

Special Meeting - Budget Work Session, Monday, March 31, 2025, 8:30 AM
Government Center Smith Conference Rooms

Zoom Link

- a. County Administration Zoom meeting.
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1. **ROLE CALL:**

Butch Wells
Jeffrey Slaven
Pam Carter
Michael Shull
Carolyn Bragg
Scott Seaton
Timothy K. Fitzgerald County Administrator
Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
Misty Cook, Director of Finance

VIRGINIA: At an adjourned meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, March 31, 2025, at 8:30 AM at the Government Center Smith Conference Rooms, and in the 249th year of the Commonwealth...

2. **Overview**

- a. Recommended budget

FY2025-26 BUDGET

The County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator and Finance Director presented an overview of the FY2025-26 Budget. The Board reviewed projected revenues, capital allocations and expenditures by Departments. The following amendments are to be advertised:

Recommended budget-General Fund
\$145,109,145
Work session revisions:

Expenditures

119103 456019-Increase VCAC funding from \$20,000 to \$50,000	\$	30,000
113202 455005-Increase funding for Volunteer training	\$	50,000
119400 494044-Increase school debt service transfer	\$	2,000,000
119400 494070-Reduce capital transfer	\$	
(1,880,000)		

\$ 200,000

Revenues

Increase cigarette tax from .30/pack to .40/pack (requested separate PH hearing)	\$	200,000
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200,000

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Total Advertised Budget-General Fund	\$145,309,145
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3. **Five-Year Financial Plan Overview**

a. Five-Year Financial Plan

4. **Revenues**5. **Expenditures**6. **Lunch -- Upstairs Kitchen**7. **School Board Budget**FY2025-26 SCHOOL BUDGET

The Augusta County Board of Supervisors met with representatives of the Augusta County School Board including Dr. Eric Bond, School Superintendent; and Melissa Meyerhoeffer, who presented an overview of their FY2025-26 Budget. The School Board has a balanced budget to present. The next Ten-Year Capital Plan outline was presented. They requested an increase in the debt service from \$7.2 million \$9.2 million.

8. **Capital**9. **Tax Rates/Fees**10. **Budget Advertisement**11. **Closed Session**

On motion of Ms. Carter, seconded by Mr. Shull, the Board went into closed session

pursuant to:

1. the personnel exemption under Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1)

[discussion, consideration or interviews of (a) prospective candidates for employment, or (b) assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific employees]:

1. County Administrator
2. County Attorney

On motion of Ms. Carter, seconded by Mr. Shull, the Board came out of Closed Session.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Shull, Slaven, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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The Chairman advised that each member is required to certify that to the best of their knowledge during the closed session only the following was discussed:

1. Public business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements, and
2. Only such public business matters identified in the motion to convene the executive session.

The Chairman asked if there is any Board member who cannot so certify.

Hearing none, the Chairman called upon the County Administrator/ Clerk of the Board to call the roll noting members of the Board who approve the certification shall answer AYE and those who cannot shall answer NAY.

Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Yeas: Shull, Slaven, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg

and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Chairman authorized the County Administrator/Clerk of the Board to record this certification in the minutes.

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12. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, the Board adjourn subject to call of the Chairman.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Shull, Slaven, Garber, Wells, Carter, Bragg and Seaton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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Minutes approved by the Board on Wednesday, May 14, 2025. The signed minutes can be reviewed in the County Administrator's Office.

Chairman

County Administrator