

**At a Public Hearing of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors
Held in the General District Courtroom on
Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 7:00 pm.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlie E. Caple, Sr.
C. Eric Fly, Sr.
Alfred G. Futrell
Robert E. Hamlin
Raymond L. Warren

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

John A. Stringfield

STAFF PRESENT:

Deborah A. Davis, County Administrator
Millard D. Stith, Interim Deputy County Administrator
Michael F. Kaestner, County Attorney
T. Robertson Blount, Director of Finance
John Broderick, School Board Office
Susan Chappell, Sheriff's Department
Anne K. Ellis, Accounts Payable Clerk
Dr. Arthur Jarrett, Division Superintendent of Sussex Public Schools
Derrick McKenzie, Sheriff's Department
Patricia Poole, Secretary I/Receptionist
Lyndia P. Ramsey, Commonwealth's Attorney
Gary M. Williams, Clerk of Circuit Court

Item 1. Call To Order/Determine Quorum (7:09 p.m.)

The April 22, 2015 Sussex County Board of Supervisors Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman Hamlin.

Item 2. The Invocation

The Invocation was offered by Supervisor Warren.

Item 3. The Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Item 4. Agenda Amendments - *none at this time*

Item 5. Approval of Agenda

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR FUTRELL, seconded by SUPERVISOR CAPLE and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the April 22, 2015 public hearing agenda as presented.

Voting aye: Supervisors Caple, Fly, Futrell, Hamlin, Warren

Voting nay: none

Absent: Supervisor Stringfield

Item 6. Motion to Enter Public Hearing

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR WARREN, seconded by SUPERVISOR CAPLE and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby enters Public Hearing to consider the School Board’s FY16 Budget.

Voting aye: Supervisors Caple, Fly, Futrell, Hamlin, Warren

Voting nay: none

Absent: Supervisor Stringfield

Item 7. Public Hearing Item – School Board’s FY16 Budget

T. Robertson Blount, Director of Finance, gave an update on the Sussex County School Board FY16 Budget.

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia the Sussex County Board of Supervisors Public Hearing is receive citizen comments on the FY16 Sussex County School Board Budget in the amount of \$17,920,480.00. The Local Contribution is \$7,959,170.00, a decline of \$88,000.00 below the current years funding. There is also \$35,000.00 included in the County’s budget for shared technology services with the School Board. The projected school enrollment for FY16 is 1,053 students. The per-pupil cost is \$17,018.50.

The Proposed Budget Expenditure Categories are as follows:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Instruction	\$11,549,125
Technology	938,534
Adm., Health & Attendance	1,007,346
Pupil Transportation	1,564,231
Operations & Maintenance	1,936,539
Food Service	<u>924,705</u>
TOTAL	\$17,920,480

A handout of the FY16 School Board budget overview was provided.

Action Requested: The Code of Virginia requires county governments to adopt local school board funding on or before May 1st. If the Board so desires, it may schedule a called meeting at least seven (7) days following the April 22, 2015 Public Hearing to consider adopting the FY16 School Board Budget.

A public hearing to adopt the School Board Budget has been scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the General District Courtroom, 15098 Courthouse Road, Sussex, Virginia.

Public Comments - *none*

Board Comments were heard from the following:

Chairman Hamlin, Henry District
Supervisor Fly, Courthouse District
Supervisor Warren, Blackwater District

Comments were also heard from:

Dr. Arthur Jarrett, Division Superintendent of Public Schools

Item 8. Close Public Hearing

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR FUTRELL, seconded by SUPERVISOR CAPLE and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby closes the public hearing.

Voting aye: Supervisors Caple, Fly, Futrell, Hamlin, Warren

Voting nay: none

Absent: Supervisor Stringfield

Item 9. Budget Update – T. Robertson Blount, Director of Finance

T. Robertson Blount, Director of Finance, gave a brief update and overview of the FY16 Budget. A handout of the budget was provided.

Comments were heard from the following:

Supervisor Fly, Courthouse District

A Budget Work Session has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the General District Courtroom, 15098 Courthouse Road, Sussex, Virginia to consider budget cuts. Department Heads will be requested to be in attendance. Constitutional officers will be extended an invitation to be in attendance as well.

Item 10. Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance Discussion

Chairman Hamlin discussed allocating \$15,000.00 in the budget for the Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance. Chairman Hamlin is interested in meeting with Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance for discussion. If it is decided that there is no further interest, the \$15,000.00 allocation is to be returned to its proper line item.

Chairman Hamlin has requested that this item be added to the Wednesday, April 29, 2015 Budget Work Session agenda.

Item 11. Acceptance and Appropriation of \$2,000.00 Donation

Deborah Davis, County Administrator, announced that the County has received a \$2,000.00 donation from Waste Management (Atlantic Waste Disposal, Inc.) as sponsorship for Sussex County's Economic Development Roundtable, which will be held on April 27, 2015 at the Airfield 4-H Center in Wakefield, VA.

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR FUTRELL, and seconded by SUPERVISOR CAPLE and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors do hereby accept and appropriate the \$2,000 donation received from Waste Management earmarked for County Sponsored Events and be used to offset the costs of the Economic Development Roundtable and Tourism Planning.

Voting aye: Supervisors Caple, Fly, Futrell, Hamlin, Warren

Voting nay: none

Absent: Supervisor Stringfield

Item 12. Public Comment (regular) – none

Item 13. Other Matters – none

Item 14. Adjournment

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR FUTRELL, seconded by SUPERVISOR CAPLE and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby adjourned the April 22, 2015 Public Hearing at 8:46 p.m.

Voting aye: Supervisors Caple, Fly, Futrell, Hamlin, Warren

Voting nay: none

Absent: Supervisor Stringfield