

VIRGINIA: At a Business Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Patrick, held at the Patrick County Veterans' Memorial Building on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Roger Hayden, Chairperson; Lock Boyce, Vice – Chairperson; Crystal P. Harris, Ron Knight, Karl Weiss Board Members.

STAFF PRESENT: Tom Rose, County Administrator; Alan Black, County Attorney; and Geri Hazelwood, Assistant to the County Administrator/Clerk

Others present were: Nancy Lindsey, The Enterprise; Tom Bishop, Patrick County Chamber of Commerce, Richard Rogers, WHEO

Mr. Chairperson called the meeting to order.

Dr. Roger Morris provided the invocation.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Lock Boyce followed by a Moment of Silence in honor of past and present U. S. military personnel serving domestically or abroad.

On motion by Lock Boyce seconded by Ron Knight to approve the agenda as presented.

Voting Aye: Knight, Boyce, Harris, Weiss, Hayden

Voting Nay: None

On motion by Lock Boyce seconded by Crystal P. Harris to end all meetings by 10:00 pm and carried 3 to 2.

Voting Aye: Knight, Boyce, Harris

Voting Nay: Weiss, Hayden

6:00 pm Public Hearing on proposed FY 2011-2012 budget

Mr. Chairperson opened the public hearing and the following people spoke:

Mrs. Murphy Brown

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I as a private citizen have a bone to pick with this Board of Supervisors but first I need to clear up some false information that was posted on the Freedom of Speech blog; Murphy or PAWS has no interest in running the pound, and has no beef with Animal Control or the Pound facility we work very closely for the sake of the animals. The pound is well run with excellent knowledgeable staff, it is the Board of Supervisors that cripples the Patrick County Pound operation.

My beef is with the BOS

I have reviewed the 2011-12 budget and noticed that the county has only allocated \$300.00 for food for 800 pound animals for the whole year. This amount is INSANE that won't feed the animals at the pound for a month. When I attended the meeting to decide on the Pound fees last year I brought it to the Boards attention that there was NO food for the animals in the pound budget at all and that employees at Walmart were buying food for the pound animals when there were no damaged bags. You should be ashamed.....

The fact that the pound collects the damaged dog and cat food from Walmart that is meant for 501c3 rescue groups is unbelievable. PAWS will not take the food meant for us out of the mouths of the unfortunate animals at the pound, who would starve without it. This Board of Supervisors and the County should be ashamed and embarrassed to be taking charity to feed the animals that are wards of the county by STATE LAW. The stray animals in our county are the responsibility of the county not PAWS or Walmart. They are prisoners of the county under state law, and the county is responsible to feed them just like they feed the criminals in the county jail.

I don't really understand with my property taxes that more than doubled, the added revenue that the county now has after raising property taxes, that the departments all have to cut their expenses by 8%. The pound doesn't have enough now and you HAVE to budget more dog food and stop taking charity that is meant for 501c3's . You need to budget **at least \$3000.00** for cat and dog food not \$300.00

The fact that the County took the DMV animal friendly license money that the state sets aside for 501c3 rescue groups for neutering county animals and puts it in the county general fund and we had to fight to get it from the county and only got the money for the last 2 years. Jay Scudder applied for that money in PAWS name his first year as County Administrator, and we would have never even gotten the last 2 years if we hadn't fought you for it. It was only \$304. But it was ours and it is shameful that you would deprive us of that little bit of money that would neuter 6 dogs or 8 cats. What really gets my hackles up is that you thought you could get away with it and never intended for us to have it.

Law # 3.2-6534 Disposition of funds

From county or city dog license fees States; (13,000+)

Unless otherwise provided by ordinance of the local governing body, the treasurer of each locality shall keep all moneys collected by him for dog and cat license taxes in a separate account from all other funds collected by him.

The locality shall use the funds for the following purposes then it lists 6 things.

Then it states; any part or all of any surplus remaining in such account on Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of any year may be transferred by the governing body of such locality into the general fund of such locality.

Can you tell me if there is any such ordinance.

I have also left a copy of the Floyd County Census information and a copy of The Patrick County Census results. The Floyd population still less than Patrick County has grown by 8.2% up 1,405 people and Patrick County population has decreased by 4.0% down 917. The demographics for both Counties is about the same, the only reason for Floyds growth and our demise is the Local Government.

I hope Patrick's BOS will study the progress of Floyd and try to bring this County up to speed. I lived in Floyd in 1983 and every time I go through Floyd I am amazed at the improvements they have made. The BOS needs to take a trip up there and see for themselves what good local government can do.

Thank you and I will see you on April 11th

Mr. Danny Foley, Sr., Mayo River District, spoke concerning the budget which doesn't seem to be a good one, with a select few getting raises,

there is not enough money to cover fuel or electricity expenses, school didn't have any problem cutting 5%, rural service doing their own billing , timber being cut to help pay people's taxes, the next reassessment the property values will drop and the taxes will be raised.

Mr. Charles Vivier, Blue Ridge District, provided the Board with the following comments;

In the published Synopsis of the Budget for 2011 – 2012 most of us would see good news that the levy stays the same at a rate of 48 cents for real estate. This budget takes us through the third year of a five year financial plan that projected a steady levy rate. I concur with the rate for this coming year. In other words, stay the course.

When the 48 cent rate was first proposed for the year 2009-2010, it was also proposed that we would add \$1,434,160 to bring up the reserves for Contingencies to \$2,036,876. That's what I read in this detailed full page publication.

In the short span of two budgets, we now anticipate adding a trickle to that Fund. Where is the \$1.4 million that was in this detailed synopsis published May 6, 2009? That budget included debt service of \$355,684 and \$1,581,838 which almost matched today's synopsis. By resetting the priorities we continue to have a balanced budget.

I suggest that we are spending more and some of it is in the transition to a new jail. We've lost \$2 million in Federal school funds, but I think there has been a corresponding cut of \$2 million in federally funded school programs.

The school board looks at \$5 million in county funding as being only 25% of their needs. The taxpayers look at it as being 50% of our taxes. The school board says it's a good thing that there's other funding for schools. The tax payer looks at the other funding as a good thing that some of our taxes are coming home from Richmond and Washington.

Does anyone get beyond the emotional issue of "we want the best for our children"? Consider for a moment that \$5 million of local seed money for the schools brings in \$20 million in outside funds that goes back into our local economy and supports jobs in the school system. Isn't that immediately a 4 to 1 return on investments?

For that matter, look at the broader picture of local government and schools being supported by \$14 million in local taxes, which are 37% of funding of \$39 million for a local economy. That's almost a 2 to 1 return on investments. However, a point of diminishing returns can be reached where there is little or no return on investment on the next dollar spent in a particular category. Therefore we only ask for the wise use of revenue funds. We feel that we should be able to scrutinize the spending and will do so.

\$8 million of the \$14 million in local revenues comes from the 48 cents levy, which brings me back to where I started. If the levy were \$1 per \$100 of value, that would amount to a 1% tax. In 100 years, 100% of the present value of the real estate would be given over in taxes. At 48 cents, it would be given over in 208 years.

That doesn't sound so bad except for the minor matter of liquidity. Only 2% of the value of our total real estate is liquefied each year and taxes on those parcels can come out of the sale. The other 98% of real estate taxes has to be paid out of cash liquidity.

Therein lay the concerns and complaints. Cash liquidity for the other 98% comes from wages, or social security or retirement income or savings. We know that the burden of paying taxes can be inversely proportional to family income. By law, we can't just simply do away with the government. But we can be sympathetic to the burdens of taxes.

Charles Vivier – March 30, 2011

**COUNTY OF PATRICK, VIRGINIA**  
**Synopsis of the Budget for**

**Information and Fiscal Planning Purposes For the Year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 58.1-3001 and 15.2-2506, 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Patrick, on the proposed County budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 on Wednesday, March 30, 2011. The hearing will be held in the Board Room in the Patrick County Veterans Memorial Building in Stuart, Virginia, at which time any citizen of this County shall have the right to attend and state his or her views thereon. The Public Hearing shall commence at 6:00 p.m.

The following proposed budget synopsis is for informative and fiscal planning purposes only and does not constitute an obligation or commitment on the part of the Board of Supervisors to appropriate funds for any items or purpose, except the public school budget, which is required to be funded to comply with the Standards of Quality as set by the Virginia General Assembly. No funds may be expended until appropriated by the Board of Supervisors. Tax levies, both current and proposed, are as listed herein.

Tax Levy	2010-2011 Rate	2011-2012 Proposed
For Real Estate	\$ .48	\$ .48
For Personal Property	1.71	1.71
For Machinery and Tools	1.71	1.71
For Public Utilities(Personal Property)	1.71	1.71
For Public Utilities(Real Estate)	.48	.48

Further, in conjunction with the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1988, Section 58.1-3523, and as outlined by County Ordinance, the Board shall consider and set the percentage computation for allocation of PPTRA relief to county citizens at a specific amount to be offset against total taxes otherwise due.

A detailed copy of the budget is available for inspection by the public in the office of the Patrick County Administrator, Patrick County Veterans Memorial Building, Stuart, Virginia, and may be examined by any citizen between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additionally, a detailed copy of the budget is available on the Patrick County website at [www.co.patrick.va.us](http://www.co.patrick.va.us) and at the Patrick County site of the Blue Ridge Regional Library.

<u>Revenue Function</u>	Estimated Revenues	Percent of Budget
<b>County:</b>		
From the Commonwealth	\$ 4,425,205	11.4%
From Local Sources	14,452,876	37.1%
From Federal Sources	29,000	.1%
<b>School Related Sources:</b>		
State Funds	17,893,283	45.9%
Federal Funds	48,000	.1%
Other Funds	1,278,530	3.3%
Other State Funds	<u>842,083</u>	<u>2.2%</u>
	<b>\$38,968,957</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<u>Expenditure Function</u>	Proposed Expenditures	Percent of Budget
General & Financial Administration	1,352,091	3.5%
Judicial Administration	730,079	1.9%
Public Safety	4,988,076	12.8%
Public Works	1,227,882	3.2%
Health & Welfare	94,335	.2%
Parks and Recreation	205,938	.5%
Community Development	1,001,538	2.6%
Non-Departmental	8,900	0.0%
Contingency Fund	410,147	1.1%
Capital Improvements	32,500	0.1%
Capital Expenditures-General	54,000	0.1%
Debt Service-County	563,796	1.4%
Health & Welfare-Public Assistance	1,902,697	4.9%
Public Schools	24,817,276	63.7%
Debt Service-Schools	<u>1,578,700</u>	<u>4.1%</u>
	<b>\$38,968,957</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<u>Other Funds</u>	Anticipated Balance At End FY 2011	Proposed Expenditures FY 2012
Contingency Fund	\$2,563,386	\$ 0
<b>Dedicated Funds</b>		
Park Construction Fund	\$ 4,812	\$ 0
Fred Clifton Park	8,679	0
Law Library Fund	11,533	0
Dehart Family Cemetery	6,008	8
Capital Depreciation Fund	172,915	0

**Capital Budget Balance - Public Schools**      \$1,562,318.92

Tom Ross, County Administrator

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Mrs. Jeannie King, Principal of Meadows of Dan Elementary School; spoke to the Board with concern to the school budget. She asked that the Board continue support and

maintain and if so increase funding for the schools. She brought signatures of those who are opposed to any cuts to the school budget.

Mr. Jack Horton, Mayo River District spoke on the following topics; County debt, hard ship, cut to bare bones and make this budget the start onto the road to recovery.

Mr. Chairperson closed the public comment period.

The Board thanked those who came out to the meeting and those who spoke.

The Board spoke favorably to Mr. Vivier's comments, the Board chose not to cut the school budget but to continue level funding and are in 100% support of the school; there are other ways and things that could be cut besides public safety and education, the Board thanked the teachers, administration staff, custodians, cafeteria personnel. The Board stated that they would revisit the amount funded for the dog pound food supplies.

#### School Budget

On motion by Lock Boyce that level funding be restored to the School budget and be taken out of the contingency fund seconded by Karl Weiss and carried unanimously.

Voting Aye: Knight, Boyce, Harris, Weiss, Hayden

Voting Nay: None

#### Tax Rate

On motion by Lock Boyce to hold the tax rate as is seconded by Ron Knight and carried unanimously.

Voting Aye: Knight, Boyce, Harris, Weiss, Hayden

Voting Nay: None

PRESENTATION of the FY 2009-10 audit report: Mrs. Deanna Cox; Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates gave the Board a presentation on the close out of fiscal year 2010 audit. She provided the Board with the elected officials guide to accounting and fraud and talked about new things for next year's audit. The Board thanked Mrs. Cox.

#### "BUDDY DOLLERHITE DAY"

On motion by Lock Boyce to designate April 2, 2011 as "Buddy Dollerhite Day" in Patrick County seconded by Crystal P. Harris and carried unanimously.

Voting Aye: Knight, Boyce, Harris, Weiss, Hayden

Voting Nay: None

The Board spoke favorably of Buddy; he has dedicated his life 100% to volunteering for Patrick County. The Board encouraged all to go out on April the 2<sup>nd</sup> and support him at the bone marrow drive.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion by Lock Boyce seconded by Ron Knight to go into executive session to discuss Personnel Matters 2.2 – 3711 (A)(1)Board appointment; Legal Matters: 2.2 - 3711 (A) (7) as pertaining to an agreement; Real Estate 2.2 – 3711 (A) (3) Old jail, Adult Education building

WHEREAS, the Patrick County Board of Supervisors has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and

WHEREAS, Section 2.1-344.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Patrick County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Patrick County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies.

Roll Call:

Knight – aye

Boyce - aye

Harris- aye

Weiss- aye

Hayden- aye

RECONVENE

On motion by Crystal P. Harris seconded by Lock Boyce the Board reconvened from executive session where only Personnel Matters 2.2 – 3711 (A)(1)Board



appointment, Legal Matters: 2.2 - 3711 (A)(7), Real Estate 2.2 – 3711 (A)(3) Adult Education building were discussed and carried unanimously.

Voting Aye: Knight, Boyce, Harris, Weiss, Hayden

Voting Nay: None

ACTION ITEMS:

On motion by Lock Boyce to appoint Mr. Sam Perkins as Peter's Creek Representative to the Patrick County Planning Commission seconded by Ron Knight and carried unanimously.

Voting Aye: Knight, Boyce, Harris, Weiss, Hayden

Voting Nay: None

Adjourn

On motion by Karl Weiss seconded by Lock Boyce and carried unanimously the Board adjourned until April 11, 2011.

Voting Aye: Boyce, Knight, Weiss, Hayden, Harris

Voting Nay: None

, Chairman