

RICHMOND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MAY 21, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.

FY15 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Members Present: F. Lee Sanders, Chairman; Richard E. Thomas, Vice Chairman; Jean C. Harper; John L. Haynes, Jr.; Robert B. Pemberton

Staff Present: R. Morgan Quicke, County Administrator; Denise V. Dunaway, Development Services Manager

Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 for the public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget.

FY15 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

Chairman Sanders asked Mr. Quicke, County Administrator, to give a brief overview of the FY14-15 Richmond County Budget.

Mr. Quicke read the following public hearing notice and gave a power point presentation ([Power Point Presentation - FY15](#)).

**RICHMOND COUNTY, VIRGINIA
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING
JULY 1, 2014 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2015**

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A PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Richmond County Board of Supervisors on this budget on **May 21, 2014 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Richmond County Public Meeting Room, County Office Building, Warsaw, Virginia.** The public hearing is being held pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended, allowing the public to question and comment on the proposed budget. All citizens of Richmond County have the right to attend and share their views thereon in oral or in written form.

EST. BEGINNING UNDESIGNATED GENERAL FUND BALANCE: \$1,100,000

REVENUE ESTIMATES:

Local Sources.....	9,832,384
State Sources.....	10,362,614
Federal Sources.....	1,321,923
Non-revenue Receipts (Transfers)	1,292,293

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES.....\$22,808,214

EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES:

General Government Administration.....2,189,687
Judicial Administration.....635,411
Public Safety.....2,473,347
Public Works.....884,888
Health and Welfare.....2,305,809
Education:
 Public Schools.....13,813,181
 Community College.....9,647
Parks, Recreation and Culture.....144,789
Community Development.....270,617
Non-departmental.....79,063

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.....\$22,806,439

EST. ENDING UNDESIGNATED GENERAL FUND BALANCE.....\$1,100,000

TAX RATES

The Board of Supervisors proposes that the local tax levies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 be as follows:

- Real Estate67 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.
- Personal Property.....\$3.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation.
- Machinery & Tools.....1 cent per \$100 of assessed valuation.
- Merchants Capital.....\$3.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The Board of Supervisors proposes that the Personal Property Tax Relief Act (Car Tax) rate be set at 65%.

The Board of Supervisors proposes that County Vehicle Tags be increased by \$3.00, from \$29.50 to \$32.50 for vehicles and from \$15.00 to \$18.00 on motorcycles. Antique vehicles will remain exempt.

A copy of the complete proposed budget is on file in the Office of the County Administrator, Administration Building, 101 Court Circle, Warsaw, Virginia. The proposed budget is also available on the Richmond County website at www.co.richmond.va.us

Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors for Richmond County, Virginia.

By: R. Morgan Quicke
County Administrator

Richmond County Board of Supervisors

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FY15 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Sanders opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public; therefore, the public hearing was closed.

Chairman Sanders asked the Board if they had any questions or comments regarding the FY15 Budget.

Mr. Pemberton recommended scheduling the budget adoption for May 28, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Hayes advised the Board that the time seemed to be a conflict for many Richmond County property owners and recommended scheduling the meeting for 7:00 p.m.

“On a motion made by Robert B. Pemberton, the Board voted: F. Lee Sanders – aye; Richard E. Thomas – aye; John L. Haynes, Jr. – nay; Jean C. Harper - nay; Robert B. Pemberton – aye; to schedule a meeting on May 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to adopt the FY15 Budget with a 3-2 vote.”

RICHMOND COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Quicke informed the Board that Mrs. Harper had pointed out some language in the Motor Vehicle Tax Ordinance that she feels may need revising. The language reads as follows: “For the purpose of this Ordinance the term resident of the County includes any person who works in the County and spends as many as three nights in the County out of each week.” Mr. Quicke feels that the county would be unable to enforce this today. Mr. Quicke told the Board that he is waiting on an answer from the County Attorney.

Mr. Thomas recommended tabling the \$3.00 fee increase ordinance amendment until Mr. Quicke has heard from the County Attorney about the language.

Mr. Haynes agreed with Mr. Thomas’ recommendation.

Mr. Quicke informed the Board that he would add this to the June agenda discussion.

EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE REVENUE RECOVERY BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Quicke explained that Northumberland County has notified the Board (Richmond, Lancaster, Essex, and Westmoreland) that they plan to join the EASRRB as a full member, effective July 1, 2014. In order to approve this addition, all four Boards will need to approve this

change through an Ordinance Amendment. This Ordinance Amendment will need to be done by Public Hearing.

“On a motion made by Richard E. Thomas the Board voted: F. Lee Sanders – aye; Richard E. Thomas – aye; John L. Haynes, Jr. – aye; Jean C. Harper – aye; Robert B. Pemberton – aye: to schedule a public hearing on June 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to amend the Emergency Ambulance Service Revenue Recovery Board Ordinance.”

RECESS

Chairman Sanders recessed the meeting until May 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

RECONVENE – MAY 28, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: F. Lee Sanders; Richard E. Thomas; Jean C. Harper; John L. Haynes, Jr.; Robert B. Pemberton

Staff Present: R. Morgan Quicke, County Administrator

Chairman Sanders reconvened the meeting on May 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room for the purpose of adoption of FY15 Budget, Tax Rates, and VRS Resolution.

Mr. R. Morgan Quicke, County Administrator, presented an overview of the FY15 Revenues/Expenditures with a total of \$22,806,439, showing a balanced budget.

Mr. Quicke advised the Board that Mr. Thomas and Mr. Pemberton have filed their conflict disclosure form with the Clerk of the Board.

“On a motion made by Richard E. Thomas, the Board voted: F. Lee Sanders – aye; Richard E. Thomas – aye; Jean C. Harper – nay; John L. Haynes, Jr. – nay; Robert B. Pemberton – aye: to adopt the following FY14-15 Budget Resolution:”

Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget Resolution

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BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That the Richmond County Board of Supervisors, after required Public Hearing being held on May 21, 2014, duly adopts the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget this night of May 28, 2014.

F. Lee Sanders, Chairman
Richmond County Board of Supervisors

Mr. Quicke read the proposed FY15 Tax Rate Resolution to the Board.

Mr. Haynes advised the Board that he did not agree with the increase in vehicle tax.

“On a motion made by Robert B. Pemberton, the Board voted: F. Lee Sanders – aye; Richard E. Thomas – aye; Jean C. Harper – nay; John L. Haynes, Jr. – nay; Robert B. Pemberton – aye: to adopt the following Resolution:”

RESOLUTION

After careful examination of the budget estimates, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Richmond, Virginia that there be and is hereby levied for the Fiscal Year 2015 a tax of \$0.67 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of taxable real estate located in this County; that there be and is hereby levied for the year 2015, a tax of \$3.50 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of all taxable personal property of public service corporations, based upon the assessment thereof fixed by the State Corporation Commission and duly certified; that there be and is hereby levied for the year 2015, a tax of \$3.50 per one hundred dollars of the assessed valuation of all taxable, tangible personal property and farm machinery located in the County on January 1, 2014; that there be and is hereby levied for the year 2015, a tax of \$3.50 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of all vehicles without motive power used as offices or for storage located in this County as of January 1, 2014; that there be and is hereby levied, for the year 2015, a tax of \$0.67 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on all vehicles without motive power used as a manufactured home residence;

that there be and is hereby levied for the year 2015 a tax of \$0.01 per one hundred dollars of assessed value, based on 100% of depreciated value, on machinery and tools used in a trade or business physically located in the County of Richmond; and, there be and is hereby levied for the year 2015 a tax of \$3.50 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of all inventory on hand as of January 1, 2014 in any mercantile business located in Richmond County; that there be and is hereby levied, for the year 2015 an electric utility service tax in the amount of \$0.015 per kilowatt hour delivered monthly to consumers with respect to each electric utility service, provided that such tax shall not exceed \$3.00 a month per service. Personal Property Tax Relief Act Reform reimbursement rate shall be 65% for qualifying vehicles. Richmond County Vehicle License tax shall be \$32.50 for vehicles and \$18.00 for motorcycles for the year 2015.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that such taxes, when and if appropriated by the Board of Supervisors of this County, shall be used to defray county charges and expenses and all necessary charges incident to or arising from the execution of the lawful authority of the Board of Supervisors of this County.

Chairman, Richmond County Board of Supervisors

Mr. Quicke explained the proposed VRS Employer Contribution Resolution to the Board.

“On a motion made by Robert B. Pemberton, the Board voted: F. Lee Sanders – aye; Richard E. Thomas – aye; Jean C. Harper – aye; John L. Haynes, Jr. – aye; Robert B. Pemberton - aye: to adopt the following VRS Employer Contribution Resolution:”

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond County Board of Supervisors [55179] does hereby acknowledge that its contribution rates effective July 1, 2014 shall be based on the higher of a) the contribution rate in effect for FY 2014, or b) eighty percent of the results of the June 30, 2013 actuarial valuation of assets and liabilities as approved by the Virginia Retirement System Board of Trustees for the 2014-16 biennium (the “Alternate Rate”) provided that, at its option, the contribution rate may be based on the employer contribution rates certified by the Virginia Retirement System Board of Trustees pursuant to Virginia Code § 51.1-145(I) resulting from the June 30, 2013 actuarial value of assets and liabilities (the “Certified Rate”); and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Richmond County Board of Supervisors [55179] does hereby certify to the Virginia Retirement System Board of Trustees that it elects to pay the following contribution rate effective July 1, 2014:

(Check only one box)

- The Certified Rate of 10.84%** **The Alternate Rate of 9.18%; and**

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Richmond County Board of Supervisors [55179] does hereby certify to the Virginia Retirement System Board of Trustees that it has reviewed and

understands the information provided by the Virginia Retirement System outlining the potential future fiscal implications of any election made under the provisions of this resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the officers of the Richmond County Board of Supervisors [55179] are hereby authorized and directed in the name of the Richmond County Board of Supervisors to carry out the provisions of this resolution, and said officers of the Richmond County Board of Supervisors are authorized and directed to pay over to the Treasurer of Virginia from time to time such sums as are due to be paid by the Richmond County Board of Supervisors for this purpose.

F. Lee Sanders, Chairman

CERTIFICATE

I, _____, Clerk of the Richmond County Board of Supervisors certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed at a lawfully organized meeting of the Richmond County Board of Supervisors held in Warsaw, Virginia at 7 o'clock on May 28, 2014. Given under my hand and seal of the Richmond County Board of Supervisors this 28th day of May, 2014.

R. Morgan Quicke, Clerk

This resolution must be passed prior to July 1, 2014 and received by VRS no later than July 10, 2014.

Mr. Quicke explained the proposed VRS Employee/Employer Salary Change Resolution to the Board.

“On a motion made by Richard E. Thomas, the Board voted: F. Lee Sanders – aye; Richard E. Thomas – aye; Jean C. Harper – aye; John L. Haynes, Jr. – aye; Robert B. Pemberton - aye: to adopt the following VRS Employee/Employer Salary Change Resolution:

RESOLUTION

Member Contributions by Salary Reduction for Counties, Cities, Town, and Other Political Subdivisions

WHEREAS, the Richmond County Board of Supervisors 55179 employees who are Virginia Retirement System members who commence or recommence employment on or after July 1, 2012, shall be required to contribute five percent of their creditable compensation by salary reduction pursuant to Internal Revenue Code § 414(h) on a pre-tax basis upon commencing or recommencing employment; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond County Board of Supervisors employees who are Virginia Retirement System members and in service on June 30, 2012, shall be required to contribute five

percent of their creditable compensation by salary reduction pursuant to Internal Revenue Code § 414(h) on a pre-tax basis no later than July 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, such employees in service on June 30, 2012, shall contribute a minimum of an additional one percent of their creditable compensation beginning on each July 1 of 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016, or until the employees' contributions equal five percent of creditable compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond County Board of Supervisors may elect to require such employees in service on June 30, 2012, to contribute more than an additional one percent each year, in whole percentages, until the employees' contributions equal five percent of creditable compensation; and

WHEREAS, the second enactment clause of Chapter 822 of the 2012 Acts of Assembly (SB497) requires an increase in total creditable compensation, effective July 1, 2014, to each such employee in service on June 30, 2014, to offset the cost of the member contributions, such increase in total creditable compensation to be equal to the percentage increase of the member contribution paid by such pursuant to this resolution (For example, if the member contribution paid by the employee increases from two to three percent pursuant to this resolution, the employee must receive a one percent increase in creditable compensation.)

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Richmond County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify to the Virginia Retirement System Board of Trustees that it shall effect the implementation of the member contribution requirements of Chapter 822 of the 2012 Acts of Assembly (SB497) according to the following schedule for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014:

PLAN 1	Percent
Employer Paid Member Contribution	2%
Employee Paid Member Contribution	3%
Total	5%

PLAN 2	Percent
Employer Paid Member Contribution	0%
Employee Paid Member Contribution	5%
Total	5%

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such contributions, although designated as member contributions, are to be made by the Richmond County Board of Supervisors in lieu of member contributions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pick up member contributions shall be paid from the same source of funds as used in paying the wages to affected employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that member contributions made by the Richmond County Board of Supervisors under the pick-up arrangement shall be treated for all purposes other than income taxation, including but not limited to VRS benefits, in the same manner and to the same extent as member contributions made prior to the pick-up arrangement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing herein shall be construed so as to permit or extend an option to VRS members to receive the pick-up contributions made by the Richmond County Board of Supervisors directly instead of having them paid to VRS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notwithstanding any contractual or other provisions, the wages of each member of VRS who is an employee of the Richmond County Board of Supervisors shall be reduced by the amount of member contributions picked up by the Richmond County Board of Supervisors on behalf of such employee pursuant to the foregoing resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Appropriation Act, no salary increases that were provided solely to offset the cost of required member contributions to the Virginia Retirement System under § 51.1-144 of the Code of Virginia will be used to certify that the salary increases required by the Appropriations Act have been provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, the officers are hereby authorized and directed in the name of the Richmond County Board of Supervisors to carry out the provisions of this resolution, and said officers are authorized and directed to pay over to the Treasurer of Virginia from time to time such sums as are due to be paid by the Richmond County Board of Supervisors for this purpose.

F. Lee Sanders, Chairman
Richmond County Board of Supervisors

CERTIFICATE

I, R. Morgan Quicke, Clerk of the Richmond County Board of Supervisors, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed at a lawfully organized meeting of the Richmond County Board of Supervisors held at Warsaw, Virginia at 7:00 P.M. on May 28, 2014. Given under my hand and seal of the Richmond County Board of Supervisors this 28th day of May, 2014.

R. Morgan Quicke, Clerk
Richmond County Board of Supervisors

Mr. Haynes read the following statement to the Board:

“As County Supervisors, we often have to make decisions that directly affect our family, our friends, our fellow workers, and our peer groups. Since those close to us undeniably occupy the majority of our time and attention, it is often difficult to avoid giving undue deference to their wishes and opinions. Although this may be a natural inclination, it is something that we, as public officials have sworn not to do in our Oath of Office. I do not believe that any neutral, disinterested observer would conclude that our budget hearings have been impartial and fair to all stakeholders. After three sessions of squeezing other departments and organizations dry,

three of our Supervisor's were ready to close up shop without even discussing the details of the school budget. Bear in mind that the school budget, including new debt service and this year's increase, has grown by well over a million dollars over the past two years. Consider also, that both our percentage of budget devoted to the schools and our real estate tax levy are by far the highest in the Northern Neck. This degree of imbalance, combined with our growing financial weakness puts Richmond County in jeopardy. Since we have voted, I would ask my fellow Supervisors to consider this closing statement from our Oath of Office. 'I will faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties incumbent on me as supervisor according to the best of my ability, so help me God.' So be it and thank you for your kind consideration."

There being no further business, Chairman Sanders adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

F. Lee Sanders, Chairman
Richmond County Board of Supervisors