you guys are on. Is that right?

**Carter:** We upgraded the radio system. But ours are fire and rescue. Yall do yalls right? I don’t think our…

**Uzdanovics:** (not verbatim) These are portable radios that are carried on the deputies for 12 hour shifts and they get beat up. I don’t know the shelf life but we are starting to see the wear and tear on them. I agree, technology really hasn’t changed that much but we are looking at a reliability aspect.

**Matthews:** You are talking about wear and tear aspect, what are yall doing to get more wear and tear? What’s going on?

**Uzdanovics:** (not verbatim) The volume buttons wear out. It could be $2-300 to repair.

**Chambers:** I see what you are saying. They are using it out in all type of weather. That’s abuse right there.

**Kidd:** (not verbatim) These radios have button on them so if they can’t talk you can push a button and we can get to them.

**Bryan:** Where is the majority of your overtime spent, Sheriff Kidd? If you had to pinpoint one thing that was killing you in overtime, what would it be?

**Kidd:** (not verbatim) He explained that deputies in court and transports.

**Bryan:** How do you handle if a deputy has to go to court? Let’s say, he’s testifying is that overtime or comp them in comp time?

**Kidd:** (not verbatim) We make it comp time.

**Bryan:** Right, when comp time gets so high you can’t control it. I know we’ve asked you to keep that at a minimum. How many vehicles are you budgeting to replace this year?

**Kidd:** Total of Three

**Bryan:** Is it normally three?

**Kidd:** Yes, sir. (couldn’t hear the rest)

**Bryan:** I thought we had said it was going to fall in line for next year.
Uzdanovics: (not verbatim) We typically buy three but the one had a lot of mechanical problems (couldn’t hear the rest)

Bryan: So it is three, one of which you are going to replace immediately.

Matthews: I asked if you could push it off until next year and you all said you needed it right now.

Dunnavant: We gave you the money for it right now. You’ve gotten that money, I think what it is Mr. Kidd, we were expecting a minus sign on the vehicles somewhere in the budget this year to show where we just gave you the one last month or month before last. Is that what we are talking about? It doesn’t show that way in here. It didn’t happen and the request for the standard three vehicles is still there. You getting 3 vehicles this year or 4 vehicles this year?

Uzdanovics: (not verbatim) You had 3 authorized and you guys authorized an additional which makes 4. That was utilizing the insurance refunds.

Dunnavant: I remember what the Chairman and Mr. Matthews are speaking of. When they came and asked us for the immediate appropriation of fund to replace the vehicle, they told us that that would come off the vehicle request and it doesn’t appear that it did come off. They are getting 4 vehicles instead of the standard 3 the way it looks.

Bryan: The cost of the vehicle?

Kidd: 29,233

Bryan: No, cost of the new vehicle that’s in the budget right now for next year. What would be the cost of a brand new vehicle?

Uzdanovics: (not verbatim) The cost of the vehicle itself, the last vehicles we purchased was $29,233.

Bryan: Is that what you budgeted for next year?

Uzdanovics: Yes.

Bryan: Is there anything else you budgeted for in that vehicle?

Uzdanovics: (not verbatim) All the equipment…

Dunnavant: That’s $21,500.

Bryan: Divided by 3?
**Dunnavant:** Is that a 3 way division or 21,000 per vehicle? Line item 31200-6009, Vehicle and Power Equipment supplies. 21,500. Line items funds yearly fuel, outfit costs, law enforcement specific equipment. That’s for the entire vehicle fleet increase so that figure will be divided by 3 so that’s roughly $7,000 per vehicle.

**Allen:** You lost two vehicles so actually you need an extra vehicle so I mean none of the vehicles are extra, just trying to catch up.

**Dunnavant:** I’m not kicking against it, I’m just trying to understand. We are in a good position this year. The budget is actually easy.

**Chambers:** He lost 2 vehicles.

**Bryan:** This puts us in line with what we discussed earlier with the bus garage. We fell behind in the rotation there and we are playing catch up.

**Matthews:** What happened to the insurance restitution we got?

**Bryan:** Some of that went to offset the cost of the K-9 vehicle we just got from what I understand.

**Chambers:** If they need it, they need it.

**Matthews:** How much was your insurance on those two vehicles that were wrecked?

**Uzdanovics:** It was only $15,000 out of pocket that we needed to replace that vehicle.

**Bryan:** But you lost two vehicles.

**Dunnavant:** That’s one of the things that I commented on when it came up to look at the insurance. At what time do we need to pull the full coverage off of them because it’s not going to replace your vehicle for you? Full coverage insurance, you’ve got to have liability on them, but the full coverage is only going to come near replacing your vehicle the first year, but the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th years you are better off to drop the full coverage and just put liability on them. You are going to pay more premium on them then potentially getting return on the vehicle. We need to look at that. I’m not fussing at you but it brings up the debate for us at this table to start thinking about it.

**Carter:** Karl might be able to help us with this, but the county pays all the insurance but I think they don’t look at full coverage or liability coverage and it’s different for law enforcement and different positions and also they take our values and figure it.

**Dunnavant:** On the insurance if you are paying for the value of the vehicle in hopes of getting a new vehicle, it’s not going to happen.
Carter: You all said you got about $18,000 for both vehicles. County appropriated $29,000, I can’t remember.

Uzdanovics: Minus the insurance recoveries, it was 15,000 additional appropriation for the replacement vehicle.

Carter: So you actually didn’t give one whole car, you gave $15,000.

Dunnavant: From the insurance that they got, we have them the balance of what they needed to get a vehicle back.

Uzdanovics: And all the equipment and installation of the equipment and all that. That’s it as well. To talk about the insurance. I agree with you. We are getting a 1/3 of the cost of the replacement basically. We had to option of purchasing the vehicle back but it will have a salvage title. At that point they won’t insure us that’s why we were pretty much forced to go this route. We could purchase them back but at that point they won’t insure it.

Chambers: After you get the new vehicles, are you going to pass some down to the school board?

Uzdanovics: Historically we’ve done that in years past or to County Admin. We’ve done that as well.

Dunnavant: Other than the insurance issue, I don’t have an issue with the sheriff’s overall budget.

Allen: I think Social Service could use a couple extra vehicles too.

Bryan: Sheriff Kidd, on average, how many miles a year does deputy put on there?

Kidd: Between 34-40,000.

Bryan: Ok.

PAGE 17: EMERGENCY SERVICES: $494,113.00. $46,000.00 is state, $267,863.00 is state 911 grant and $180,250.00 is local. The STATE 911 GRANT to upgrade the E-911 system is included as a onetime cost in this budget. 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. The is a $3,944.00 increase in local money mostly due to payroll and benefit changes and I included an additional $1,750.00 for travel and education.

Carter: I’ll start at expenditures and find the one’s that not…and you will see with constitutional officers most of that is the 3% increase in salaries from the state. They are giving the 3% for that. I’m sure you will want to talk about law enforcement but we will get to that.
Emergency Services does have an increase of $267,863 but that’s a grant that you all approved to do the 911 upgrade.

Bryan: That’s the enhanced 911 system.

Carter: That will go away next year but this is offset on the revenue side by the grant. I did include more local money in salaries due to his payroll and benefit change. $1750 for travel and education because Cody is doing a lot of projects for us and getting a lot of things done.

PAGE 18: VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS: $522,777.00 this is an increase of $1,943.00 in State Fire programs. The State Fire Programs money of $57,800.00 is distributed to the fire departments
$57,800.00 is state and $464,977.00 is local.

PAGE 19: AMBULANCE & RESCUE SERVICES: $201,200.00. This is a request for $1,000.00 more local funding. Also, if the county receives any “Four for Life” state funds, that money is allocated to the rescue squad. I recommend the Board give the Finance Committee authority to continue with the Rescue Squad Committee and release these funds according to the Finance Committee’s discretion.

Carter: Fire Department stayed.

The rescue squad did request $1,000 more. It was $199,000 and they leveled it to $200,000. Then it’s $1,200 for their county decal reimbursement. My recommendation is to do what you did last year. I’ve got it in here as an expenditure because we don’t want to get off in case you pay it out but that it be released according to the Finance Committee again.

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

PAGE 21: Piedmont Regional Jail: $400,000.00. 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 a $100,000.00 decrease based on the usage pattern and because part of the money spent this year is the county’s portion of the Jails Responsibility for the addition to the jail. The state money kicked in after the local amount was spent. This budget will have the county’s portion of the debt payment in it. Again, this is an item we cannot control and I will monitor it closely.

Carter: Regional Jail I did lower it about $1,000. This past year we had to pay up front for the renovation up there that we are going to get back so starting next year we will only be making the payment for the part of the loan so that will go down.
PAGE 22: BUILDING INSPECTION: $121,455.00. This is a $9,384.00 decrease mostly due to the employee leaving at a higher pay than the new hire pays and a change in the health insurance plan.

PAGE 23: ANIMAL CONTROL: $163,051.00. This is an increase of $1,500.00. Mostly in vet supplies. The state regulations are causing increased vet cost. I have also included in this budget a part time person to assist with cleaning and monitoring the animals at the shelter. Upon several inspections it has been recommended by the state that someone be at the pound at all times during regular operational hours, or at least part time. There is already $10,000.00 in their budget that can pay for a part time person. It is difficult for our officers to be on the road answering calls and also have someone at the facility at all times. One example of what they are required to do is for every dog or cat that is taken into the facility, an entrance card has to be placed on their section of housing, a name has to be given to each, health check has to be made and if an animal is ill they have to take them for vet care and a medical record has to be kept for that dog or cat. When the dog or cat leaves either by adoption or otherwise a record of date, time and designation along with assurance of vaccinations must be put into this animals file. The amount of paper work is continuous. A part time person at the shelter will also bring some relief to the daily shelter duties when our officers take annual time off. As you know our ACO Officers are on call 24-7 so overtime is worked. I believe at least a part time person is needed to be at the facility.

Bryan: How are we looking with Animal Control with the renovations?

Carter: We have in those capital improvements we have $200,000 in there for that pound renovation and that’s required by the State. We’ve got to do it. We have $100,000 in this year and then $200,000 in the next year so if we need to we can carry that $100,000 over if it’s going to be more. I’ve had several discussions today with people that I want to talk to Karl about but we are not the only one that the State’s coming down on.

Dunnavant: One question while we are at Animal Control, do we want to give any thought to the fact that the State does not require us to collect cats? But yet we get in trouble for cats.

Chambers: What are you going to do with them?

Carter: They do not require it but we do it.

Dunnavant: What’s the difference between a cat and a crow?

Chambers: There’s a lot of difference between a cat and a crow. What’s wrong with you man?
Dunnavant: What’s the difference between a cat and a squirrel? They both climb a tree. The State does not require us to pick up cats. A lot of the reports that I read on Animal Control we get in trouble for the cats.

Chambers: What are you going to do with them?

Carter: We lost one. We got wrote up. When you take an animal in now it’s like you are admitting them in a hospital. You have to have a card with their name and medical condition when you get them in. Their estimated age, the whole works. If they are unhealthy you have to take them to the vet. We had taken a cat in and just a few days later they came back for another inspection and we lost the cat. The cat was gone. We didn’t know what happened to it. That’s how strict they’ve gotten. Part of that inspection also is because there is no one there all the time and so I’m not asking for more money in their budget for this because we’ve got some money in there, $10,000 is in there for part time or over time. Our ACO’s are on call 24/7. They are not always able to be down there. There are so many restrictions now for cleaning, the way they are fed. They’ve got to take them out and everything has to be dry before they can put them back in and this part of the budget does recommend a part time person to help with that. They recommend someone there pretty much all the time but we have to start out and see how this works. We will talk about this with the Personnel Committee if you leave this money in there.

Bryan: I have a question. Sherry this is aimed at you. I know at one time we had some high schoolers that needed to do certain amount of community service work as well. Are we cool on that or is this something to add to possible their areas for community service.

Ragland: Yes. Not necessarily a requirement. There is that internship program.

Dunnavant: Just an idea just to get us out of the issue, if they are not forcing us to do it, don’t volunteer for anything we don’t have to do.

Allen: If somebody calls you to come to their house about the cats, what do you do?

Bryan: Have you moved forward, Becky to page 15 yet?

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


PAGE 26: REFUSE COLLECTION: $755,536.00. This is a decrease of $55,255.00. You may notice that Lyn is requesting about $80,447.00 more however we expect to and must reduce this cost not increase it. I have lowered the requested amount for monitor pay but we will need to monitor this closely because this line item has constantly been going over it allocated amount. This entire budget will be closely monitored as we start our new solid waste management program. If we need to reevaluate this budget I will bring it back before you.
Carter: Solid Waste worries me a little bit. That’s why I’m glad we have a little reserve because with our new program…

Several Supervisors: What page are you on?


Carter: Page 14 of this book about middle of page. Page 14 in your guidebook. Mr. Hill did request about $100,000 additional money and as we know with the new program we expect to reduce cost not increase cost. He’s proposed increased money for monitors and disposal. We are going to work to bring that down so my recommendation is a decrease of $55,255. We need to watch that. We don’t expect to just layoff all the monitors. We will need them for a while as we go through. But this is something we will have to monitor. That one does worry me a little bit but we will have to watch it. I can’t see how we won’t save money by having the new system.

Bryan: I had hoped we would be further along that we are right now but the weather has really not cooperated with our plan and its really put us behind but I think once we get the weather we will start moving forward rather quickly.

PAGE 27: ANTI-LITTER: State Grant in the amount of $2,600.00. This expenditure is offset by state grant in the revenue side of the budget. $4,500.00 decrease.

PAGE 28: GENERAL PROPERTIES: $591,162.00. This represents an increase of $12,500. 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 that is looking like about a $10,000.00 increase the other $2,500.00 Is in repairs and maintenance supplies. It is time to do some upkeep at the courthouse with painting and other repairs. Daniel and his staff are doing a good job within the budget up keeping our buildings maintained to protect the investments the county has put in these buildings.

PAGE 29: HEALTH DEPARTMENT: $124,814.00. This is all local funding and represents a $3,635.00 increase due to the local portion of state pay increases.

PAGE 30: REGIONAL JUVENILE DETENTION: $40,000.00. 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.

Carter: No, on page 14 for Juvenile Detention, I did recommend lowering that $10,000 based on what our costs have been. That was a little bit of savings.
Page 15 is probably where you are going to see I think everyone, all the agencies pretty much have been recommended what they said they need or could justify.

**PAGE 31: CONTRIBUTIONS TO COLLEGES AND AGENCIES: $229,069.00. Increase of $23,817.00**

1. **Crossroads: $37,000.00. Requested $40,000.00, level funding is recommended.**

   **Bryan:** I am on the Crossroads Service Board, Becky. I know the pain. The State has literally cut their budget which I don’t understand. But from their infinite wisdom, they cut funding from CSB’s across the State. Then the CSB’s has to look at leaning on the local economies too. She’s probably going to ask for more next year. So, food for thought.

   **Carter:** That’s up to you all. That’s $3,000 more they wanted.

   **Matthews:** Level funding is $37,000? I think we need to leave it at $37,000.

   **Carter:** They asked for $40,000.

   **Dunnavant:** Since this is a place our discretionary money is at, we’ve got a new one down here for pregnancy support center.

   **Matthews:** It’s not a new request. They’ve requested it in the past. We didn’t fund them last year.

   **Dunnavant:** It says new request.

   **Carter:** They asked for it last year and yall did not give it to them until they make a presence in the county.

   **Matthews:** They have done that. I would say not $5,000. I think they would be appreciative of anything because we would be the only county in the region that would be committing any money to it. My suggestion would be for $1,000 for what it is. They’ve shown a presence in the county and helping some of the citizens. It is helping the younger people who are pregnant and having children and they are taking classes and getting trained on having a child. These people are doing a really good service and helping alleviate some of the stress on Social Services. Actually I think they have done some work through the school system. Am I right, Dr. Hicks? The Pregnancy Center, are they doing some work through the Buckingham County Public Schools.

   **Carter:** They are set up at Ellis Acres once a week. They will meet with anyone that wants to meet.

   **Dunnavant:** But we are the only public body that’s funded them and what I was going to suggest because I do know Crossroads takes care of a lot of folks that don’t have any option during the day and I remember, I’ll share this tale with you, what they did to Prince Edward
The County. The Director came to the Board meeting at budget time like this and brought a contingency of his clients. He asked for a little bit of money increase and the Board said no. So he got up and left and left those people there in the front road. After about 5 minutes they got bored and distracted and were wondering around and asking for cigarettes and matches and everything. It wasn’t long they sent for him to come back in and said yes, we will give you what you ask for otherwise they are going to leave them here on us.

Chambers: We have a Board member representative on that Board, he said the state has cut them tremendously…

Bryan: The State has drastically cut their budget and they do offer same day service now. That was in the Farmville Herald today.

Chambers: We are only talking about $3,000. I don’t see why we can’t fund it.

Dunnavant: In the spirit of both of them let’s lead the charge and give the pregnancy center, Mr. Matthews’ $1,000 and take $3,000 up here in Crossroads and put $1,000 back in our pocket somewhere else.

Carter: I’ll ask you at the end of the work session about these things.

Dunnavant: But don’t put the $5,000 to the pregnancy center. We are the only folks in that boat. Give them Mr. Matthews’ $1,000. Then $3,000. Leaves us $1,000 to go somewhere else.

2. Piedmont Senior Resource: $15,170.00. Increase of $4,170.00

Carter: The next one was Piedmont Senior Resources. Their increase was $4,170 as per requested. They appeared before you all and talked about providing transportation for the elderly and do meals on wheels.

Matthews: I’m going to make a statement on this. I’m on the PSR Board and we are already, if not the top, the first one as far as contributions to the organization. Right now we are giving $11,000. They want us to go to $15,170. They will take anything that we give them and not fuss about it. I don’t think we need to go $15,170 until some of these other counties step up their game. That would be Cumberland, Nottoway, and some of these others that are not meeting their goals. We are doing our job.

Allen: We could be leaders instead of followers.

Carter: I think a lot of difference too is the meals on wheels. We used to give money to meals on wheels and now we give it to them.

Chambers: How many people did they say they served in Buckingham the other night when that lady was here? It was way up there.
Matthews: It’s 100,000 meals a day delivered to people in Buckingham.

Dunnavant: They are also feeding folks in other jurisdictions that are not stepping up to the plate. Our revenue that is being generated in Buckingham is getting spread out in other agencies and other places.

Matthews: I think they would be happy if we went to $13,000. We are showing an increase. We don’t have to give the whole 9 yards.

Chambers: I’m just looking at the services they provide our citizens.

Bryan: Especially some of our disabled seniors.

Chambers: I got no problem with funding them. I forgot how many people they…

Matthews: We are funding them.

Chambers: I know we are funding. Expenses goes up. Fuel goes up. It costs to feed these people.

Dunnavant: What it’s doing is causing us to subsidize the other localities.

Carter: I don’t think they do meals on wheels in other counties. We paid meals on wheels and they took over our meals on wheels.

Bryan: $14,000?

Matthews: They are going to come back next year and ask for additional increase next year.

Bryan: Things are going to go up every year.

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: 0. Did not receive a request. Savings of $1,000.00

Carter: The Literacy Program, we did not get a request this year so we saved $1,000 there. They haven’t asked for the money in the last couple years so that’s been taken out of the budget.

6. Peter Francisco Soil and Water Conservation: $10,000.00 (level requested)

7. VA Retreat/Virginia Crossroads: $4,500.00 (level requested)
Matthews: What is that, VA Retreat?

Carter: It’s the lady that spoke at the meeting. It’s a tourism program.

Matthews: The one that gave out the maps and stuff like that.

Dunnavant: Gave out the goody bag.

8. Ellis Acres Memorial Park: $5,000.00 (level requested)
9. Buckingham Active Seniors: $5,000.00. They did not need the money last year but do this year so this is a $5,000.00 increase

Carter: This they don’t ask for it unless they need it. Last year they were able to use what they had but did ask for it again this year.

10. Virginia Growth Alliance: $17,146.00 (level requested) (need to discuss)

Carter: It’s level requested. This is something we need to discuss later on. In order to get out of this organization you do have to give a 12 month notice. So that’s something you might want to consider later.

Bryan: Do you want to talk about VGA now, Becky?

Matthews: I’ve got some things…you want to do it now?

Bryan: We are advertising for a position that could probably replace and we could roll this money into that salary.

Matthews: We don’t know yet.

Carter: I talked today with three other counties that have withdrawn from Virginia Growth Alliance. Amelia, Nottoway and Prince Edward. Their concern still is, we do not have a contact through Virginia Economic Development except through Virginia Growth Alliance. The State gives them money and they go to them with prospects. Depending on how we replace this position and they work with economic development, we’ve got some time.

Dunnavant: With the State Economic Development, they have a phone number and office we could…

Carter: I know but they fund Virginia Growth Alliance as a regional go to for all of us.

Dunnavant: Yeah, but if they continue getting the message from other counties and us that we are not pleased with what we are seeing…
Carter: They cannot survive to much longer with everyone falling out. I am going to be the Go Virginia, we haven’t been active in Go Virginia because we are so rural. When you look at the numbers you don’t stand a chance for money but I have been asked to be put on that Board of Directors. In that category, it might give us more attention to work with Go Virginia. That may be another option than Virginia Growth Alliance. As a matter of fact, next week we have the Go Virginia meeting in South Hill with VGA.

Dunnavant: And sooner rather than later, we are going to have a commodity available to the business community that the rest of the localities don’t.

Matthews: We are working on an economic development package as far as the job description with the Zoning Coordinator so let’s let this hash out a little bit before we make this decision, you know what I’m saying. You can’t just jump out of this thing right today. Let’s give it some time and see what we come up with.

Dunnavant: I’m not saying jump by any stretch of the imagination but we need to have dialogue on it.

Matthews: I think it’s a good chance and possibly that we are going to save $17,000 pretty soon but you don’t want to say that yet because all the cards haven’t been read.

Carter: I pretty much at the meeting for VGA when we talked budget, and some said should we ask for more local money. I said don’t come to us for more local money. They are lucky to get what we have. So they didn’t ask for an increase. I think they know. If you want us to stay in you’ve got to make something happen and get our money back. When you think how long we’ve been in there, we’ve spent close to $100,000.

Dunnavant: And nothing to show for it.

Bryan: Prospects, that’s about it. They’ve shown a dozen prospects.

11. Christian Outreach: $3,000.00. (Level requested)

12. Southside Community College: $8,368.00 increase of $769.00 based on number of county students)

13. Buckingham after Prom: $3,000.00. No increase requested

14. Piedmont Community College: $1,127.00 (requested $1.00 based number of county students)

16. Jaunt, Inc.: $38,344.00. Jaunt has requested an increase of $9,604.00 to put the route back that was taken away last year. Karl is the county’s representative on the JAUNT Board and he can answer any questions you may have regarding the funding and ridership.

Carter: They requested $38,344. This is an increase of $9604. Based on the information they gave us and they were able to renegotiate that down from I think $13,000 last year to 9,000 this year to provide that service. I have recommended. Of course you all can change it but I recommended that increase.

Matthews: I have some questions. We asked that guy for some information the other night. Did he get it together for you? Like possibly increasing the ride from here to Charlottesville.

K. Carter: Yes, I need to go print that off. He sent an email with different scenarios. He did get that information to us. I’ll get that to you.

Bryant: The one route was taken away.

Bryan: Danny, you said you’ve gotten some fall back on that.

Allen: A lot of people want to see that ride come back. Did he say anything about UVA contributing?

K. Carter: No, he didn’t say anything about that but he sent like a scenario sheet saying if we did this, different scenarios.

Carter: He can’t really make those decisions himself. Do you all as a board vote on the rates? Karl is our representative on that board.

Matthews: What do you think Karl? Do you think we need to go up on the rate?

K. Carter: I can say, Danny and Joe, I got some of those phone calls too from Buckingham residents saying what happened to the ride. The funding was cut so they had to cut out that one route to keep it going. I got some of the phone calls as well.

Dunnavant: If they are willing to explore increasing the rider or daily trip rate. It’s an extremely cheap ride.

Chambers: A lot of people are making minimum wage over there and they are probably paying what they can afford. That’s why they are riding the bus.

Dunnavant: I understand that. But everybody is looking for work right now.

Chambers: That’s true but these people… (several people talking at once)
K. Carter: Also, Morgan, too, like Brad tried to say the other night, their federal funding is based on their rates. The more they raise their rates the less federal funding they get.

Chambers: I think we need to leave it alone. They are paying what they can pay.

Dunnavant: I’m just being devil’s advocate. To keep us in the know.

Chambers: These are minimum wage people working at the University. I think we should leave it alone.

Allen: I think it’s a good thing. It helps citizens.

Chambers: Didn’t everybody inherit a million like you did.

Dunnavant: What? I haven’t inherited nothing. Not a damn thing. Both of my parents were civil servants I have you know. My mother died in the health department next door as a public health school nurse.

Allen: Next.

Dunnavant: At age 60 I’d been an orphan a long time.

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: $7,100.00. This is an additional request of $273.00.

20. Hatton Ferry: $2,000.00 (requested level)

21. Longwood Small Business: $5,849.00 (requested level)

22. Longwood Center for Visual Arts: $1,063.00.
23. Southside Center for Violence: $5,000.00. Requested $10,000.00, my recommendation is level funding.


Carter: You’ve already talked about that to bring that down to $1,000.

25. Triad: $2,500.00. Level Funding
26. Foothill Child Advocacy Center: $4,000.00. Level Funding.

Matthews: What is that?

Carter: That is, the made the presentation last year. E.M. can you explain? They work with the courts and social services.

Wright: (not verbatim, mic was cutting in and out) they come in when small children are involved in sexual violence. They come in and interview. They prove to be very important in cases.

Matthews: That’s not a state organization, they are private?

Wright: They are funded in large part by grants and jurisdictions.

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.

Carter: They did request $5,000

Jones: What do they do?

Carter: They work with the water projects throughout the southeast rural area. We’ve never funded them.

Matthews: We’ve got Peter Francisco Soil and Water, why do we need them.

PAGE 32: PARKS AND RECREATION: $189,275.00. This represents a $5,118.00 increase due to change in health insurance plan for employees

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. $4,500.00 is local and $4,500.00 is state.

PAGE 34: BUCKINGHAM COUNTY LIBRARY: $203,784.00. $14,648.00 increase. Mr. Ewing explained his request to you during his budget presentation. When planning to see if the county can afford a larger library building, either new or renovated, I expressed that any time you operate larger space the operational cost will increase. During the several years I have reiterated that additional operational cost of the new building will to be needed. I know this is not for the new building but I believe that the Information
Technology person will save the Library and ultimately the county money while installing technology while renovating and when they are in the new building.

Carter: The library did request a $14,648 increase. Mr. Ewing presented that to you all at the last Board meeting. I do have that in there. I guess we need to establish now if we build a new building we will have additional operational costs so we need to be prepared they will need more money. This though is pretty much for the Information Technology person. I actually talked to Mr. Ewing at the library a little bit today. We know how much our IT person saved us building this building. Pulling all the lines and technology lines and everything. About $80,000. I feel this position is valuable in many ways to the library and this is the county’s portion of that.

Bryan: I think he will prove invaluable when they start the project there. He will become involved and help out with the IT as well.

PAGE 35: PLANNING AND ZONING: $116,903.00. $11,862.00 increase. $7,233.00 is for additional salary supplement since it is the consensus to hire someone with community planning and zoning degree or experience. Also, it has been discussed to include some economic development duties with the community planning aspect of the job. I have included an additional $500.00 to provide $2,000.00 for travel, conference and education.

Carter: This of course is planning. You all wanted to add some additional things so we may have to add money to that. I did include more money for travel, conference and education because there are some certification programs that a planner really needs to go to and get certified in. So we need to provide the money for that to be done.

Jones: The request in the newspaper is due when?

Carter: April 1st.

Matthews: I think it’s pretty important that we stress the economic development side of this thing since we are discussing eliminating VGA. That’s pretty important to me because this person has got the ability to influence what’s coming into Buckingham County as far as jobs. The core of us being successful with the ACP and several other things that are going with that. So my two cents is that’s got to be the highlight of this job situation.

Carter: That with community planning goes hand in hand or should be.

Dunnavant: The person in that position is definitely in a position to know what’s headed here.

PAGE 36: COMMONWEALTH REGIONAL COUNCIL: $19,000.00.

Page 37. Industrial Development Authority: $506,068.00. $256,068.00. is for Sewer debt payments and $250,000.00 for Library/Community Center Debt Payment.
Carter: This is where we put the library payment of $250,000. We had that in a reserve until you all decided to actually do it so we moved it over to make the payments.

PAGE 38: EXTENSION SERVICE: $93,200.00. $2,502.00. This is the county’s portion of salary increases.

PAGE 39: FIXED CHARGES: $342,200.00. This represents $146,000.00 decrease. This is mostly because the state is providing the 3% for their state supported employees and the county will not pay that increase. I am requesting a 3% pay increase for the county employees. The other decrease is in General Liability Insurance.

Carter: The only changes really is on page 15, for example our fixed costs went down to like $140,000 or something like that because we aren’t having to fund the 3% raise for all the constitutional officers staff. The ones funded by the State, we don’t have to fund that 3% so that was able to go down and left us a little bit of clearance. This does have a 3% for county employees also and anyone that’s not covered under the state. For example the Sheriff’s Department has theirs included in their budget in the local money. That helped us lower that line item.

PAGE 40: UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE: $6,123,615.00: This is a $1,123,615.00 increase. This is due to conservative spending by not spending all of our budgets and accumulating funds that have not been reoccurring. Your ending year balance is $8,000,000.00 if you do not spend the reserves.

It is important to have an unassigned balance of at least 10% of the expenditures. Your ending year balance is 28.8 % of local expenditures if you spend all of the reserves and 42.6% if you do not spend any of the reserves. The Total budget (all state, federal and local money) balance is 13.3% if you spend all of the reserves and 18.2 % if you do not spend any of the reserves.

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.

PAGE 42: COMMITMENTS/ASSIGNMENTS TO FUND BALANCE: $2,062,785.00

RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCY:

1. Reserve for Fire and Rescue Training and Incentive: $30,000.00 $10,000.00 increase in case the board wishes to consider any additional incentives
Carter: We had $40,000 and you all dropped it to $20,000 last year. I recommended $10,000 back in there because the Rescue Squad committee has been discussing working in some possible incentives, the Rescue Squad Committee. Supervisor Bryan brought up that if we start doing incentives for the Rescue Squad we will probably have to do the fire department too. That will take a lot of consideration but I did add an additional $10,000 in there for you all to start with.

2. Capital Improvement: Self-Supportive with Capital Improvements Reserved Fund:
   Animal Shelter Improvements: 200,000.00  $100,000.00 increase because this needs to be completed in 2019/20

3. Economic Dev Reserve: Self-Supportive  676,385.00

4. County Vehicles: 25,000.00

Carter: This is not self-supportive and Karl has looked at our fleet and believes that Enforcement Officer/Solid Waste Manager is next in line for a vehicle.

Matthews: Didn’t we buy two trucks last year?

Carter: Yes for General Properties.

Matthews: Are they using both of them?

Carter: Not all the time. We use them for pushing snow and stuff. We again have to come back to the Board before we spend the money.

5. Capital Improvements: Solid Waste Program Self-Supportive from Solid Waste Reserve Fund: 300,000.00

6. Gene Dixon Park Project: 100,000.00

7. Capital Improvement Reserves: Self-Supportive from Capital Projects Reserve Fund: 600,000.00

   Reserve for Contingency: 131,400.00

Carter: This has probably changed a little bit with the changes you have made.

The only two items in the reserves that are not supported from beginning year fund balances are the vehicle for $25,000.00 and the Fire/Rescue Training $30,000.00

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)

PAGE 55: Debt Service: The total Debt Service payments due will be $3,500,236.00. Increase of $16,237.00. This was discussed earlier in the transfer fund.

PAGES 54: -59 IS THE WATER AND SEWER FUND: OPERATIONAL EXPENSES: Water is a balanced budget with water revenue in the amount of $1,381,524.00 and Sewer is a balanced budget with sewer revenue, IDA transfer for Debt Payment and a transfer from the water utilities to pay for the Sprouse’s Corner Project without taking on new debt for that project. The total Sewer budget is $1,746,649.00.

Bryan: Mrs. Carter, I think we are good with the budget. We are good with the Sheriff’s budget. It looks like if I have added correctly it looks like the reserve is going to be 2,170 more. Ok.

Matthews: I’ve got something before you finish. Are you ready now?

Bryan: Yes, sir, if you are talking budget.

Matthews: Well, actually…

Bryan: Is it going to be for after budget?

Carter: I’ve got on the agenda for other things.

Bryan: I guess we are finished with the budget.

K. Carter: You need to vote to advertise the budget and tax rates.

Bryan: I need a motion for the changes to the recommended budget, consider adoption of the 2019/2020 Budget for public hearing on April 15, 2019 as presented and amended.

Chambers: So moved.

Allen: Second.

Bryan: There’s been a motion and a second to approve the 2019/2020 Budget for purpose of public hearing for April 15. Is there any other discussion?

Allen: Is that with the changes made?
Bryan: Yes, that’s accepting the changes made to the recommended budget by the County Administrator. If there are no further questions, please raise your right hand signifying yes. It’s unanimous.

*Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the 2019/2010 Operating Budget as amended for advertisement for public hearing on April 15, 2019.*

Re: Adopt Tax Rates for Advertisement

Bryan: We need a motion for adoption of the 2019/2020 Tax Rate. The Tax Rate would be

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Allen: So moved.

Matthews: Second.

Bryan: There’s been a motion made and a second for the tax rate as previously read for the purpose of public hearing for April 15. Any further discussion? Signify by raising your hand for yes. It’s unanimous.

*Supervisor Allen moved, Supervisor Matthews seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to adopt the above stated tax rates for the FY2019/2020 for advertisement for public hearing on April 15, 2019.*

Re: Consider approval of the VDEM Crisis Track Program

Carter: Yes, you all heard the presentation at the last meeting but you didn’t take any action. So I wanted to know if you all do want to participate in that at no cost to the county.

Matthews: So moved.

Jones: Second.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded to approve the VDEM Crisis Track. Any further discussion? Signify by raising your right hand for yes. Unanimous.
Supervisor Matthews moved, Supervisor Jones seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to participate in the VDEM Crisis Track at no cost to the County.

Re: Board of Supervisor Member Matters

Matthews: I’m going to start the discussion. We have a VDOT project that has come before us that we started last year on this. It’s actually two projects. One is the intersection of 15 and 636 which is at Shepherds and the other it at Duck’s Corner which is Mr. Dunnavant’s district. It is on the SmartScale stuff. We’ve been running into issues and just to fill you in a little bit. I’ve got a business at that intersection, number 1, and I think 3 or 4 areas in the County that has grown in the last 15-20 years as far as traffic and everything else. VDOT keeps records of those things. This project is going to really have the possibility of affecting this man’s business. I just happened to be looking back at some documentation that I had that concerns that business and it was to my amazement, I knew it had been there a long time, there has been a store at that site since 1809. That’s pretty significant guys. I made a statement one time at one of these meetings that I thought it was the longest continuous run business in Buckingham County and now I believe that with plus 200 years at that site. Ok. We are kind of at a position with VDOT where we are at a standstill. We want things done in this project that had brought up some issues. The first thing is I’m a firm believer that we need to protect any business in Buckingham County. If a business has been at that site for over 200 years, first that tells me it’s been pretty successfully run business number one and number two that community needs that business in that area. The people and the citizens deserve that and they deserve the right to be able to get into that business easily and not be impaired by any implementation or impeded by anything to be able to get into that parking lot and doing business with that man. He has the right.

Allen: They’ve done blocked him off?

Matthews: They haven’t blocked him off yet, but they are trying to close one of the entrances into that parking lot. It’s not on 15 which is the major thoroughfare but as you turn onto 636, there are two entrances there. They want to close off that first entrance. Well, I was there for 30 years, almost 30 years. That entrance never caused an accident that I know of when I was there. There are still 170 some years that I won’t there so I can’t stand flat but I’m going to read a resolution and I would really like you support as a Board on this. We have to go this route for them to revisit this project as far as VDOT is concerned. Just to give you a little bit of heads up, there is another project in an adjoining county that they are having the same issue with VDOT. It’s not really us all the time in this scenario. VDOT has a lot to do with this too. But anyway, I’m going to go ahead and read the resolution.
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the intersection at US Route 15 and Virginia Secondary Route 636 in Buckingham County, Virginia has been approved by Virginia Department of Highways (VDOT) for a safety upgrade (the Project); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the Board) always encourages improved safety on the highways within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Board is appreciative of the money and effort being committed to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes the positive safety impact of the Project can be maintained while minimizing the impact on the commercial operation on the southwest corner of the intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Board does not want to jeopardize the Project but wants a clarification on certain possibilities of what might happen within existing right of way or additional right of way that have no monetary cost, namely right of way from the owner of the property on the southwest corner;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Board expresses its appreciation to VDOT for the approval of the Project at the intersection of US 15 and Virginia Secondary Route #636;

2. That the Board inquires of the possibility of expanding the entrance/exit off Virginia Secondary Route #636 onto the property at the northwest corner in order to facilitate a better route for tractor/trailers entering and exiting the property;

3. That the Board inquires of the possibility of relocating the utility line near the entrance described above to allow the owner to expand the driveway that exist to the rear of the store, so that motor vehicles, especially tractor/trailers entering and exiting the property might have a better, more direct path;

4. That the Board inquires of the possibility of adjusting the drainage, shoulder, and curbing on the southern side of Virginia Secondary Route #636 by removing the ditch;

5. That the Board inquires of the possibility of the curbing on the entrance on US Route 15, on the north side, be adjusted by moving further to the north and changing the radius so it ties into the north-south curbing without creating a “step”;

6. That the Board would ask that the evaluation be within the following criteria:
A. That no additional right of way need be acquired for momentary consideration;

B. That if at any point it is clearly apparent that any of the inquiries cannot be answered in the affirmative without jeopardizing the Project, that further consideration of that inquiry be terminated;

7 That the Board attaches non-scaled drawings to identify its inquiries.

Chambers: Let me ask you a question, you are saying like coming up to 636, they want to close that entrance.

Matthews: Yes, sir.

Chambers: Look like to me that would be safer.

Dunnavant: There’s 2. Once close to 15 and that’s the one they want to close.

Matthews: I have the original state, back in 1962 when that project was developed. VDOT approved that scenario back in 1962. Now, moving forward, I know things change, places grow, it’s more populated and the regulations now are you’ve got to be 225 feet from 15, up 636 off of 15 to start your entrance now. That’s what the requirements are now for that particular driveway. What we are saying, they are going to close it. We are okay with that but give us some room and don’t create a problem. They want to put a ditch instead of leaving the curbing there. That doesn’t make any since.

Chambers: I’ve got no problem with that. I’ll support you.

Matthews: Thank you. I appreciate that. Look, I want to say something else too, Mr. Wright along with Mrs. Carter along with VDOT, we’ve met on this project no telling how many times and they put a lot of effort into helping this business person out and I really appreciate that. Mr. Wright, do you have anything that you want to add to this?

Bryan: I guess that’s in form of a motion.

Chambers: I second, Mr. Chairman.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded for a resolution for US Rt. 15 and Secondary Rt. 636 as read by Supervisor Matthews. Let’s take a vote on this. Signify by right hand. It’s unanimous.

Supervisor Matthews moved, Supervisor Chambers seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve a resolution for the intersection of 15 and 636 store entrance VDOT Project.
Chambers: I’ve been getting some calls about residents complaining about people coming by throwing these newspapers in their driveway. They just come by and throw newspapers out. Who’s responsible for doing that?

Carter: We’ve called several times. It’s Rural Virginian. They are doing it and we’ve asked them…I mean they are not throwing it on public property. They are throwing it on people’s private property. We’ve let them know we’ve had complaints but there’s nothing really we can do about it.

Jones: My district, there’s been a slew of them in the last couple days.

Chambers: Mine too. There’s nothing we can do about it?

Bryan: Would that be considered littering?

Carter: It’s on private property.

Bryan: So I guess each individual person would have to…

Wright: You can pursue littering.

Carter: Wouldn’t it have to be individually?

Wright: Individuals don’t have to do it. If you can say and show in a court of law without a reasonable doubt that someone riding down the road in an automobile threw something from that car on their property, it’s littering. They don’t have to come and get a warrant. If it’s investigated and showed who’s driving the car and who threw it out. You’ve got to demonstrate who threw it out.

Bryan: I guess we will have to get someone to get the license number.

Dunnavant: I haven’t heard any reports of it and haven’t gotten one in my driveway but the Rural Virginian has been a newspaper around for quite a while.

Bryant: People don’t want them.

Dunnavant: I realize that. It may be just as easy rather than chasing them in court for Mrs. Carter to write a letter to Rural Virginian and say we are aware that you are soliciting subscriptions in the neighborhood but people are complaining that you are throwing papers our in the driveway, please cease and desist.

Carter: We’ve called them but if you want me to write a letter I will.

Allen: A letter would be something in writing.
Carter: If you make a motion, it might have a little more power with it.

Chambers: I make a motion to have Mrs. Carter write a letter about these people throwing these papers on people’s private property.

Allen: Second.

Bryan: Motion made and seconded to get a letter to get the newspaper deliverers to stop throwing the papers unsolicited to our county residents because it becomes litter. Signify by raising your right hand. It’s unanimous.

Supervisor Chambers moved, Supervisor Allen seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board for Mrs. Carter to write a letter to Rural Virginian asking them to stop throwing papers out in people’s driveways in Buckingham County.

Re: County Attorney Matters

There were none.

Carter: Rt. 600, we thought about trying to open officially this Thursday. We are still waiting on another sign. Maybe by next Friday it should be there. We’ve got one sign but we really feel like since it will be open 24/7, that we have the signs with the proper place so when someone pulls up they know what to do and what to expect. During the day we will have a monitor there part of the time. I rode up in there today and it’s looking good. It’s going to be open to the public. Whatever day we decide that we can officially do it we will get with all of you and see about taking a picture and get some good news for us.

Dunnavant: I have one item, on the solid waste issue at Bates, I have met with Mr. Wright. They relocated the phone lines. I met with Mr. Wright earlier today about items we need to have clarified in the contract so we can get this thing right the first go round. As soon as I get that back from Mr. Wright, we will schedule a Utilities Committee meeting before we come back with the change order. It was some things that got overlooked.

Matthews: While at that Utilities Committee meeting, these monitors and stuff, why do we need to be closed one day a week at these sites?

Dunnavant: That wasn’t the monitors. That was a salary/wage.

Bryan: Once 600 goes automated, it’s automated. It will be open 24/7.

Matthews: I just want to make sure we take that sign down.

Bryan: Once they go automated, they will be open 24/7 so there’s no need to close them.

Matthews: It gives you a conflicting view.
**Bryan:** I don’t want to take the sign down until we are fully operational just in case we get a glitch and it’s not working properly.

**Dunnavant:** They will be uniquely open and secured simultaneously. If you are authorized to get in you will get in, if not, you are not getting in.

**Bryan:** Any other Board matter?

**Adjournment:**

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

**ATTEST:**

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Rebecca S. Carter    Donald E. Bryan  
County Administrator    Chairman