

April 26, 2016

County of Greene, Virginia

THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MET ON TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016, BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AT WILLIAM MONROE HIGH SCHOOL.

Present were: Bill Martin, Chairman
Michelle Flynn, Vice Chairman
David Cox, Member
Jim Frydl, Member
Dale Herring, Member

Staff present: John C. Barkley, County Administrator
Ray Clarke, County Attorney
Tracy Morris, Finance Director

RE: OPEN MEETING

The Chairman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

RE: MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Donna Baker, JABA Director of Operations, briefly reviewed activities of JABA and the Community Center. JABA served over one thousand two hundred (1200) Greene County citizens last year. Seventy-one (71) citizens attended the Community Center and over four thousand (4,000) meals were delivered to thirty-two (32) citizens. Others were served by providing support/information at their homes and in skilled nursing facilities.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2016-2017 BUDGET

Mr. John Barkley, County Administrator, gave a brief overview of the FY 2017 budget which serves as a guide for the County's expenditures and revenues during the course of the fiscal year, and can be amended through a public process at any point during the year. The 2015 audit report demonstrates continued evidence of disciplined spending and fiscal accountability. Current revenue and expense levels are on target for FY 2016.

Budget priorities included:

- Funding of core services, i.e. schools, public safety, emergency services, infrastructure, community and economic development, information technology, capital improvements,

recreation and parks, fire and rescue organizations, social services, transportation and environmental protection.

- Investment in County personnel, training and professional capabilities.
- Support of our local and regional partners.
- Continued focus on utilizing technology to provide better information and services to residents and businesses.
- Enforcement of current County regulations and state mandates in a fair and equitable manner.

The proposed real estate tax rate is \$0.775 per hundred dollars of assessed value, an increase of 2.5 cents over FY 2016, adding \$460,000 in additional revenue. An average \$200,000 home will pay about \$50 more per year with the proposed increase. All other tax levies remain level for 2017.

The floor was opened for public comment.

Mrs. Sharon Mack, Chair of the Greene County School Board, thanked the Board for consideration of and fully funding the School Board's budget request. The proposed budget includes addition of new positions to meet needs, to cover increased health insurance costs, and to provide a pay increase for staff.

Mr. Herring noted twenty-one (21) departments had a decrease in request, sixteen (16) had no increase in request, and two (2) had less than \$100 increase. A lot of effort went into the budget process by everyone involved. Proposed budget addresses the current and future needs of the County.

Mr. Frydl said the focus of the budget is on investments in law enforcement, public safety, Commonwealth's Attorney Office, Emergency Operations Center, Regional Jail and education. The Board is investing in the water and sewer infrastructure needed for the future. Also, focus on the maintenance of county buildings and structures. Supports the proposed budget and tax rate as advertised.

Mr. Cox said the County has grown a lot since 1972. The schools are the future of this County and he appreciates the education he and his children received. Supports budget and increase in tax rate.

Mrs. Flynn supported the proposed tax levies and felt there is an interesting situation with the reserve. As a taxpayer, she doesn't want the County holding onto dollars when they could be used to provide services. Enough should be kept in reserve to be in good shape if the County needs to borrow money. The Board is raising taxes for the future of our County.

Mr. Martin said he is proud to live in Greene County and proud to participate in local government. Greene is a great place and will go far. He focused on the long term/big needs for the County and saw this as the year to step back to look to the future a bit more. This is the year to keep projected expenditures within projected new revenue figures. Mr. Martin said water impoundment, stream mitigation credits, school facility projects, need for a rescue squad building, major modifications to fire department and participation in the Regional Jail are all capital projects. He said he would be fully behind the Board with whatever is decided this evening and will continue to look forward.

Upon motion by David Cox and affirmative vote, the Board placed action on the budget as an agenda item for the May 10, 2016 meeting.

Recorded vote:	Bill Martin	-	No
	Michelle Flynn	-	Yes
	David Cox	-	Yes
	Jim Frydl	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: TAX LEVIES - FY 2016-2017

Upon motion by Jim Frydl and affirmative vote, the Board approved the tax levies as advertised and listed below:

Levies on \$100 assessed valuation:

Real Estate	\$0.775
Public Service Corp.	\$0.775
Personal Property	\$5.00
Except Farm Machinery & Livestock	\$0.00
Industrial Machinery & Tools	\$2.50

Recorded vote:	Bill Martin	-	No
	Michelle Flynn	-	Yes
	David Cox	-	Yes
	Jim Frydl	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: RESOLUTION – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (PPTRA)

Mr. Martin read the resolution as proposed.

Upon motion by David Cox and unanimous vote, the Board approved the resolution regarding the percentage of tax relief. (See Attachment “A”)

Recorded vote:	Bill Martin	-	Yes
	Michelle Flynn	-	Yes
	David Cox	-	Yes
	Jim Frydl	-	Yes
	Dale Herring	-	Yes

Motion carried.

RE: OTHER MATTERS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Herring said the Planning Commission met last week and he also attended a TJPDC meeting. The Board of Zoning Appeals will be meeting tomorrow night. The Planning Commission will be sending the Comprehensive Plan to the Board for consideration.

Mrs. Flynn thanked Mrs. Baker, JABA, for attending the meeting. As the Board of Supervisors liaison to JABA and working in health care, she appreciates the effort to meet needs of senior citizens especially when being released from a facility.

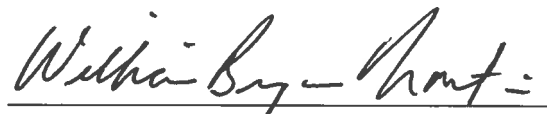
Mrs. Flynn also said she looks forward to an improved budget process next year and increasing the use of technology to better serve citizens.

Mr. Frydl said the School Facilities Committee has a summary of initial findings posted on the school website and the local paper did a nice article about the study. He also noted the County does not have to have a bond rating to borrow money for projects and felt setting aside funds for a bond rating rarely used could be a waste of taxpayer money.

Mr. Martin agreed improvements to the budget process are needed. This will be an agenda item for discussion at an upcoming Board meeting.

RE: ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting ended at 7:20 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 in the County Meeting Room.



William Bryan Martin, Chairman
Greene County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, VA Code Section 58.1-3523 et. seq. ("PPTRA"), has been substantially modified by the enactment of Chapter 1 of the Acts of Assembly, 2004 Special Session I (Senate Bill 5005), and the provisions of Item 503 of Chapter 951 of the 2005 Acts of Assembly (the 2005 revisions to the 2004-06 Appropriations Act, hereinafter cited as the "2005 Appropriations Act"); and

WHEREAS, these legislative enactments require the County to take affirmative steps to implement these changes, and to provide for the computation and allocation of relief provided pursuant to the PPTRA as revised; and

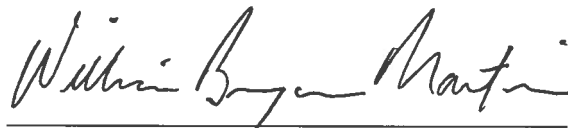
WHEREAS, these legislative enactments provide for the appropriation to the County, of a fixed sum to be used exclusively for the provision of tax relief to owners of qualifying personal use vehicles that are subject to the personal property tax on such vehicles.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Greene County Board of Supervisors that:

qualifying vehicles obtaining situs within the County during tax year 2016, shall receive personal property tax relief in the following manner:

- Personal use vehicles valued at \$1,000 or less will be eligible for 100% tax relief;
- Personal use vehicles valued at \$1,001 to \$20,000 will be eligible for 49% tax relief;
- Personal use vehicles valued at \$20,001 or more shall only receive 49% tax relief on the first \$20,000 of value; and
- All other vehicles which do not meet the definition of "qualifying" (business use vehicles, farm use vehicles, motor homes, etc.) will not be eligible for any form of tax relief under this program.

Adopted in Open Meeting this 26th day of April, 2016.



William Bryan Martin, Chairman
Greene County Board of Supervisors