

The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on, April 10, 2017 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: Joshua Hendrick  
Rex L. Hill  
Dr. Tom Littrell  
Bob Martin  
Phil McCraw  
Robbie McCraw  
Steve Truitt, County Administrator  
Nikki Cannon, Assistant County Administrator  
Steve Durbin, County Attorney

**CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 2.2-3711(A1, A5, A7)**

Upon motion by Mr. Phil McCraw, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw, and passing, the Board convened a Closed Session for the discussion of personnel, legal matter, as authorized by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 (A3, A5, A7).

Mr. Truitt explained the reasons for entering Closed Session.

3. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

5. Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

7. Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. For the purposes of this subdivision, "probable litigation" means litigation that has been specifically threatened or on which the public body or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to permit the closure of a meeting merely because an attorney representing the public body is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick Yes  
Mr. Phil McCraw Yes  
Mr. Hill Yes  
Mr. Robbie McCraw Yes  
Dr. Littrell Yes  
Mr. Martin Yes

(Order)

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw, and passing, the Board adopted the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors convened a Closed Session this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and on the motion to close the meeting in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-3711(D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of Supervisors that such Closed Session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, (I) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the Closed Session to which this certification applies, and (II) only such business matters as were identified in the motion by which this Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Mr. Robbie McCraw lead in invocation.

Mr. Hill lead in pledge.

Mr. Martin welcomed everyone and told that he is glad to see everyone here.

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board approved the agenda.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting on March 13, 2017.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the Consent Agenda.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**AMERICORP RESOLUTION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the Americorp Resolution.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**BUILDING SAFETY MONTH PROCLAMATION**

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board approved the Building Safety Month Proclamation.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**PUBLIC HEARING – SIX YEAR ROAD PLAN**

Public Hearing on the 2017-2018 Secondary Construction Budget Priority List and the proposed Secondary Six Year Plan for fiscal years 2017-2018 to 2022-2023 for Carroll County was held at the Carroll County Governmental Building on April 10, 2017.

Public Hearing was opened at 6:10 pm with Ms. Lisa Hughes serving as moderator, with the following opening remarks:

This hearing is being held today, April 10, 2017, in accordance with Housebill 1041 passed by the 1977 session of the General Assembly and in specific, Section 33.1-70.01 Code of Virginia, which requires the joint effort of the County Officials and the Department of Transportation personnel for the tentative commitment of estimated available secondary construction funds, beginning with Fiscal Year 2017-2018. A copy of the proposed Six-Year Plan and priorities for the proposed secondary construction budget for 2017-2018 have been available for public viewing at the county building; and a copy is on display here. After receiving your requests, the Board of Supervisors and the Virginia Department of Transportation Personnel will finalize the Six Year Plan. Currently the next proposed projects in this year draft plan to be completed this construction season are:

- 1) RT. 763 – HUNTERS RIDGE

- 2) RT. 683 – TURNER SPUR ROAD
- 3) RT. 654 – DRY TWIG ROAD
- 4) RT. 633 – GROUNDHOG MT. ROAD
- 5) RT. 840 – MOUNTAIN VALLEY ROAD
- 6) RT. 606 – DIXON ROAD
- 7) RT. 798 – TROUTLAND ROAD
- 8) RT. 916 – HERITAGE ROAD
- 9) RT. 648 – HARMIES BOTTOM.
- 10) RT. 893 – ROUND HILL ROAD

Upon the completion of the opening remarks, the following requests were received: Route 640, Keno Road – Citizen Edward Turner informed that approximately ½ half of Keno Road was paved several years ago, with the promise that the remainder would be paved the following year. But the following year, the funding ran out. He feels like the current traffic count of 60 would triple if it was paved, because people avoid the road now.

Citizen Noel Quesenberry and Ira Quesenberry also filled out an attendance card in regards to Route 640, Keno Road, but did not speak. (note: Rt. 640, Keno Road is currently on the plan)

Route 935, Appleton Road – Citizen Troy Chappell said their road was at the bottom of the list, and requested that it be expedited. It would be simple to complete, with no widening or culvert installation required. There are approximately 7 property owners on the road.

Route 806, Echo Valley Road – Citizen Ronald Ferguson spoke about Route 806, Echo Valley Road. He said currently it is Number 11 on the priority list, and requested that it be moved up to be paved earlier.

Route 891, Mulberry Lane – Citizen Travis Gray spoke on behalf of the residents living on Route 891, an unpaved road of approximately 0.4 mile in length. He informed there is approximately ¾ million dollars' worth of property along this road, and residents are getting tired of driving nice cars on the unpaved road. He believed the county supervisors are representatives that are supposed to watch out for the best interests of the citizens. He desire's consideration by the Board for Route 891 to be paved.

Citizens Elaine Gray and Paula Grey also filled out an attendance card in regards to Route 891, Mulberry Lane, but did not speak. Also, a Petition to Pave State Road 891 was provided to VDOT, and is attached

Route 967, Magnolia Lane – Citizen Gurnie Phillips filled out an attendance card in regards to Magnolia Lane. A Mrs. Phillips spoke and informed that there are 7 or 8 houses on the road, and they live in the first house. They would like to see it paved.

Route 648, Harmies Bottom Road – Citizen Luster Bowman filled out an attendance card but did not speak. (note: Harmies Bottom Road is on the plan currently)

Route 798, Troutland Road - Citizen Lois Rogers filled out an attendance card but did not speak. (note: Troutland Road is on the plan currently)

After the citizens spoke, the following items were discussed by the Board members:

- 1) Phil McCraw thinks the citizens “below the mountain” are not receiving the same service as citizens in other parts of the county, and informed that the Board does not have total control of the prioritization of roads. VDOT reminded the Board that they decided to prioritize the roads as per traffic count, and VDOT followed their instructions.
- 2) Robbie McCraw requested that Lamsburg Mountain road be reviewed for maintenance work due to the roughness. He also requested that Route 52 on the mountain be giving attention in the area where the rough pavement patches were done. VDOT informed that this section of Rt. 52 will be paved in 2018.

- 3) Mallory and Popular Knob Roads were also discussed; these roads are rough.
- 4) The Exit 1 Smart Scale project was discussed. It received a low score (2) and was not selected for any funding. Due to the way the scoring categories are set up, it appears it would be very difficult for it to score high even if additional revisions are made to the application. It may be more appropriate to select another Route 52 spot improvement project.
- 5) At the request of the Board, Stocker Cemetery Road and Harvest Road will also be consideration to be added to the Secondary Six Year Plan Using the input that was received, VDOT will draft up a plan for the Board consideration and approval. The Public hearing was closed at 6:35 pm.

(Order)

**PUBLIC HEARING – SCHOOL BUDGET**

Mr. Martin opened the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m. and told the purpose.

With no one to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:41 p.m.

(Order)

**PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

Mr. Martin opened the Public Hearing at 6:42 p.m.

Mr. Hill asked if this increases the budget by \$1.2 million.

Ms. Cannon replied yes.

Mr. Hill asked if this comes with any revenue to offset.

Ms. Cannon told that right now the money will come out of fund balance, but they may recover some additional federal funds.

Mr. Martin closed the Public Hearing at 6:44 p.m.

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Hendrick and passing, the Board approved the budget adjustment.

**VOTES**

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

**PRESENTATION OF COUNTY BUDGET**

Ms. Cannon told that she is happy to present the FY18 tonight and it marks a milestone in the process for her and she is happy about that. She went over the budget presentation below.

## Carroll County FY2018 Proposed Budget



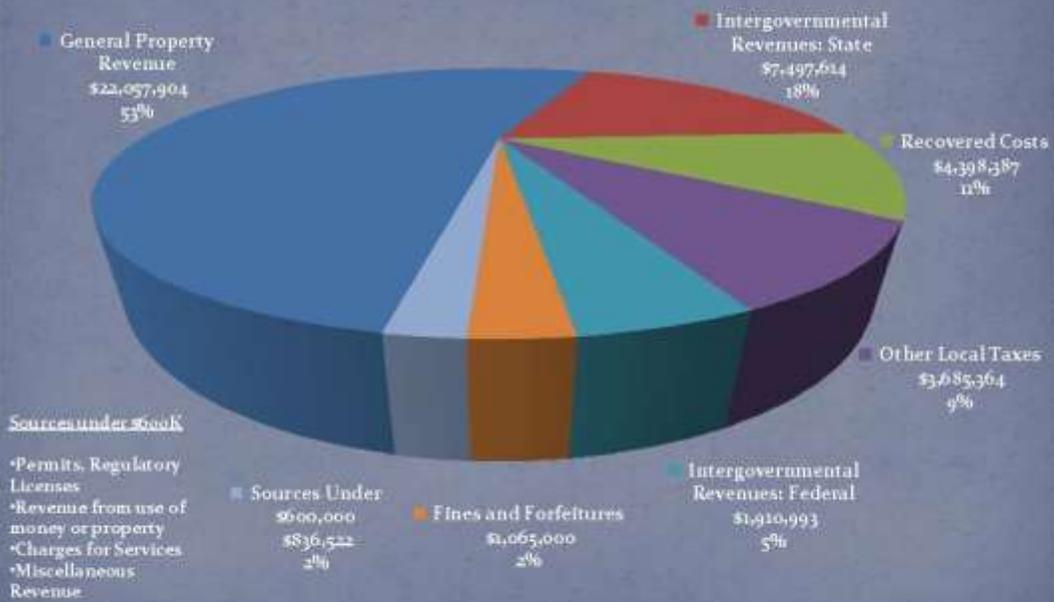
## Budget Goals

- Conservative spending while addressing prioritized needs of the County
- Increase fund balance
- Eliminate need for Revenue Anticipation Note
- Maintain current levels of services
- Address prioritized Capital Needs

## Budget Challenges

- QSCB Phase III Construction \$1,200,000
- Implementation of Results for the Reassessment effective CY 2017, values slightly down, Revenue Neutral- \$.695
- Capital Needs – Ambulances, Economic Dev, IT etc.
- Reductions on expenditures that had been reduced in prior year
- Lack of Reserves available to bridge gap in the budget

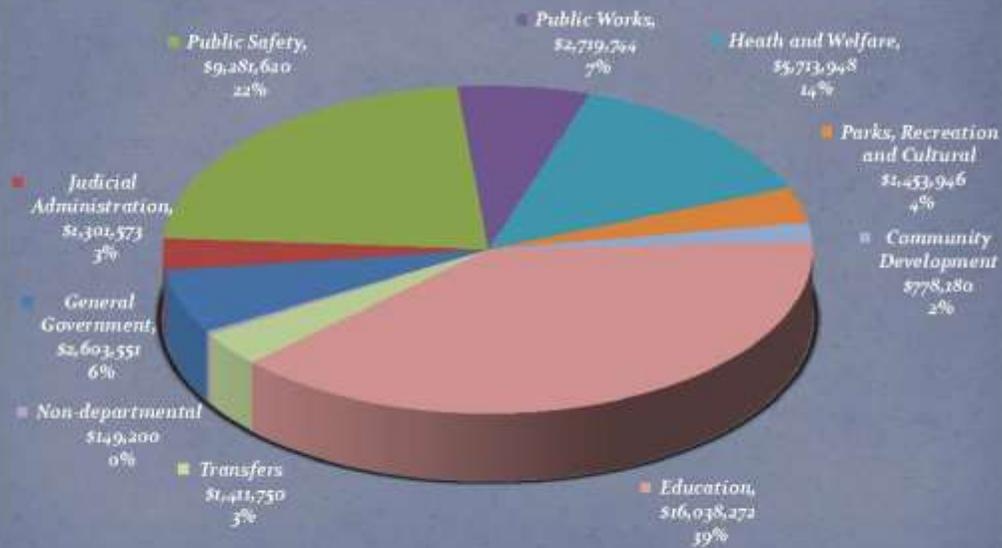
## 2018 Projected Revenue

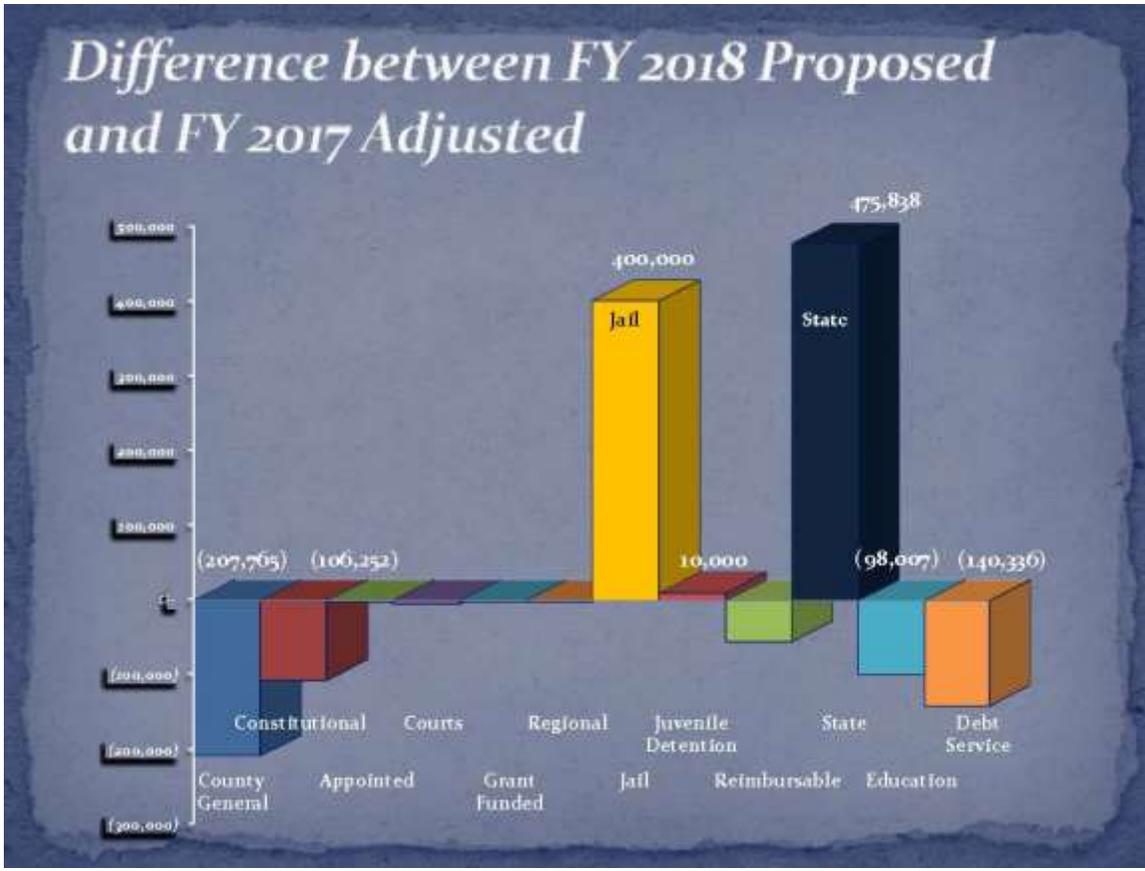


## FY2018 Revenues

Revenue Category	FY2017 Estimate	FY2018 Estimate	Difference
General Property Taxes	\$22,570,833	\$22,057,904	(\$512,912)
Other Local Taxes	\$3,570,800	\$3,685,364	\$114,564
Fines & Forfeitures	\$1,080,000	\$1,065,000	(\$26,680)
Recovered Costs	\$4,316,071	\$4,398,387	\$82,316
Revenue from the Commonwealth	\$7,112,443	\$7,497,614	\$385,171
Revenue from the Federal Government	\$1,637,800	\$1,910,993	\$273,193
Sources under \$600,000	\$863,202	\$836,522	(\$26,680)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$41,151,149</b>	<b>\$41,451,784</b>	<b>\$300,685</b>

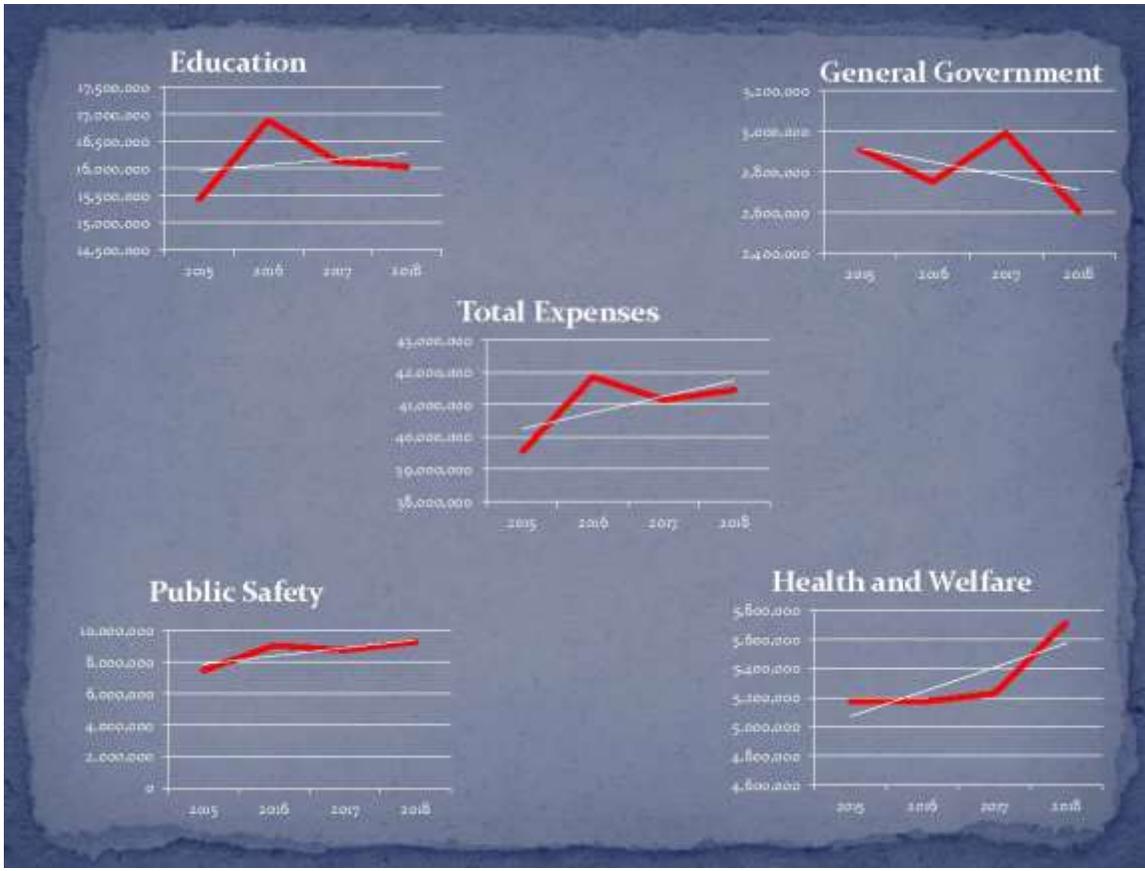
## FY 2018 Budget Expenditures





### FY 2017 & FY 2018 Expenses

Department	FY 2017 Estimate	FY 2018 Estimate	Difference
General Government	\$2,990,280	\$2,603,551	(\$386,729)
Judicial Administration	\$1,282,138	\$1,301,573	\$19,355
Public Safety	\$8,761,758	\$9,281,620	\$519,862
Public Works	\$2,712,058	\$2,719,744	\$7,686
Health and Welfare	\$5,227,295	\$5,713,948	\$486,653
Parks, Recreation, and Cultural	\$1,484,127	\$1,453,946	(\$30,181)
Community Development	\$925,918	\$778,180	(\$147,738)
Education	\$16,131,679	\$16,038,272	(\$93,407)
Transfers	\$1,450,896	\$1,411,750	(\$39,146)
Non-departmental	\$185,000	\$149,200	(\$35,800)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$41,151,149</b>	<b>\$41,451,784</b>	<b>\$300,635</b>



## FY2018 Expenditures

- Personnel Considerations
  - No New Positions
  - No COLA budgeted
  - Health insurance rate decrease of 1.59% (FY 2017 10.9% increase) decrease attributable to successful implementation of lower priced option along with a High Deductible Health Plan option
  - Modification of Compensation and Classification Plan
  - State approved COLA for Constitutionals and staff of Constitutionals of 2% beginning in August with an adjustment for compression for Sheriff's deputies

## Significant items affecting FY 2018 budget

- Operating and Capital Considerations
    - Increases
      - \$400,000 Increase in Jail Costs
      - \$277,042 Social Services
      - \$250,000 CSA Increase
      - \$160,000 Proposed for Economic Development
    - Decreases
      - (\$85,750) Educational Debt Service Transfer
      - (\$ 39,746) PSA Availability Transfer
      - (\$100,000) Replacement of the phone system
      - (\$ 510,000) Collection of Delinquent Property Taxes
- } Offsetting Revenue - \$450,775

## What's not included:

Items unable to fund in the FY 2018 Budget:

School CIP:

\$425,000 5 School Buses

\$135,000 Architectural and Engineering Fees on Attached Gym

Fire Apparatus CIP - 3<sup>rd</sup> Year of Implementation

\$550,000 Class A pumper for Cana Fire Department

Total of priority additional Needs not funded \$1,110,000

**Next Steps:**

- Tonight: Authorize Advertisement of proposed FY 2018 County Budget and potential Tax Rates
- May 8, 2017: Public Hearing on FY 2018 County Budget
- June 12, 2017: Adopt and Appropriate FY 2018 Budget and Set the Tax Rates

**FY2018 Budget**

Questions?

Ms. Cannon told that you have a binder with information line by line so that you can research it. She started with the goals as listed. She told that over the last several months we have highlighted the financial condition of the County and trying to improve that. She told that increasing fund balance will eliminate the need for a revenue anticipation note. She went over some of the challenges that we face, QSCB of phase 3 construction that we are going to be having in the budget presentation for the next seven years. She told that the \$1.2 million implementation of the results of the reassessment effective for calendar year 2017 are valued slightly down and revenue neutral is \$0.695 per \$100. She told that capital needs included in this budget are two ambulances, \$160,000 increase for economic development, there are some IT needs that need to be addressed. She told that we were making reductions on expenditures this year that were cut last year and at this

point we are feeling like we are in a critical time where we don't know what else we can cut without cutting services in some way. She told that last year was the first year of lack of reserves to bridge the gap in the budget and we are going to be working at developing an increase in the fund balance over time so while we do that the spending will be trimmed. She told that in summary she reviewed the charts showing revenues and expenditures by area. She told that in total, the budget that is presented in front of you is \$41,451,784 and the increase is \$365,685. She told that we had heavy swings in certain arenas so as you are looking at this the property tax is down \$500,000 and the majority of that reduction is from collection of delinquent property taxes because they reduced that. She told that the fines and forfeitures and revenue from the federal government increased by almost \$600,000 and a lot of that is attributable to Social Services and CSA and we should be capturing more money next year. She told that many areas of the spending stayed the same such as education, public works and what changed just by a percentage is health and welfare which includes Social Services. She told that public service went up by a percentage. She told that there is another chart that shows the proposed budget and the adjusted FY17 budget and that was before the budget amendment tonight but it highlights very well for everyone where our money at the local level is being spent and unfortunately it is a product of society. She told that we have an increase for \$400,000 for jail costs based on our own utilization and an increase of \$475,000 for state which is both comprehensive services act and Social Services.

Mr. Martin asked if she said our jail costs went up by \$400,000.

Ms. Cannon told that we are spending \$400,000 more than what we budgeted because utilization has gone up.

Mr. Hendrick told that if we get Gary to arrest them and haul them to a different county does that work.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that we can check with some of the other counties and see if they are okay with that.

Mr. Martin asked if she is on the jail committee.

Ms. Cannon told that she is.

Mr. Martin asked if everybody jump this month.

Ms. Cannon told that most everyone else has gone down. She told that we have passed Wythe County in utilization and we are encroaching upon Pulaski.

Mr. Hill asked if that is based on where they live when they are arrested or is it based on where they are arrested.

Ms. Cannon told that it is where the crime is committed.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked if the other localities that went down have drug court.

Ms. Cannon told that she is the Treasurer at the jail and serves on the budget committee and she asked recently about drug court because there have been discussions and she asked if Carroll started a drug court would that reduce our use of the facility. She told that he checked on that and told her that he thought Pulaski and they have 11 people participating. She told that apparently, the standards are so high that if anyone was going to be in the drug court they are already being predisposed into a day reporting program.

Mr. Hill asked what happened to the good old days where you just dropped them off at the County line.

Ms. Cannon told that it may change the other direction soon. She told to maybe because we have court more.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked if the fact that we are holding prisoners that should be going on to the State.

Ms. Cannon told that we do have some State responsible in the facility on our bills. She told that they do compensate the jail for that at \$12.00 per day.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked if River North is full.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he thinks it depends on the crime.

Mr. Martin asked if New River is full.

Ms. Cannon told that they are not at capacity. She told that she is hoping that we had a back log of cases that were all being heard at the same time.

Mr. Gary Bourne told that we have 399 sessions of court in 2017.

Mr. Hill asked if Hillsville contributes to this.

Ms. Cannon replied no.

Mr. Hill told that if they have prisoners we pay for them.

Ms. Cannon told that Galax contributes through shared services.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked if that is something we need to look into.

Ms. Cannon told that she doesn't know if we can by code.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that the jail expense is one of the reasons our budget is so high. He told that the general public is not aware of how much it costs.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that we are making light of the situation but it is very serious.

Ms. Cannon told that we pay more in jail cost than we do in judicial administration.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that it may become more expensive.

Mr. Martin told that we didn't budget \$400,000.

Ms. Cannon told that we budgeted \$1.4 now it is \$1.8.

Mr. Martin told that it is getting to be a lot of money and people want to know why our surplus is not sky high.

Ms. Cannon told that juvenile detention is increasing also. She told that several things went down and because of that she was able to work it out. She told that if it had not been for that we couldn't have come in.

Mr. Martin told that he can see a time very soon that the school system will have to do an adjustment on their budget tapering down on the extra money that we give them.

Dr. Littrell asked how many we have in Day Reporting right now.

Ms. Cannon told that she believes that it is 22 as of the last report.

Dr. Littrell asked how much of a difference that is.

Ms. Cannon told that it is 22 times \$24.95 then multiply by the number of days.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that in March it was 19 and it saved 516 days of jail.

Mr. Martin told the President has a responsibility for the safety of the country and we have the responsibility to the Sheriff's Department for the safety of the county. He told that you must have squeezed blood from a turnip if you got it down from \$900,000 increases.

Ms. Cannon told that there is a summary page of the differences in expenditures. She reviewed a couple more charts. She told that the world in general is in a crisis. She told that they are working on some things at the state level that we can encourage and one of those is they are trying to take out the special education placement from the CSA funding and get another mechanism for funding that because it is driving the CSA expenditures significantly. She told that public safety is up a little and that is due to the jail costs. She told that general government, the things that we can control are trending lower and lower each year.

Dr. Littrell asked why it spiked in 2017.

Ms. Cannon told that we had capital projects and reassessment that are skewing those numbers.

Mr. Hendrick told that if you remember last year, that was the positive note we left on. He told that we were going to be \$600,000 ahead and that is why at our initial meeting we had a \$90,000 instead of a \$600,000 gap. He told that this year's budget is a whole lot easier, it's still critical.

Mr. Truitt told that was by far the main reason but it wasn't the only reason. He told that there were many significant things where people reached deep down.

Mr. Hendrick told that one of the things we tried to do again in this budget, there is no fund balance to balance the budget. He told that if we do anything different than what we are doing you are going to cut education, sheriff's department and those are what is left so that is something to think about. He told that we still have to do this three more times before any debt service rolls off.

Mr. Martin told that is why he sees the school system preparing a plan for adjustments going downward.

Mr. Hendrick told there are two options, raise capital or cut something.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that it is hard to make cuts to public safety.

Dr. Littrell told that he noticed you had downsized the projected revenue for back taxes, is there any way we could be more aggressive in trying to collect those.

Ms. Cannon told that she still has money budgeted for DMV stops and we are investing in some capital, a computer in order to make that happen. She told that is a mechanism we will use to help.

Mr. Truitt told that collecting back taxes is the single biggest reason that the budget at the end of the year doesn't match. He told that if there is anything we can do collectively or individually it would go directly into the fund balance.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked if we went back to county stickers. He told that they will generate revenue because they could write tickets. He told that people were more aware that they were going to get a ticket.

Dr. Littrell told that they used to be good about it the first week or so but then they don't think much about it.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he is just throwing out stops.

Mr. Martin told that after 20 years it just drops off.

Ms. Cannon told that is on real estate. She told that it is only five years on personal property.

Mr. Hendrick told that the number we are budgeting is less than last year but it is more aggressive than 5 years ago. He told that what is budgeted is 1/3 the number. He told that we have to do this for three more years.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that we still have to have teeth in it and Bonita is our key to that, getting her to go after these people.

Mr. Truitt told that we will assist in any way that we can.

Ms. Cannon told that there are no new positions budgeted this year, no cola is budgeted. She told that one of the reasons we were able to cover some of the expenses we had no control over was a reduction in our health insurance rate, it went down 1.59%. She told that the decrease was a win for us.

Mr. Truitt told that he would like to praise Michelle Dalton for the work she did to get us here.

Ms. Cannon told that there was a slight modification to the compensation plan and also cola for constitutionals and staff, 2% beginning in August and an adjustment for compression in Sheriff deputies. She told that some of the significant items affecting the budget are \$400,000 increase in jail cost, \$277,000 increase for Social Services, and \$250,000 for CSA. She told that while those are both health and welfare, CSA is not Social Services. She told that we did have a \$160,000 increase in Economic Development. She told that we had an \$85,000 decrease in the debt service transfer and almost a \$40,000 PSA availability transfer. She told that there was overall a \$100,000 savings through the entire budget from the phone system.

Mr. Martin told that he hopes it is working well.

Ms. Cannon told that it is working well. She told that the items they were unable to fund in the budget looks the same as last year with school buses, A&E for attached gym and the Cana fire pumper. She told that she has asked that they update the Fire Apparatus CIP and they had a meeting recently to work on that and she thinks they have a plan. She told that we should have an idea sometime in June. She told that we are still waiting on Laurel Fork for the winning bid.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked what the winning bid was.

Ms. Cannon told that it has not been awarded.

Mr. Hendrick told that they have a good plan and that was our intent when it was done the first time. He told that hopefully that will get fixed.

Mr. Truitt told that another thing they have decided to do is standardize the specs for trucks.

Ms. Cannon told that we will need you to authorize the advertisement of the proposed budget and the tax rates with no changes other than revenue neutral was budgeted in this document. She told that on May 8<sup>th</sup> we will have a Public Hearing and on June 12<sup>th</sup> we are scheduled to adopt and appropriate the budget.

Mr. Martin told that we should be on the same tax levy as this current year.

Ms. Cannon told that right now it is \$0.68 per \$100 and after the reassessment revenue neutral is \$0.695. She told that it would have to increase to stay at the same amount of revenue.

Mr. Martin told that revenue neutral, some of us will go up and some will go down.

Ms. Cannon told that it is based on the reassessment. She told that the Board of Equalization starts meetings next week.

Mr. Hill told that you can bet no one is signed up to raise theirs.

Mr. Hendrick told that he signed up but he is still debating.

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw, the Board approved to advertise the proposed FY18 budget and tax rates as presented.

Dr. Littrell asked if we are making an progress to improve making interest on funds.

Ms. Cannon told that you have to have funds to make anything. She told that when she looked to see if we were in compliance with the Fund Balance Policy in February, we were well in compliance but its not always.

Mr. Hill told that all your money is coming in October. He told that you need that carry over so you don't have revenue anticipation. He told that is the whole intent for the Fund Balance to make sure that we had that amount so we didn't have to do that.

Ms. Cannon told that the only way to do that quickly is to raise taxes. She told that we are trying to do that, but not quickly.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Mr. Hendrick told that one of the things we talked about at the joint meeting with the School Board was the potential to get an RFP out for a boiler at the Middle School. He told they estimated \$2.3 as a replacement and asked if we know where that is.

Ms. Cannon told that she can follow up with that.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked when they are doing an RFP they put it on the school system website but don't put it on the County's website. He told that it should fall on both.

Mr. Hendrick told that even if it is 3 or 4 years out its \$2.3 million. He asked what our total CIP cost is. He told that County, Sheriff, School all put together is not going to be \$2.3.

Ms. Cannon told that it is \$1.1 million for just the County.

Mr. Hendrick told that you are talking 2 plus years of the entire County CIP in one expenditure. He told that we need to be chasing financial opportunities. He told that we can't do another loan without raising taxes.

Mr. Hill asked if the school has leased the buses.

Ms. Cannon told that the last round they did lease. She thanked the budget committee and everyone for the guidance.

(Order)

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board approved to table the IDA appointment until next month.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board appointed Mr. Marion Harris to the Recreation Commission.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Upon motion by Dr. Littrell, seconded by Mr. Robbie McCraw and passing, the Board appointed Mr. Gerald Goad to the 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday Committee.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

Upon motion by Mr. Hendrick, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board appointed Mr. Steve Truitt to the Wired Road.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

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**CITIZENS TIME**

No one was signed up to speak.

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**SUPERVISORS TIME**

Mr. Hendrick told that he appreciated everyone coming out. He told that last year we had a lengthy discussion with VDOT and made a decision to do the roads based on traffic county. He told that we need to continue to do that to be consistent. He told that he appreciates all the work done by Nikki, Steve and the staff. He told that he keeps hoping for light at the end of the tunnel.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that it is good to see a crowd and told that most of them were from his district. He told that he appreciates the job everyone has done on the budget and he was impressed with what he saw tonight. He told that he hopes we can all come together when we pass the budget and have a unanimous vote and work together towards the future.

Mr. Hill told that he appreciates the staffs time, especially Nikki on the budget. He told that he is glad she can remember all those numbers.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that he appreciates the staff and they are a direct reflection of us and they do a good job at what they do with what they have to work with. He told that he has a request and you were talking about the Chief's meeting the other night. He told that he had talked with Everett about this, he is actually the one that contacted him and they would like to make it an official committee and have a member of the Board serve on it with them and he doesn't know how we needed to handle that. He told that it would be a committee of the three chiefs, Everett and a member of the Board. He told that it is probably something we need to look into a see.

Mr. Hendrick asked if that is an agenda request for next time.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that it would be. He told that he would like to see us come up with some way to recognize Fred Mitchell for being awarded the McGlothin award. He told that he is a great educator and we need to recognize that.

Dr. Littrell told that Jeanette Dalton lost her husband and asked that you keep her in your prayers. He told that he agrees with Josh in that we need to be consistent with the road grading system. He thanked the budget committee for what they have done and that he thinks he hears Lincoln and Jefferson screaming from being squeezed so hard. He told that the Training Center bill didn't make it through the General Assembly but encouraged everyone write their legislators if they are in favor of keeping it open.

Mr. Robbie McCraw told that there were three transfers from Central Virginia and all three passed away. He told that the Department of Justice is now involved.

Mr. Martin told that the School turns out early on Thursday and is closed Friday and Monday. He told that the County employees get Friday. He told that there is no right or wrong answer to it but he would like to inquire the board to consider being off on Monday. He told that the negative side is.

Mr. Truitt told that there is nothing negative about a day off except that it would cost around \$30,000. He told that we have a solid benefit plan and employees have vacation days. He told that if we do this for our folks, we can't necessarily do it for the courts because they have court but it is a great gesture. He told that his recommendation would be for them to take vacation if they want to be off on Monday.

Dr. Littrell told that he thinks we need to stick to our Holiday Schedule that was agreed upon.

Mr. Phil McCraw told that Mr. Truitt made a very good point.

Mr. Martin told that it appears the feeling of the Board is to let sleeping dogs lie. He told that he appreciates the work that Nikki, Steve and the office staff put into this stuff. He told that he doesn't care to deal with the budget but it is a pain in the patooey. He told that in 1974 they spent an hour trying to decide whether to spend \$200 on a typewriter and it's gotten to the point that we probably don't spend an hour on \$200,000. He told the County has changed so very much, lots of good. He told the County has so many positive and good things going.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

April 10, 2017

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Chairman

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Clerk