



Richmond County

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Recommended Budget and
FY21-25 Recommended CIP



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APRIL 9, 2020



What Do We Fund?



- Employees
 - Salaries, Benefits, Insurance
- Education – K-12 & Community College
- Judicial Facilities
 - Judges, Clerks and Attorneys
- Mental Health – MP/NN CSB
- Jails and Detention (NNRJ/MPJDC)
- Social Services/Health Department
- At-Risk Youth/Foster Children
- Recreation (YMCA/RCLL/Youth Football)
- Richmond County Public Library
- Museums
- Conservation
- Public Safety – Fire, Police and Rescue
- Emergency Management
- Emergency Radio Systems
- County Dispatch
- Animal Control
- County Records
- Buildings and Property
- Information Technology
- Assessment and Collections
- Elections and Voter Registration
- Building Inspections/Code Compliance
- Erosion and Sediment Control/Stormwater Management/Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act
- Land Use/Planning/Zoning
- Solid Waste and Recycling
- Public Transit – Bay Transit
- Economic Development
- Regional Programs and Partnerships
 - NN Food Bank, Rapp. River Basin, The Haven, Menokin, Remote Area Medical, Planning District Commission, Main Street Program, Bay Aging
- Cooperative Extension

FY21 Recommended Expenditures



CATEGORY	Approved FY20	Recommended FY21	Change +/-
General Government/Admin	\$3,007,968	\$3,023,597	\$15,629
Judicial Administration	\$628,151	\$651,323	\$23,172
Public Safety	\$2,851,154	\$2,946,224	\$95,070
Public Works	\$980,686	\$1,010,323	\$29,637
Health and Welfare	\$2,400,871	\$2,515,419	\$114,548
Education	\$15,522,882	\$16,170,556	\$647,674
Parks, Recreation & Culture	\$161,789	\$165,154	\$3,365
Community Development	\$280,828	\$295,451	\$14,623
Non-Departmental	\$196,167	\$268,559	\$72,392
TOTAL	\$26,030,497	\$27,046,606	\$1,016,109

- **This represents a 3.9% increase over the approved FY20 Budget**
 - **Look for expenditure numbers to move down, primarily in the area of Education, as these numbers are still based off of the Budget adopted by the General Assembly in March 2020.**
 - **At this point, Education Expenditures are still based off of the RCPS Budget Presentation from March 12, 2020.**

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Recommended Tax Rates



- No recommended changes to FY21 Tax Rates
 - \$0.70/\$100 - Real Property Tax
 - \$3.75/\$100 - Personal Property Tax
 - \$0.40/\$100 - Machinery and Tools Tax
 - \$3.50/\$100 - Merchants Capital Tax

- No Changes to Vehicle License Fees
 - \$32.50 – Cars
 - \$18.00 – Motorcycles

- Personal Property Tax Relief Act (PPTRA) “Car Tax”
 - Recommended change in PPTRA from 47% to 46%.

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Recommended Tax Rates



- Our last Real Estate Tax Increase was in FY17, when we raised the rate from \$0.67/\$100 to \$0.70/\$100.
 - For the past four years, those additional dollars, approximately \$225,000 have been dedicated towards our unassigned fund balance and our Capital Improvement Plan:
 - ✦ \$150,000 - Unassigned Fund Balance
 - ✦ \$75,000 - Capital Improvement Plan
 - Unfortunately, this years budget has required the use of the \$150,000 previously assigned to the fund balance.
 - ✦ Primarily towards increased funding to RCPS and increased debt service from recently purchased property.
 - Additionally, based off of revised Revenue Projections to offset losses expected due to the COVID-19 economy, the \$75,000 dedicated towards the CIP has been removed from the Budget as well.

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Recommended Tax Rates



- **Conditions around 2020 General Reassessment**
 - Overall increase to the taxable values, and revenue to the County equal 1.36%.
 - ✦ Code of Virginia Section 58.1-3321 requires that when revenue exceeds 101% of revenue prior to General Reassessment, County shall reduce it's tax rate to produce no more than 101%.

2019 Real Property Value -	\$881,309,994
2020 Real Property Value -	\$893, 274,559
2019 Real Property Levied -	\$6,169,169
2020 Real Property Levied -	\$6,252,921
2019 Tax Rate -	\$0.70/\$100
2020 Equalized Tax Rate -	\$0.6975/\$100

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Recommended Tax Rates



- Or -
 - 58.1-3321 B. – The Governing Body of a County may, after conducting a Public Hearing, which shall not be held at the same time as the annual budget hearing, increase the rate above the reduced rate required, if any such increase is deemed to be necessary by such Governing Body.
 - ✦ By advertising a Public Hearing to adopt a rate higher than the equalized rate (0.70 vs. 0.6975), in our case, means an additional \$22,000 annually to the County
 - ✦ The FY21 Budget assumes the non-equalized rate of \$0.70/\$100.
 - Should the Board wish to use the equalized rate, an additional \$22,000 would need to be removed from our FY21 Budget.

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Recommended Tax Rates



- Next Steps on Tax Rate –
 - 1. Use equalized rate of \$0.6975, pull \$22,000 from revenue and expenditures, and move on.
 - 2. Advertise a Public Hearing, as prescribed under Section 58.1-3321, that shall be advertised at least 30 days prior to the Public Hearing.
 - ✦ In our case, this would mean advertisement in the April 15th, edition of the Northern Neck News, for a Public Hearing date of May 14, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. (exactly 30 days)
 - Our FY21 Budget Public Hearing could also be moved to this date and time.
 - ✦ Budget Adoption could be scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget Overview



- Salaries, Health Insurance and VRS
 - The biggest challenges to this years budget centers around health insurance and VRS for our County Employees as well as the more recent evolution of the COVID-19 virus, and the economic implications surrounding it.
 - We were notified of an increase to our VRS rate of 2.10%, from 10.42% to 12.52%
 - ✦ This increase alone accounts for approximately \$75,000 in additional costs to the County.
 - ✦ There are no changes to the employee contribution, which will remain at 5%
 - Additionally, we were notified of a 15% increase to our Health Insurance Premiums, which at current plan offering would be another \$75,000 to the County, and would impact our employees as well.

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget Overview



- What does this mean?
 - In regards to VRS, we have no choice and will increase our contribution to the required 12.52%.
 - Recommended changes to Health Insurance Offerings, to help minimize the large increase on the County, as well as on the employee.
 - Recommended budget from March 13, 2020, showed a 2% Employee Bonus in December 2020, at a cost of approximately \$50,000 to the County.
 - ✦ Revised Recommendation based off of the current economy, is for the 2% December Bonus to be removed from the budget, placed into contingency and re-evaluated in January 2021, along with other budget cuts.

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget Overview



- Health Insurance – The Local Choice
 - Our current plan offering to employees for Health Benefits include the Key Advantage 250 Plan, the Key Advantage 500 Plan, and the High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP).
 - As Richmond County and the Richmond County Public Schools are joined on the same plan, we have met several times since the notice of the 15% increase, to discuss our best options moving forward.
 - The total increase to Richmond County (County and Schools), should the County continue to offer KA250, KA500 and HDHP, would be approximately \$200,000 combined.
 - Our recommendation is to drop the offering of the KA250 plan, and offer KA500, KA1000 and HDHP
 - ✦ Mr. David Rowe, with Bankers Insurance, will join us by phone to give a brief overview of why the County has seen such a large increase to rates for FY21.

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget Overview



- In an effort to bring the monthly premiums down for employees, we are recommending the County pay an additional \$20 per month of each employees Health Insurance; therefore, making the County amount higher and the employees amount lower.
- This equates to a \$240 yearly savings to our employees
 - ✦ For example, the Single KA500 monthly premium for an employee that elects this plan, should be \$137 per month.
 - ✦ The employee premium per month, taking into account the additional \$20 the County will pay, will now be \$117.

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget Overview



- **Current Rates: FY20 (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)**

- **Key Advantage 250**

- **Single Plan**

County Share -	\$524
Employee Share-	\$123

- **Dual Plan**

County Share -	\$670
Employee Share-	\$527

- **Family Plan**

County Share -	\$838
Employee Share-	\$909

- **Key Advantage 500**

- **Single Plan**

County Share -	\$498
Employee Share-	\$98

- **Dual Plan**

County Share -	\$603
Employee Share -	\$500

- **Family Plan**

County Share -	\$740
Employee Share -	\$869

- **Proposed Rates: FY21 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)**

- **Key Advantage 500**

- **Single Plan**

County Share -	\$568
Employee Share-	\$117

- **Dual Plan**

County Share -	\$715
Employee Share-	\$552

- **Family Plan**

County Share -	\$831
Employee Share-	\$1,018

- **Key Advantage 1000**

- **Single Plan**

County Share -	\$554
Employee Share-	\$96

- **Dual Plan**

County Share -	\$687
Employee Share -	\$514

- **Family Plan**

County Share -	\$798
Employee Share -	\$956

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget Overview



- Summary of Health Insurance Changes
 - We are aware that the elimination of KA250 from our Health Insurance offering will be problematic to some.
 - We are aware that the KA500 Health Insurance is not as rich of a plan as the KA250.
 - With the \$20 additional per month the County will pay into Health Insurance, we feel that the large majority of County Employees will be whole, as compared to their current paychecks.
 - Ultimately dropping the KA250 plan from our offering is a business decision for the County, that must be made.
 - There is still a significant increase to Health Insurance Costs to the County and the Schools, even with the elimination of the higher plan.

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget Overview



- Notable Increased/Decreased Expenses for FY21
 - Increase of \$17,000 to Board of Supervisors Professional Services. (Attorney, Engineer, Health Insurance, Auditing)
 - Increase of \$126,000 to Debt Service
 - ✦ \$86,000 for debt service to land purchased
 - ✦ \$40,000 for Interest on Revenue Anticipation Note
 - Increase of \$38,000 to salary line of IT for new Full Time Employee.
 - Increase of \$3,500 to Assistant Part Time Registrar Position from \$6,500 to \$10,000
 - Increase of \$3,500 to Part Time Position in the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Office from \$3,000 to \$6,500

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget Overview



- Notable Increased/Decreased Expenses for FY21
 - Increase of \$36,000 to EMS Part Time Salaries from \$120,000 to \$156,000.
 - ✦ This is a line item we continue to “chase” yearly with additional needs from our Part Time and On-Call crews.
 - ✦ Within this recommendation, is a \$2.00 per hour increase to the hourly wages of our Part Time Employees, based off of their qualifications (EMT Basic, Advanced, Intermediate or Paramedic)
 - This is in effort to bring our part time hourly wages more in line with our neighbors/competitors.
 - Decrease of \$20,000 to Ambulance Fund, from \$50,000 to \$30,000.
 - ✦ Original recommended budget showed a decrease of \$10,000 from \$50,000 to \$40,000.
 - Current savings for Ambulance come June 30, 2020 will be \$100,000
 - Next Ambulance purchase scheduled for Summer 2021.
 - Decrease of \$5,000 to Solid Waste Budget, from \$625,000 to \$620,000.
 - ✦ This is the same amount as last year (FY20), but reduced \$5,000 from the March 13th recommended budget.
 - Increase of \$2,000 to Indianfield Operations, from \$10,000 to \$12,000.
 - ✦ Tires and Brush collection

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget Overview



- Notable Increased/Decreased Expenses for FY21
 - Increase of \$12,000 to General Properties Rent Payments, from \$10,000 to \$22,000, for rental of Murphy Office Space beginning July 1, 2020.
 - Increase of \$9,000 to General Properties for Property Insurance, from \$45,000 to \$54,000 in anticipation of increased insurance rates.
 - Recommended increase of \$50,592 to Contingency Fund from \$10,000 to \$60,592.
 - ✦ The money from the 2% December Bonus has been placed in this line item.
 - Recommended Merit Based Salary Increases to certain employee groups at \$26,000.
 - ✦ To be discussed in closed session.

FY21 CSA Expenditure Overview



- Increase of \$21,500 to CSA budget, from \$438,500 to \$460,000
 - ✦ History of CSA Expenditures
 - FY17 - \$411,435
 - FY18 - \$506,339
 - FY19 - \$507,826
 - FY20 - \$400,000 (Estimated)
 - ✦ Based off of FY20 Estimates, this could be our first year in a while that expenditures have been lower than budget.
 - ✦ Increasing the CSA Budget for FY21 is still a priority as these are costs that are tough to budget for annually, and could still exceed budgeted amounts.
 - CSA Budget is split approximately 70% State – 30% Local.

FY21 CSA Expenditure Overview



- **Comprehensive Services Act (CSA)**
 - Increase of \$21,500 from \$438,500 to \$460,000
 - ✦ Split of funding is roughly 70% State – 30% local
 - State - \$322,000 – Local - \$138,000
 - Issue of statewide significance



Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget Overview



- Operational Cuts due to COVID-19

○ 2% Employee Bonus-	-\$75,000
○ Reassessment Fund -	-\$30,000
○ Economic Development-	-\$20,000
○ Ambulance Fund -	-\$10,000
○ Broadband Fund-	-\$5,000
○ Admin/Board Travel-	-\$2,000
○ Salary Reductions -	-\$5,000
○ Solid Waste Budget-	-\$5,000
○ Total Operational Cuts -	-\$152,000

- ✦ As mentioned at the March 30, 2020 Budget Worksession, all above expenses are necessary and warranted. Recommendation is to re-convene an FY21 mid-year budget worksession in January 2021 to further evaluate actual mid-year revenue numbers, to consider reinstating portions or all of cut expenditures, as needed.

Outside Agencies and Departments



<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY20 Approved</u>	<u>FY21 Requested</u>	<u>FY21Rec</u>	<u>Difference</u>
• RCVFD	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$0
• RC Library	\$100,160	\$103,525	\$103,525	\$3,365
• MP-NN CSB*	\$33,500	\$34,253	\$34,253	\$753
• Bay Aging	\$7,650	\$7,803	\$7,803	\$153
• Bay Transit	\$60,000	\$60,600	\$60,600	\$600
• RCC	\$10,924	\$11,142	\$11,142	\$218
• Rapp Legal	\$2,467	\$2,467	\$2,467	\$0
• YMCA	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
• RCLL	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$0
• Youth Football	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
• NN Food Bank*	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,400	\$1,400
• NN Soil/Water	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
• Rapp River BC	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
• The Haven	\$4,500	\$5,500	\$5,300	\$800

Outside Agencies and Departments



Agency	FY20 Approved	FY21 Requested	FY21Rec	Difference
• NNPDC	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0
• NN Tourism	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
• NNCBRP	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
• Tri-Rivers Health	\$127,500	\$128,500	\$128,500	\$1,000
• Tapp Free Health	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0
• NN Free Health	\$3,000	\$30,777	\$3,000	\$0
• RC Museum	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
• Menokin	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$500
• Remote Medical	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
• NNK Drug Court	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
• Broadband	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
• 4 th of July	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$0
• RHS Prom	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
• MainStreet	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
• TOTALS	\$605,901	\$642,267	\$614,690	\$8,789

Richmond County Public Schools



- Notable Revenue Changes - RCPS

○ State Revenue -	\$401,532
○ Regional SPED Funds -	\$110,000
○ Additional County Funds -	\$54,000
○ Total New Revenue -	\$565,532

- ✦ Notes:

- County Increase –
 - \$14,000 - A correction made from the FY20 Budget
 - \$40,000 – The first local increase the County has made to the RCPS budget since FY14.
- State Revenue-
 - Consistent with the message received from the State over the last few days in dealing with the COVID-19 economic crisis, look for State Revenue to decline.
 - These numbers are based off of the presentation made by Dr. Smith at the March 12, 2020 Budget Worksession

Richmond County Public Schools

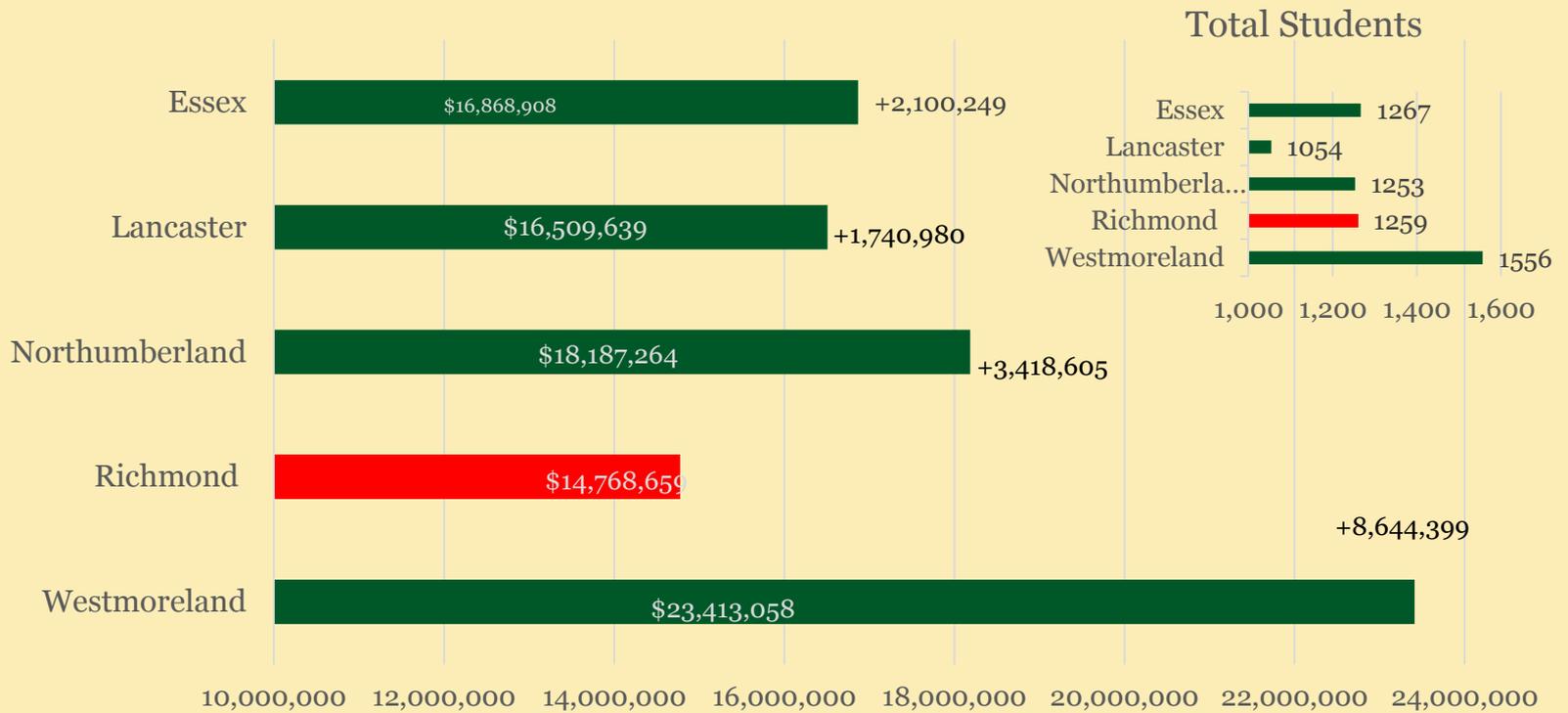


- Notable Expenditure Changes – RCPS

○ Salary Improvements -	\$170,345
✦ Teachers = Step +1.5%, Others 1.5%	
○ Mandated Positions -	\$129,500
✦ ITRT, Guidance Counselor	
○ Health Insurance – 15% Increase -	\$106,200
○ VRS -.0.94% Increase -	\$71,402
○ Regional Programs-	\$43,985
○ Recruitment Software/Ins/Seach/Audit-	\$28,100
○ Payments to County -	\$16,000
✦ SBO Rent and Deputies for Event	
○ Total Increase-	\$565,532

- Again, pending State budget discussions, expenditures will have to be brought in line with available revenue, at such point that data is available.

Operating Budget Comparison - RCPS



Richmond County Funding Comparisons – Local School Divisions



County	Pop. 2017	Total Taxable Real Est. 2017	Tax Rate 2017-2018	Real Estate Revenue FY18	Total Local Revenue FY18	Total Revenue per \$0.01
Richmond	9,094	\$801,000,000	.70	\$5,664,811	\$8,369,159	\$80,925
Essex	10,813	\$1,288,000,000	.88	\$11,475,792	\$15,517,236	\$130,406
Middlesex	11,004	\$2,186,000,000	.56	\$12,738,037	\$15,742,745	\$227,464
Mathews	8,651	\$1,620,000,000	.58	\$9,342,989	\$11,978,884	\$161,086
Lancaster	11,171	\$2,525,000,000	.59	\$14,793,316	\$16,986,495	\$250,734
Northumberland	12,053	\$2,855,000,000	.56	\$15,935,590	\$19,536,736	\$284,564
Westmoreland	17,760	\$2,472,000,000	.60	\$14,023,492	\$18,934,075	\$233,724

Richmond County Funding Comparisons – Local School Divisions



County	CPI 2018	FY18 Local School Contribution	FY18 Required Local Effort	%Funding to RLE	% of Total Local Revenue to Schools	% of Real Estate Revenue to Local Schools
Richmond	.3180	\$4,735,000	\$3,209,455	147.53%	56.58%	83.59%
Essex	.4316	\$8,254,247	\$4,619,429	178.69%	53.19%	71.93%
Middlesex	.6336	\$8,419,311	\$5,489,318	153.38%	53.48%	66.10%
Mathews	.5253	\$7,115,814	\$4,329,005	164.38%	59.40%	76.16%
Lancaster	.7566	\$10,744,536	\$6,816,934	157.62%	63.25%	72.63%
Northumberland	.7542	\$11,751,052	\$7,059,453	166.46%	60.15%	73.74%
Westmoreland	.4557	\$8,330,987	\$8,395,868	99.23%	44.00%	59.41%

Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Improvement Plan



• E-911 Replacement (Grant) -	\$150,000
• Central Accounting Software -	\$20,000
• Planning/Zoning Permit Software-	\$15,000
• EMS Chief Vehicle (Grant +Local) -	\$45,000
• 2 Vehicles (Sheriff) (Grant +Loan)-	\$56,000
• Tire Trailers (2) -	\$5,500
• Tractor -	\$2,000
• Indianfield Improvements -	\$45,000
• Museum Maintenance Work -	\$4,000
• County Admin Ext. Painting -	\$7,500
• RCC Tennis Courts -	\$16,500
• Commerce Park Road and Utility	\$500,000**
• Commerce Park Tier 4 Upgrade -	\$50,000
• Pedestrian Trails – Phase I -	\$500,000**
• Total	\$1,416,500

- **Commerce Park and Pedestrian Trails are all Grant and other funding reliant.
 - ✦ We project we have a much better chance of seeing money come through for Commerce Park than Trails.

Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Improvement Plan



- CIP Items Cut as a Result of COVID-19

○ Rescue Boat EMS -	\$30,000
○ Circuit Court Painting -	\$22,000
○ Roof Replacement – Extension Office -	\$10,000
○ Roof Replacement – The Haven -	\$10,000
○ Museum Maintenance Work -	\$5,000
○ Tractor (2 nd Installment) -	\$10,000
✦ Moved back into Operations for Medic	
○ Total	\$87,000

- ✦ As previously mentioned regarding operating budget items cut, I would recommend these items be reviewed in January 2021 at a mid-year budget work session.

FY21 Recommended Revenue Projections



<u>Category</u>	<u>Approved FY20</u>	<u>Recommended FY21</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Local Sources	\$10,654,850	\$10,916,350	\$261,500
State Sources	\$12,411,176	\$13,069,849	\$658,673
Federal Sources	\$1,518,325	\$1,540,831	\$22,506
Non Rev/ Trans	\$1,446,146	\$1,519,576	\$73,430
TOTAL	\$26,030,497	\$27,046,606	\$1,016,109

- **This represents a 3.9% increase over the approved FY20 Budget**
 - Look for revenue numbers to move down, primarily in the area of State Sources, as these numbers are still based off of the Budget adopted by the General Assembly in March 2020.
 - At this point, revenue is still based off of the RCPS Budget Presentation from March 12, 2020.

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Revenue Projections

Local Sources



	<u>FY21 Budget</u>	<u>Increase/Decrease From FY20</u>
• Real Property-	\$5,590,000	\$140,000
• Public Service Corps.-	\$575,000	(\$6,000)
• Personal Property Taxes -	\$1,734,000	\$190,000
• Motor Veh. License Tax-	\$254,000	\$4,000
• Machinery and Tools-	\$30,000	\$14,000
• Merchants Capital-	\$59,000	\$0
• Penalties-	\$67,000	(\$8,000)
• Interest-	\$36,000	(\$8,000)
• Local Sales-	\$1,250,000	(\$50,000)
• Taxes – Records and Wills-	\$50,000	(\$5,000)
• Interest on Deposits-	\$30,000	\$0
• Rev. from Prop. Lease-	\$23,000	\$0
• Building Permits -	\$24,000	(\$3,000)
• Land Dev. Fees -	\$15,000	(\$5,000)

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Revenue Projections



- **State Sources – Compensation Board**
 - No major changes to revenue from the State Compensation Board for State Supported Local Employees.
 - Registrar and Electoral Board funding of an additional \$16,000 assumes State Revenue will come through as adopted to fully fund the Electoral Board and Registrar Positions within each County.
 - ✦ This does not affect our Part-Time employees of this office, which will remain 100% locally funded.

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 PPTRA



- Recommendation is to adjust Personal Property Tax Relief Act (PPTRA) “Car Tax” percentage from 47% to 46%.
 - Tax Year 2019, the percentage was moved from 50% to 47%, which proved to be a good decision based off of vehicle growth within the County.
 - ✦ Low Value Growth Last 3 Years - 8.07%
 - Car Value Less than \$1,000
 - ✦ Mid Value Growth Last 3 Years - .96%
 - Car Value between \$1,000 - \$20,000
 - ✦ High Value Growth Last 3 Years - 13.26%
 - Car Value Greater than \$20,000
 - Using these growth percentages for Tax Year 2020, would result in the loss of approximately \$7,000 to the County.
 - ✦ PPTRA money to the County from the State is \$804,000 annually for relief.
 - ✦ Staying at 47% would mean the County would be providing relief in the amount of \$811,000 for FY21.

FY21 Budget Summary



- This Budget process has been a challenge due to the many aspects surrounding it, primarily due to Health Insurance, VRS and COVID-19.
- The fact that raises/bonuses are not included in this budget to help our employees further offset increased costs to insurance bothers me; however, our local and state economy at this point does not make it appropriate to offer across the board pay increases to County Employees.
- There are many local individuals and businesses struggling to continue operations as best as possible during this economy.
- Although we are not 100% prepared to face an economy such as this with our reserves, much of the good budget work we have done over the past five years is paying off this year due to the fact that our revenue was budgeted at adequate levels.
- While this upcoming fiscal year will certainly be a challenge to the County, I do not believe it moves us backwards. I hope that as we analyze this budget a year from now, we will note that at minimum we have held our ground.
- As the Secretary of Finance for the State said recently, we can control expenses, we can not control revenue to the same extent. I intend to remind our departments and offices throughout FY21 to be as mindful as ever when it comes to spending, and to keep operational expenditures to the necessary items needed for departmental functions.

FY21 Budget Summary



- Also note that many of the changes we have been forced to make for the FY21 budget, only make our FY22 budget that much more difficult.
- FY22 Revenue Growth in the areas of Real Property Tax, Personal Property, Local Sales Tax, Building Permits, Other Land Use Permits, Interest on Deposits, etc. will be extremely limited.
- I am not saying at this point that an increase to the Property Tax Rate or Rates will need to be increased for FY22, but I want you to realize that it will be a very real scenario that will have to be looked at when the time comes.

Remaining Budget Schedule



- Determine status of Tax Rate based off of 2020 General Reassessment –
 - \$0.6975 vs \$0.70
 - ✦ Equalizing at \$0.6975 requires nothing out of the ordinary, Budget Public Hearing and Tax Rate Public Hearing as usual.
 - ✦ Keeping the rate at \$0.70 will require Special Notice of 30 days, and Public Hearing.
 - Equalized Schedule –
 - ✦ April 30th Public Hearing
 - ✦ May 14th Budget Adoption
 - Non-Equalized Schedule
 - ✦ May 14th Public Hearing
 - ✦ May 21st Budget Adoption

 - Other Work sessions the Board may wish to Schedule?
 - Closed Session to discuss proposed salaries – 2.2.3711 A - 1