

At a (FY 06 budget) public hearing of the Southampton County Board of Supervisors held in the Board Room of the Southampton County Office Center at 26022 Administration Center Drive, Courtland, Virginia on May 16, 2005 at 7:00 PM.

**SUPERVISORS PRESENT**

Dallas O. Jones, Chairman (Drewryville)  
 Walter L. Young, Jr., Vice-Chairman (Franklin)  
 Carl J. Faison (Boykins-Branchville)  
 Anita T. Felts (Jerusalem)  
 Ronald M. West (Berlin-Ivor)  
 Moses Wyche (Capron)

**SUPERVISORS ABSENT**

Walter D. "Walt" Brown, III (Newsoms)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Michael W. Johnson, County Administrator (Clerk)  
 Julia G. Williams, Finance Director  
 Cynthia L. Cave, Community/Economic Development Director

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Johnson announced that tonight's public hearing was being held to consider the FY 2006 annual budget. A synopsis of the budget was provided on handouts. He referenced the handouts and briefly provided a general overview of the proposed revenues and expenditures and the sources of local funds.

The synopsis of the FY 2006 annual budget is as follows:

**FY 2006 REVENUE ESTIMATES**

<b>REVENUE FROM COUNTY SOURCES:</b>		<b>BUILDING FUND REVENUE:</b>	
GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES	12,851,079	UTILITY TAX - ELECTRICITY	464,000
OTHER LOCAL TAXES	825,562	UTILITY TAX - TELEPHONE	343,507
PERMITS, PRIVILEGE FEES & REGULATORY LICENSES	95,250	TRANSFER - UTILITY RESERVE	549,412
FINES & FORFEITURES	498,021	RENTAL OF PROPERTY	60,556
REVENUE FROM THE USE OF MONEY & PROPERTY	35,000	<b>TOTAL REVENUE/BUILDING FUND</b>	<b>1,417,475</b>
CHARGES FOR SERVICE	368,825		
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	685,949		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE/COUNTY SOURCES</b>	<b>15,359,686</b>	<b>REVENUE FROM THE COMMONWEALTH:</b>	
<b>OTHER COUNTY SOURCES:</b>		NON-CATEGORICAL AID	172,034
TRANSFER IN/GEN FUND RESERVE	768,217	CATEGORICAL AID	3,056,715
TRANSFER IN/BLDG FUND	0	OTHER CATEGORICAL AID	491,127
SCHOOL FUNDS/SCHOOL FOOD	563,870	SCHOOL AID/SCH OPERATING	12,754,059
SCHOOL FUNDS/SCHOOL OPER	2,000	SCHOOL AID/SCHOOL FOOD	13,755
<b>TOTAL REVENUE/OTHER COUNTY SOURCES</b>	<b>1,334,087</b>	SCHOOL AID/SALES TAX	2,991,010
		PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	1,732,949
		<b>TOTAL REVENUE/STATE</b>	<b>21,211,649</b>
<b>E-911 REVENUE:</b>		<b>REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES:</b>	
TRANSFER FROM E-911 RESERVE	34,713	SCHOOL AID/SCHOOL OPER	11,500
E-911 REVENUE	144,000	SCHOOL AID/FEDERAL PROGRAMS	1,477,706
PSAP FUNDS	37,809	SCHOOL AID/SCHOOL FOOD	480,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE/E-911</b>	<b>216,522</b>	<b>TOTAL REVENUE/FEDERAL</b>	<b>1,969,206</b>
<b>ENTERPRISE REVENUE:</b>			
WATER SERVICE FEES	270,705		
SEWER SERVICE FEES	703,153		
OTHER FEES/CONNECTIONS	59,642		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE/ENTERPRISE FUND</b>	<b>1,033,500</b>	<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>42,542,125</b>

**FY 2006 EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES**

<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>		<b>E-911 FUND:</b>	<b>216,522</b>
<b>GENERAL GOV'T ADMINISTRATION:</b>			
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	103,875	<b>ENTERPRISE FUND:</b>	
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION	276,139	UTILITY EXTENSION	225,049
COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	213,452	ENTERPRISE/SEWER	850,175
BOARD OF ASSESSORS	63,184	ENTERPRISE/WATER	508,380
TREASURER	202,144		
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTIONS	56,700	<b>TOTAL ENTERPRISE</b>	<b>1,583,604</b>
ACCOUNTING	157,077		
DATA PROCESSING	198,367	<b>BUILDING FUND:</b>	
INSURANCE/COUNTY CODE	103,246	BUILDING FUND	1,417,475
REGISTRAR	123,018	TRANSFER TO SCHOOL FUND	(262,566)
		TRANSFER TO ENTERPRISE	(128,000)
<b>JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION:</b>		<b>TOTAL BUILDING FUND</b>	<b>1,026,909</b>
CIRCUIT COURT	61,008		
COMBINED DISTRICT COURT	20,926	<b>SCHOOL FUND:</b>	
SPECIAL MAGISTRATES	1,438	INSTRUCTION	15,868,061
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT	112,636	ADMIN., ATTENDANCE & HEALTH	1,172,185
SHERIFF-BAILIFF	347,002	OTHER DIRECTION & MANAGEMENT	2,202,843
COURTHOUSE SECURITY	51,483	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE SER	2,598,411
COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY	352,862	SCHOOL FOOD SER & NON OPER	82,170
		FACILITIES	204,026
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>		DEBT SERVICE	1,991,001
SHERIFF	1,367,475	RENTAL TEXTBOOK	126,260
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROG	34,405	TECHNOLOGY	206,000
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS	249,688	AT RISK 4 YRS OLD	62,191
VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUADS	867,203	EARLY READING INTERVENTION	28,044
STATE FORESTRY SERVICES	13,257		
DETENTION	2,278,104	<b>FEDERAL SCHOOL FUNDS:</b>	
PROBATION	52,696	TITLE I	601,500
INSPECTIONS	52,779	TITLE VIB SP ED-FLOW THROUGH	515,192
ANIMAL CONTROL	77,701	TITLE VI INNOVATIVE EDUC PROGRAM	22,195
MEDICAL EXAMINER	1,500	SUBSTANCE & DRUG PREVENTION	20,470
EMERGENCY SER & CIVIL DEF	27,032	VOCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION	60,336
		PRE-SCHOOL INCENTIVE	15,442
<b>PUBLIC WORKS:</b>		SLIVER GRANT	18,617
STREET LIGHTS	39,000	TITLE IIA TRAINING & RECRUIT	157,897
REFUSE COLLECTION	362,121	COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT	50,000
REFUSE DISPOSAL	1,090,234	TITLE IID ED TECH	16,057
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	396,282	<b>TOTAL SCHOOL FUNDS</b>	<b>26,018,898</b>
<b>HEALTH &amp; WELFARE:</b>		<b>SCHOOL FOOD:</b>	<b>1,057,625</b>
LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT	281,540		
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	71,706	<b>VIRGINIA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND:</b>	
STATE & LOCAL HOSPITALIZATION	5,982	ELIGIBILITY ADMINISTRATION	625,707
TRANSPORTATION PROG-ELDERLY	5,265	SERVICE ADMINISTRATION	472,828
COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACT	57,991	JOINT ADMINISTRATION	347,867
TRANSFER TO SOCIAL SERVICES	(10,500)	BENEFIT PROGRAMS	554,520
COMMUNITY SERVICE	1,706	ENERGY ADMINISTRATION	19,660
		VIEW ADMINISTRATION	68,263
<b>PARKS, RECREATION &amp; CULTURAL:</b>		<b>TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>2,088,845</b>
CULTURAL	4,000		
RAWLS MUSEUM ARTS	10,000	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>42,542,125</b>
CULTURAL ENRICHMENT	3,500	=====	
WALTER C RAWLS LIBRARY	183,877		
		GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS	1,962,319
<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:</b>			
PLANNING/ZONING	197,212		
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	150,000		
SOIL & WATER CONS DISTRICT	10,000		
COOP EXTENSION SERVICE	54,789		
<b>NON-DEPARTMENTAL</b>			
NON-DEPARTMENTAL OPERATING	168,620		
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>10,549,722</b>		

**TAX LEVIES**

	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>PROPOSED FY 2006</u>
REAL ESTATE		
General	\$0.67/\$100	\$0.74/\$100
Public Service Corporations	\$0.67/\$100	\$0.74/\$100
PERSONAL PROPERTY		
General	\$4.00/\$100	\$4.00/\$100
Machinery & Tools	\$2.40/\$100	\$2.40/\$100
Mobile Homes	\$0.67/\$100	\$0.74/\$100
Public Service Corporations	\$4.00/\$100	\$4.00/\$100
Merchants Capital	\$0.50/\$100	\$0.50/\$100
Farm Machinery	\$1.95/\$100	\$1.95/\$100
Farm Machinery/Single Product	\$1.25/\$100	\$1.25/\$100
Construction Machinery	\$2.40/\$100	\$2.40/\$100
Motor Carriers	\$2.40/\$100	\$2.40/\$100

Chairman Jones opened the public hearing for public comment.

Mr. Eugene Grizzard of the Drewryville District addressed the Board. He stated that he knew the County needed some more money. But with the (real estate) tax rate going from \$0.67 to \$0.74, we were becoming self-defeating. Because what that would do, in his opinion, was drive more land to developers. For example, he had a daughter who lived in Orange and owned a farm here. When the rent would no longer pay the taxes, she would either sell it off in lots or sell the whole thing to a developer. So we were self-defeating when we kept raising the taxes. He advised that he read in the paper Saturday that for every dollar the County took in from homes, lots, and so forth, the County spent \$1.15. And for every dollar the County took in from real land, the County spent \$0.36. That told us who was supporting and keeping this County going. He also read in the paper that we were considering a land use evaluation. He thought that was very good and he supported it whole-heartedly. The rural land could not keep supporting everything and everybody coming in here from Norfolk and everywhere else. As in years past, he was still concerned about people not paying their taxes. We still had a lot of taxes that were unpaid in this County. He understood that we were collecting about 96%, but if we collected all of it, we probably would not need a tax increase. Also, there were some farmers that were not paying any taxes on farm machinery. We had a system whereby the farmers listed their own equipment. Unfortunately, when we allow that to happen, people take advantage of it. We had to have people paying their fair share.

Chairman Jones closed the public hearing.

Mr. Johnson advised that the statute provided that 6 days must lapse after the public hearing before the Board could take action on the budget. So accordingly, the budget and the proposed tax rate increase would be placed on the agenda next Monday for disposition.

Mr. Charles Turner, Superintendent of Southampton County Public Schools, thanked the Board for their support and solicited their continued support and anything they could do to help them get stronger and stronger. He pointed out that there were a number of persons present tonight representing Southampton County Public Schools.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

May 16, 2005

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Dallas O. Jones, Chairman

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Michael W. Johnson, Clerk