

**At a Budget Work Session of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors
Held in the General District Courtroom – Sussex Judicial Center on
Monday, May 16, 2016 at 1 pm**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Keith C. Blowe
C. Eric Fly, Sr.
Alfred G. Futrell
Susan B. Seward
John A. Stringfield
Rufus E. Tyler, Sr.

STAFF PRESENT:

Deborah A. Davis, County Administrator
Vandy V. Jones, III, Deputy County Administrator
Mark Flynn, County Attorney
Marycarol C. White, Financial Consultant
Kathy Beale, Sheriff's Department
Ellen G. Boone, Commissioner of the Revenue
Shilton R. Butts, Assistant to the County Administrator
Susan Chappell, Sheriff's Department
William Jenkins, General Registrar
Lyndia P. Ramsey, Commonwealth's Attorney
Gary Williams, Circuit Court Clerk
Onnie L. Woodruff, Treasurer
Rachel Yates, Director of Finance (School Board)

1. Call to Order/Determine Quorum (1:30 p.m.)

The May 16, 2016 Budget Work Session Meeting of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Blowe.

2. The Invocation

The Invocation was offered by Chairman Blowe.

3. Approval of Agenda

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR STRINGFIELD, seconded by SUPERVISOR TYLER and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the May 16, 2016 Budget Work Session agenda.

Voting aye: Supervisors Blowe, Fly, Futrell, Seward, Stringfield, Tyler
Voting nay: none

4. Overview of Fiscal Year 2017 Budget

Deputy County Administrator Jones provided an update on budget based on adjustments requested at the prior meeting.

Deputy County Administrator Jones stated with adjustments requested at prior Board meeting the County was \$51,980.00 out of balance. He stated that the budget presented still included the proposed four cents (4¢) real estate tax increase and the \$81,000.00 increase in health insurance. Other adjustments included the reduction the Sheriff's Department cost for roofing repair. Other line items throughout the budget were adjusted as well.

Ms. Carol White, Financial Consultant, reviewed the process of how she adjusted the budget. She advised that after making major adjustments, she evaluated the last three (3) years of expenditures and made a professional estimate of each line item. Ms. White stated the she went through each line item.

Options were mentioned to cut the budget without increasing real estate taxes. Some of the options included:

- Inmate labor
- Selling some of the Counties properties identified by Board members from previous year.

There were also discussion of Housing Department expenses and School Board funding.

Rachel Yates, Director of Finance for School Board, made comments regarding the School Board's budget.

Staff was asked to research information regarding the following:

- Waverly Pool Usage
- Funding for Housing
- Miles B. Carpenter Museum
- Number of students enrolled in dual enrollment program at John Tyler Community College from Sussex County

5. Citizens Comments

Comments were heard from Ms. Terry Massenburg (Henry District).

Chairman Blowe stated for the record that people need to understand that in this County, we have the following:

<u>Property Value</u>	<u>Households</u>	<u>Tax Increase/Day</u>
\$100,000 or less real estate property	2,100 households	6¢/day
\$100,000 - \$150,000 real estate property	761 households	11¢/day
>\$150,000 or more real estate property	889 households	22¢/day
> higher end \$400,000 real estate property		appx. 40¢-60¢+/day

Chairman Blowe asked the Board members to consider the facts.

6. Adjournment

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR TYLER seconded by SUPERVISOR FLY and carried:
RESOLVED that the May 16, 2016 Budget Work Session of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors is hereby adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Voting aye: Supervisors Blowe, Fly, Futrell, Seward, Stringfield, Tyler

Voting nay: none