

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Government Center, Verona, VA.

PRESENT: Gerald Garber, Chairman
 Butch Wells, Vice-Chair
 Pam Carter
 Michael Shull
 Scott Seaton
 Steve Morelli
 Jeffrey Slaven
 Timothy K. Fitzgerald, County Administrator
 Jennifer M. Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator
 John Wilkinson, Director of Community Development
 Kathleen Keffer, Assistant County Attorney
 Angie Michael, Executive Assistant
 Misty Cook, Director of Finance

VIRGINIA: At a regular meeting of the Augusta County Board of Supervisors held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at the Government Center, Verona, Virginia, and in the 246th year of the Commonwealth....

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Chairman Garber welcomed those present for the meeting.

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The following students from Stuart Middle School led the Pledge of Allegiance:

Ashley Tutwiler is the Stuart Middle School FFA Chapter President and was on the state winning horse judging team. She hopes to win the state livestock judging contest.

Lynn McManaway is in 7th grade and is the Parliamentarian.

Jamee Davis is in 7th grade and is a junior advisor.

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Mr. Shull, Supervisor for the Riverheads District, delivered the invocation.

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Life scout, Matthew Brown, of Troop 84 introduced intending to obtain his communications badge.

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HERSHEY COMPANY 40TH ANNIVERSARY RESOLUTION

Mr. Fitzgerald states the proclamation, as stated below, to be accepted by the present Hershey Company representative.

Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Mr. Morelli, that the Board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Augusta County wishes to recognize the importance of business and industry in making our economy diverse and prosperous; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, the Hershey Company opened its Stuarts Draft confectionary plant making Reese's peanut butter cups, Reese's pieces, Almond Joy chocolates and other confectionary products; and

WHEREAS, the Hershey Company is an integral part of our community, the Stuarts Draft plant is the second largest plant in the U.S. Hershey network and for 40 years has administered its guiding values beyond the confines of the Stuarts Draft facility; and

WHEREAS, currently, the Hershey Company employs over 1,200 full and part-time employees in Augusta County; and

WHEREAS, the Hershey Company values togetherness, integrity, making a difference and excellence through making moments of goodness.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, meeting in regular session on April 27, 2022, hereby recognizes and celebrates the 40th Anniversary of the opening of the Hershey Company plant in Stuarts Draft and publicly expresses its appreciation for the manner in which it has applied the above stated values within its organization and to the community through involvement and participation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Augusta County Board of Supervisors does hereby congratulate and thank the Hershey Company for being an outstanding employer of Augusta County residents and a corporate neighbor in the community. The Board of Supervisors wishes further continued success and prosperity for the entire Hershey Corporation; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Supervisors and a copy of this resolution be presented to the Hershey Company.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Carter, Shull, Slaven, Morelli
And Seaton
Nays: None

Motion carried.

The copy of the resolution was accepted by Hershey Company Site Operations Manager, Jon Corbin.

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STONE VALLY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

This being the day and time advertised to consider a request to amend the concept plan and zoning for ordinance for the Stone Valley Planned Unit Development to change the zoning for TMP 075 58, also known as "Area C" containing approximately 3.7 acres and located on the north side of Fossil Drive, from Limited Business to Attached Residential. The property is owned by Sunrise Investors, Inc. and located in Stuarts Draft in the South River magisterial district. The proposed general use of the property is 26 townhouse lots. The Planning Commission recommends approval.

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STONE VALLEY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT (CONT'D)

John Wilkinson, Director of Community Development, stated that the Planning Commission recommends approval. He shows the maps with the proposed location for the twenty-six town houses. He answers question about parking and states that there will be parking for each unit.

Barry Lotts, Surveyor, represents the proposal and answers question concerning stormwater area.

The Chairman declared the public hearing open.

There being no speakers the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Mr. Morelli moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve following amendment.

WHEREAS, Stone Valley Subdivision consists of portions of Tax Map Parcel No. 84-122 A, 84-123 and 75-58 situated on the south side of Route 340 (Stuarts Draft Highway) in South River District, Augusta, County, Virginia (such portions are hereinafter referred to as the "Property"), more fully described on Master Plan for Stone Valley Subdivision, South River District, Augusta County, Virginia made by EGS & associated, Inc., dated November 22, 2006, revised February 1, 2007, April 11, 2007, April 19, 2007, and May 4, 2007 (the "Original Master Plan").

WHEREAS, Sunrise Investors, Inc., proposed an administrative change for Phase III, to eliminate Townhouse lots and create additional Single Family lots, resulting in an overall density reduction for Phase III. Such amendment was approved by the County and is more fully described on Master Plan Revision Showing Stone Valley Subdivision Phase 3, South River District, Augusta County, Virginia made by Lotts & Associates, P.C., dated April 10, 2015, revised January 26, 2016. All other sections of the original adopted ordinance and Master Plan remained unchanged.

WHEREAS, the current owner and intended developer of the property is Sunrise Investors, Inc., a Virginia corporation.

WHEREAS, Sunrise Investors, Inc. proposed to amend a portion of the Stone Valley Subdivision Master Plan and ordinance for Tax Map Parcel No. 75-58, more fully described on *Master Plan Revision Showing Stone Valley Subdivision Phase 5, South River District, Augusta County, Virginia* made by Lotts & Associates, P.C., dated March 28, 2022 (the "Master Plan Phase 5"), which proposed to change Area C on the Original Master Plan from six Limited Business zoned lots to twenty six (26) townhouse lots zoned attached residential.

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission held a public hearing and has recommended approval of the proposed ordinance amendments adopting the Master Plan Phase 5 and attached exhibits, showing changes to the original ordinance.

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors, having held a public hearing, finds that good zoning practice and the public interest require approval of the proposed ordinance adopting the Master Plan Phase 5 and associated ordinance changes to the original adopted ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, By the Board of Supervisors of Augusta County, Virginia, that the Augusta County Zoning Maps be amended to change the approximately 3.78 acres of Tax Map Parcel No. 75-58, as shown on the Master Plan Phase 5, from 6 Limited Business zoned lots to twenty six (26) townhouse lots zoned attached residential.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the Augusta County Zoning Maps remain unchanged for all other portions of the Stone Valley Subdivision Original Master Plan and associated zoning documents that were not changed administratively for Phase 3 and through this adopting ordinance of Phase 5.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, The Master Plan of Stone Valley Subdivision is as hereafterin set forth:

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MELINDA S. SMALE-COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT
(CONT'D)

John Wilkinson presents request and states that the Planning Commission recommends approval. A map showed comprehensive plan with the land outlined in red. The green portion designated for rural conservation and orange band would be changed to rural open space.

Taylor Evans, who works for Valley Conservation Council, represented Melinda S. Smale.

The Chairman declared the public hearing open.

There being no speakers the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Dr. Seaton, that the Board approve amendment as presented.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Carter, Shull, Slaven,
And Seaton
Nays: Morelli

Motion carried.

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REVISÉD BUDGET FOR FY 2021-2022

The Board considered approval of revised budget for FY 2021-22 as proposed at a public hearing held on April 13, 2022.

Staff was not aware of changes or further discussion in revised budget or tax rates since the budget work session or budget hearing.

Misty Cook presented the revised budget, which totals \$ 299,842,293. This includes \$71.4 million in transfers between funds.

APPROPRIATIONS

On the motion of Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Shull, the following Resolution was adopted: BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Augusta, Virginia, that the following appropriation be made for the fiscal year 2021-2022 from the funds and for the functions or purposes indicated:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be, and is hereby authorized to transfer to other funds from the GENERAL OPERATING FUND from time to time as money becomes available, sums equal to, but not in excess of the appropriations made to these funds from GENERAL OPERATING FUND for the period covered by the appropriation.

BE IT STILL RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized, pursuant to a resolution adopted by this Board of Supervisors on November, 11, 1959, to pay all normal and routine claims, when presented for which appropriations are hereinafter made, with his own warrant.

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REVISED BUDGET FOR FY 2021-2022(CONT'D)
GENERAL OPERATING FUND

11010 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	180,304
12010 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR	1,053,832
12030 HUMAN RESOURCES	308,196
12040 LEGAL SERVICES	539,841
12090 COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE	1,098,809
12130 TREASURER	637,811
12150 FINANCE	434,290
12200 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	1,000,580
13010 BOARD OF ELECTIONS	557,331
21010 CIRCUIT COURT	191,381
21020 GENERAL DISTRICT COURT	6,500
21030 MAGISTRATE	4,511
21060 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT	1,122,115
22010 COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY	1,815,723
31020 SHERIFF	8,524,271
31040 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	2,176,314
32010 FIRE DEPARTMENT	10,317,759
32020 EMERGENCY SERVICES - VOLUNTEERS	1,911,435
32030 FIRE & EMS TRAINING	596,706
33030 J&D COURT	17,955
33040 COURT SERVICES	4,225
33050 JUVENILE & PROBATION	4,447,290
34010 BUILDING INSPECTIONS	451,258
35010 ANIMAL CONTROL	496,914
35050 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	89,533
41020 HIGHWAYS & ROADS	20,000
41040 STREET LIGHTS	121,000
42010 SANITATION & WASTE	2,392,322
42020 RECYCLING	164,600
43010 FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	2,323,944
51010 HEALTH DEPARTMENT	579,123
51020 TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY	375,857
71010 PARKS & REC INCL. NATURAL CHIMNEYS	756,993
73010 LIBRARY	1,662,016
81010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	1,163,009
81020 TOURISM	472,976
81050 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	328,119
83010 EXTENSION OFFICE	130,775
83050 COUNTY FARM	6,760
92020 OTHER OPERATIONAL FUNCTIONS	1,223,748
92030 CONTRIBUTIONS	454,922
92040 CONTINGENCIES	80,000
94000 TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	<u>68,411,190</u>
GRAND TOTAL - GENERAL OPERATING FUND (11)	118,652,238

FROM: Fire Revolving Loan Fund (12)

TO: Fire Revolving Loan Fund (12)

50000 - Disbursement of Loans & Gear Purchases	<u>605,000</u>
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Grand Total - Fire Revolving Loan Fund (12)	605,000
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FROM:Asset Forfeiture Fund (13)

TO: Asset Forfeiture Fund (13)

31030 - Operations 47,500

Grand Total - Asset Forfeiture Fund (13) 47,500

FROM:Economic Development Fund (14)

TO: Economic Development Fund (14)

53000 - Payments to E.D.A. 461,900

Grand Total - Economic Development Fund (14) 461,900

FROM:Revenue Recovery Fund (15)

TO: Revenue Recovery Fund (15)

32020 - Payments to Agencies 832,699

94000 - Transfers to Other Funds 1,130,801

Grand Total - Revenue Recovery Fund (15) 1,963,500

FROM:ARPA FUND (20)

TO: ARPA FUND (20)

12010 County Administrator 32,250

12030 Human Resources 0

12090 Commissioner of Revenue 0

12150 Finance 0

12200 Information Technology 12,515

13010 Board of Elections 0

21030 Magistrate 0

21060 Clerk of the Circuit Court 0

22010 Commonwealth Attorney 0

31020 Sheriff 0

31040 Emergency Communications Center 41,220

32010 Fire Department 0

33030 J&D Court 0

35010 Animal Control 0

43010 Facilities Management 4,150

71010 Parks and Recreation 0

73010 Library 23,358

80000 Special Projects 0

81010 Community Development 0

81020 Tourism 0

81050 Economic Development 150,000

92000-Nondepartmental 88,038

94000 - Transfers to Other Funds 982,000

Grand Total - CARES Relief Fund (20) 1,333,531

FROM:Virginia Public Assistance Fund (23)

TO: Virginia Public Assistance Fund (23)

For the operation of the Augusta County Department of Public Welfare, Virginia Public Assistance

Fund and to be expended only on order of the Board of Welfare for the functions and objects as

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outlined in the budget requests as presented to the Board of Supervisors for informative and fiscal purposes only:

53010 -	Administration	10,553,251
53020 -	Public Assistance	<u>3,015,000</u>

Grand Total - Virginia Public Assistance Fund (23)	13,568,251
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FROM: Children's Services Act Fund (24)

TO: Children's Services Act Fund (24)

53060 -	Children's Services Act	5,800,000
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Grand Total - Children's Services Act Fund (24)	<u>5,800,000</u>
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FROM: School Operating Fund (41)

TO: School Operating Fund (41)

For the operation of the Public Schools of the School Operating Fund (41) and to be expended only on order of the Augusta County School Board of Augusta County, Virginia, for the functions and objects contained in their budget requests as presented to the Board of Supervisors for financial and fiscal purposes:

11000 -	Instruction	99,914,468
20000 -	Admin/Attend/Health	4,992,320
30000 -	Pupil Transportation	7,060,903
40000 -	Operation/Maintenance	10,780,388
50000 -	School Food Service	<u>44,447</u>

Grand Total - School Operating Fund (41)	122,792,526
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FROM: School Cafeteria Fund (43)

TO: School Cafeteria Fund (43)

To be expended on order of the Augusta County School Board for the operation of the School Cafeteria Fund:

50000 -	School Food Services	<u>4,903,585</u>
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Grand Total - School Cafeteria Fund (43)	4,903,585
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FROM: School Capital Improvement Fund (44)

13800 -	Technology	1,247,629
34000 -	Transportation	1,736,872
42000 -	Building/Facility Services	356,148
62020 -	Valley Career & Technical Center	225,000
62400 -	Buffalo Gap Middle School Wing	2,622,485
62410 -	Riverheads Middle School Wing	2,622,485
62580 -	Riverheads Elementary School	64,700
99999 -	Bond Issuance Costs	<u>32,000</u>

Grand Total - School Capital Improvement Fund (44)	8,907,319
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FROM: School Debt Fund (45)

TO: School Debt Fund (45)

92040 - Debt Service - County	734,621
92050 - Debt Service - School	<u>7,082,581</u>

Grand Total - School Debt Service (45)	7,817,202
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FROM: Head Start Fund (47)

TO: Head Start Fund (47)

10000 - Instruction	1,206,887
20000 - Admin/Attend/Health	1,800,942
30000 - Pupil Transportation	221,686
40000 - Maintenance Services	<u>113,890</u>

Grand Total - Head Start Fund (47)	3,343,405
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FROM: Governor's School Fund (48)

TO: Governor's School Fund (48)

11000 - Instruction	1,732,127
20000 - Health Services	29,749
40000 - Operations/Maintenance	61,200
66000 - Building Improvement	<u>50,000</u>

Grand Total - Governor's School Fund (48)	1,873,076
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FROM: County Capital Improvement Fund (70)

TO: County Capital Improvement Fund (70)

8005 - Landfill	400,000
8011 - Infrastructure - Beverley Manor	169,411
8012 - Infrastructure - Middle River	50,000
8013 - Infrastructure - North River	50,000
8014 - Infrastructure - Pastures	50,000
8015 - Infrastructure - Riverheads	50,000
8016 - Infrastructure - South River	178,538
8017 - Infrastructure - Wayne (includes VDOT project)	50,000
8021 - Matching Grants - Beverley Manor	15,000
8022 - Matching Grants - Middle River	15,000
8023 - Matching Grants - North River	17,115
8024 - Matching Grants - Pastures	15,000
8025 - Matching Grants - Riverheads	15,000
8026 - Matching Grants - South River	15,000
8027 - Matching Grants - Wayne	15,000
8049 - Electoral Board - Voting Machines	25,000
8053 - Library - Automation	21,844
8055 - Craigsville/Augusta Springs	14,956
8057 - Fire Apparatus & Equipment	618,222
8058 - Emergency Communications	73,262
8059 - Fire Training Center	19,672
8060 - Sheriff/K-9	86,090
8135 - Regional Correction Center	820,936
8139 - Tourist Information Center	10,000
8141 - Geographical Information System	30,853
8142 - Parks & Recreation/Community Center	100,000
8144 - Information Technology	156,249

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8145 - Economic Development	753,926
8146 - Firing Range	43,546
8147 - Government Center Expansion	148,188
8148 - County Courthouse	95,930
8149 - A.C.S.A. Contribution	100,000
8151 - Flood Control Dams	3,390
8152 - Fire & Rescue Equipment	188,837
8153 - Haz Mat Grant	10,000
8155 - Dupont Settlement Grant	311,996
8161 - Blue Ridge Community College	137,585
8162 - Secondary Roads - Revenue Sharing	337,586
8164 - Storm Water Management	459,633
8165 - Government Center Security	89,108
8166 - Vehicle Sinking Fund	861,690
8198 - Building Sinking Fund	268,255
8199- Contingencies	(1,995)
94000 - Transfers To Other Funds	<u>883,437</u>

Grand Total - Capital Improvement Fund (70) 7,773,260

GRAND TOTAL - APPROPRIATIONS (All Funds) 299,842,293

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board move item number 5, Proposed Budget for FY 2022-23, before item number 4, 2022 Tax Rates.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Carter, Morelli
And Seaton
Nays: Shull And Slaven

Motion carried.

Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board approve the revised budget.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Carter, Shull, Slaven, Morelli
And Seaton
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2022-2023

The Board considered the proposed budget for FY 2022-23 as proposed at a public hearing held on April 13, 2022.

There were 11 speakers in the April 13, 2022 public hearing.

Misty Cook presented the proposed budget, which totals \$ 337,363,326. This includes \$66.7 million in transfers between funds.

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board remove from the table the Children's Advocacy Center at \$11,613 because budget only covers \$5,000.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Carter, Shull, Slaven, Morelli
And Seaton
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2022-2023 (CONT'D)

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board approve the amount of \$341,714 requested by the Sheriff for two deputies, the training Sergeant, evidence Sergeant, and a part-time evidence room assistant and to direct the budget office and county administrator to add two more school resource officers each year of 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027.

Dr. Seaton was informed that the minimum school resource officers is ten, and if carried the motion would reach ten within five years.

Timothy Fitzgerald informed the Board that two school resources were included in the balanced budget approval by the Board at their worksession.

Ms. Carter mentions the push back from some board members was caused because of the Sheriff's preference for more personnel over cameras.

Mr. Wells was surprised by the issue of personnel because he had attempted to bring up the discussion at the Staff Briefing.

Ms. Carter replies that the board was more receptive of personnel over body cameras.

Mr. Wells clarifies that he is in favor of body cameras but the sheriff favored more personnel over body cameras so he trusts the Sheriff's preference.

Dr. Seaton clarifies that he is in favor of more personnel and so made the motion.

Mr. Fitzgerald asks for the total costs of the addition of personnel.

Ms. Cook estimates that the cost for the personnel salaries would be \$341,714 and the necessary equipment would run at \$313,800.

Timothy Fitzgerald points out the budget with all added considerations would be short and would have to draw from the capital allocation.

Ms. Carter asks Ms. Cook for the cost of the salaries alone.

Ms. Cook states that the salaries would cost \$341,714.

Mr. Fitzgerald states that the budget would be short \$207,803 with the salaries and purchasing of equipment.

Mr. Shull stated his positive position on adding personnel but wished for more time to discuss the issue because the amount needed for vehicles would change due to inflation. He pointed out the impending cost of a necessary courthouse. He estimated that the cost of having the body cameras would be about \$1 million per year and add \$0.02 to the tax rate; he also stated the needed number of cameras would be double the number of personnel because every armed man would require a camera. He proposed the Board wait to spend more money on other projects until the courthouse cost is known, which might cost more than \$25 million. He calls the Board to not spend more money because it would result in a rise in tax rates.

Mr. Slaven agreed with Mr. Shull and thought that good money management should be practiced. He believed the amount of excess is not a relatively large amount and should not be spent but saved in case of emergency within the fiscal year.

Mr. Morelli asked Misty Cook how much of the money was spent mid-year that was not in the initial budget the previous fiscal year.

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PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2022-2023 (CONT'D)

Misty Cook calculated that the Board spent \$253,000 and there was a need for \$62,500 to adjust for the state budget which was not approved before the county budget. \$315,000 total had to be adjusted for the last fiscal year.

Ms. Carter pointed out that there were alternative sources of funding for the consideration of cameras and that the excess money in the budget could be used now and not be left to sit.

Mr. Slaven stated the need for more time to decide.

Ms. Carter replied that the Board was in favor of more personnel over body cameras so she was attempting to figure out a solution to fit everything in the budget. She also asks for confirmation from Mr. Fitzgerald if the deadline for approving the budget was May 4, 2022.

Mr. Fitzgerald confirmed.

Dr. Seaton states that the Board would not need a special meeting.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the budget could be approved at the next meeting but the tax rates are important to decide on in the current meeting.

Ms. Carter stated that the vote does not have to be held that night.

Dr. Seaton objected to Mr. Shull's estimate of \$0.02 added to real estate tax for body cameras per year. He reminded that the Sheriff stated he only needed fifty cameras and the cost would only be \$600,000 per year for eighty-five cameras. He looked to Pitsylvania County as an example of camera implementation. He also believed that the conservative accounting will lead to more excess for the end of the previous fiscal year. He also pointed out the use of \$741,000 partly used to provide a pay raise to emergency personnel which left the excess of \$451,000. He stated that the Board should not keep the money because it is the taxpayers' money and emergency funding should not be taken from taxpayers.

Mr. Fitzgerald summarized the motion: the funding for the Sheriff would procede as requested and staff is instructed to include in the budget for 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027 the addition of two school resource officers. He asked if the Board wished to keep or separate the two-part motion.

Dr. Seaton stated that the budget will have to be decided. He believed the motion will give the superintendent the promise to cover all campuses with school resource officers within the next five years and the vision of the future budgets.

Mr. Shull stated that the budget for the next fiscal year should be the only one voted on and the other years should not be considered.

Dr. Seaton reemphasized a future vision for the budget pro school safety according to the number provided by the superintendent referencing Ms. Cook asking for future plans.

Mr. Slaven corrected Dr. Seaton on the term superintendent to change to the administrator Dr. Bond. He asked if Dr. Seaton got School Board approval of the school resource officers.

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PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2022-2023 (CONT'D)

Dr. Seaton did not get approval but did ask other school administrators and countered that the Board pays for school resource officers not the School Board so the authority on the number of school resource officers is not directed by the School Board.

Mr. Slaven acknowledged the source of funding for school resource officers and recommended Dr. Seaton go to the School Board.

Dr. Seaton believed that the School Board would be in favor of school safety and did not want to separate the school resource officers segment from the motion.

Mr. Wells moved to separate motion to not include school resource officers.

Ms. Carter asked the Board if there was interest to postpone the approval of the budget.

Jennifer Whetzel, Deputy County Administrator, summarized the tax rates would remain the same, the total appropriations in the general fund would be \$114,727,590, and there would still be an amount of money in the contingency amount. She stated that the Board could still approve the \$114,727,590 in the budget and later decide the use for the contingency amount.

Mr. Garber restated Ms. Wetzel's idea to vote down the current motion and approve the motion at a later date.

Ms. Whetzel confirmed.

Mr. Fitzgerald pointed out the reduction in capital funds to fund the needed equipment from \$1,078,571 to \$870,768 that would require another action.

MR. Garber reconfirmed with Ms. Cook that the delay in the motion would not change the money allocation process.

Ms. Cook explained the process of rebalancing the appropriation if it was a mid-year change.

Mr. Garber stated that a motion to postpone would supersede everything on the floor.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Morelli, that the Board postpone the budget approval to next normal meeting.

Dr. Seaton asked for date clarification of motion from county attorney.

Kathleen Keffer, Assistant County Attorney recommended date to be set but was not required.

Date of postpone was set to May 11, 2022.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Carter, Morelli
 And Seaton
 Nays: Shull And Slaven

Motion carried.

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2022 TAX RATES

The Board considered adoption of real and personal tax rates for 2022 as proposed at a public hearing held on April 13, 2022.

There was one speaker in the public hearing.

Misty Cook presented advertising budget as follows.

Tax Type	Description	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Real Estate		\$0.063	\$0.63
Personal Property	auto, motorcycle, campers, boats, boat trailers, horse trailers, airplanes, trailers	\$2.60	\$2.60
Personal Property	Business, large trucks and trailers, machinery and tools	\$2.00	\$2.00

Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Ms. Carter, that the Board postpone approval for tax rates to May 11, 2022.

Dr. Seaton stated that the point of his previous motion to switch items 4 and 5 would not be fulfilled if tax rates were decided before the budget.

Mr. Fitzgerald explained to the Board that the tax tickets, which were due June 6, 2022, would be delayed if the rates were not approved of that meeting.

Ms. Whetzel added that there are fourteen days before June 5, 2022 and the FY 2022-23 budget was set with the current tax rate proposed above so the only change that could be made with the tax rate would be for it to go down, which would deplete the amount in the contingency.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Carter And Seaton
 Nays: Garber, Wells, Shull, Slaven, And Morelli

Motion failed.

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Mr. Wells, that the Board approve the proposed tax rate.

Dr. Seaton restated dislike of saving money for government accounts and did not believe it was good practice.

Misty Cook explained that the staff did not spend any money in the contingency account until directed by the Board and staff always put a small amount in contingency for emergency.

Dr. Seaton stated that he believed the budget for the last year always intended for the contingency account to have a set cause.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Shull, Slaven, And Morelli
 Nays: Carter And Seaton

Motion carried.

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STUMP ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND

The Board considered the funding request for Stump Elementary Playground, which was presented to the Board on April 25, 2022.

Funding Source:	South River P&R Infrastructure	8026-39	\$7,500.00
	Beverley Manor P&R Infrastructure	8021-63	\$7,500.00
	Riverheads P&R Infrastructure	8025-42	\$7,500.00
	Wayne P&R Infrastructure	8027-47	\$7,500.00

Mr. Fitzgerald explained the request from Stump Elementary Parent Teacher Association. The total cost was \$105,000 and they had raised \$75,000. Mr. Shull and Mr. Wells had proposed the Board provide funding to fully fund the project.

Audrey Baska, a fourth grader and student council vice-president of Stump Elementary made the following statement:

Hello my name is Audrey Baska and I am in 4th grade at Stump Elementary. My school has been fundraising for a new playground since I was in kindergarten. I know that Mrs.Mahanes and so many others have worked hard raising money and getting donations to go towards a new playground.

As our student council vice president I came this evening to represent the other kids at my school. I asked some kids from school in other grades a few questions about the playground and lots of them said that they get splinters or there is not enough stuff to do or the equipment is too old and falling apart. To add on to that, for two days straight only 8 kids actually played on our playground and this was when two grades were outside at recess. If we can get a new playground some of these problems can be fixed. And we can help our school and community grow and have fun together.

When I go to my doctor each year my pediatrician asks how much time I spend on a screen a day and how much time I play outside. The past couple of years my school has spent more time on screens than they have been playing outside and can you guess why? Well,me and my family used to go to the playground after dinner sometimes before it got dark when I was little but as I got older the playground got more boring and less safe for me and my little brothers. Do you want kids to miss out on all those memories because they don't have a playground to play on at recess or after school. Do you?

Some of the kids who started raising money for this are in college now. And 5th graders at our school will be in middle school next year and are sad that they won't get to play on the new playground during recess. So if you could donate and help us reach our goal for the new playground I am sure our school and community would really love and appreciate it. I am 100% sure of it! Thank you for listening to what I had to say this evening.

Mr. Morelli wanted to be marked as a supporter for the playground.

Mr. Shull appreciated all of the support that will benefit the schools and the parents. He wished to make a motion to fund the rest of the project with a grant.

Mr. Shull moved, seconded by Mr. Morelli, that the Board approve the funding request of \$7,500 each for the districts of Riverheads, Wayne, Beverly Manor, and South River for new elementary playgrounds, which totals to \$30,000.

Dr. Seaton remarked that Audrey Baska should come during the school budgeting session.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Shull, Slaven, Morelli
And Seaton
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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The Board considered fiscal agent agreement for regional broadband grant.

Ms. Whetzel stated that in December 2021, the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission (the Commission), partnering with All Points Broadband, was awarded a Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) Grant for the expansion of broadband in Augusta County and seven other participating localities in the Valley. As part of the process to go under contract with the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), the state administering agency for the VATI grant program, the Commission and the eight participant localities are required to approve a fiscal agent agreement between the Commission and the localities.

The Commission and localities anticipate formal contract authorization by May 5, 2022. As such all required agreements must be approved and ratified by related parties prior to this date. The fiscal agent agreement outlines the policies and procedures related to the Commission acting as fiscal agent and grantee on the behalf of the project localities, while ensuring the necessary cash flows for the project. As such, it is anticipated that payments for the project will include a 20% match payment upfront by July 1, 2022; followed by eight quarterly payments equal to 10% of the match for the remainder of the project term. This payment schedule will be in accordance with American Rescue Plan (ARPA) timelines. The approved local match for the project is County ARPA funding totaling \$8.4 million (of which \$2.5 is school funding). This agreement notes the methodology to allocate funding for the project based on progressive match funding upon approval of state funding and in accordance with work completed in each respective locality.

DHCD requires several other agreements to be in place, including the contract between DCHD and the Commission for grant administration and a grant agreement between the Commission and All Points Broadband for project administration. Both of these agreements are included in the packet for reference, but are not required to be approved by the Board. Attached for reference is a graphic showing the flow of the fiscal and reporting portions of the project, the draft communications plan required by DHCD and a summary of funding.

Mr. Wells asked Ms. Whetzel about the accountability for the grant.

Ms. Whetzel answered that the difference between the old and new grant is that the commission will be responsible for the finances not the County.

Ms. Carter restated the accountability will go through the commission.

Ms. Whetzel added that the commission will send reports to the localities, which can show issues if they arise.

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VATI 2022 FISCAL AGENT AGREEMENT (CONT'D)

Mr. Shull asked Ms. Whetzel if there is a way to see which areas were Dominion Power versus Shenandoah Valley Electric Coop.

Ms. Carter asked if the \$8.4 million from the County was all of the Augusta County's ARPA money or if the school's \$2.5 million ARPA money was part of that total.

Ms. Whetzel explained that the school would reimburse the County's ARPA money with their own ARPA money to reach a total of \$8.4 million.

Ms. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Wells, that the Board approve adoption for the Fiscal Agent Agreement, with ability for the County Attorney and Deputy County Administrator to approve minor modifications as necessary.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Shull, Slaven, Morelli
And Seaton
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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WAIVERS --NONE

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Wells moved, seconded by Dr. Seaton, that the Board approve the consent agenda as follows:

MINUTES

Consider minutes from the following meetings:

- Regular Meeting, Wednesday, February 9, 2022
- Staff Briefing, Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Carter, Shull, Slaven, Morelli
And Seaton
Nays: None

Motion carried.

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(END OF CONSENT AGENDA)

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC

David H. Zimmerman, 120 Lee Highway, Verona, spoke against protestors, whom he believed overstepped their right to protest and were practicing riotous behavior. He petitioned the Board to enact laws to enforce a bond to pay for security.

Cortez Nathan, 30 South Windsong Drive, appreciated Dr. Seaton and Ms. Carter's pursuit of body cameras and asked the rest of the board to start the purchasing of body cameras because body cameras give transparency to law enforcement.

Bonnie Chapman, 260 Windsor Drive, thanked Dr. Seaton for supporting body cameras. She supports the vote for body cameras for the sake of safety.

Sam Orlando, 475 Windsong Court, thanked Ms. Carter and Dr. Seaton for supporting body cameras and still supported the purchasing of body cameras.

April 27, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE BOARD

Ms. Carter asked the County Attorney to give an update on delinquent tax collection.

James Benkahla, County Attorney, stated that the Treasurer's Office has sent seven parcels of property to the outside council, Mr. Elliot. The County received two payments from Mr. Elliot at the end of March, one totaling \$14,490.29 and the other \$22,309.09.

Dr. Seaton mentioned the grand opening of Doooms Crossing Boat, Canoe, and Kayak Launch and Recovery held Friday, May 29, 2022, at 1:00 pm.

Dr. Seaton also asked for a letter of support for a trail connecting Waynesboro City to the Appalachian Trail due on May 28, 2022. The organization involved was Eastern Federal Lands Access Project Grant. Stephanie Seltzer was the person to be contacted.

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MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY STAFF

Mr. Fitzgerald thanked the Board for their service and civility as he has heard of other issues across the country that are not as civil as our Board.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, Dr. Seaton moved, seconded by Mr. Slaven that the Board adjourn subject to call of the Chairman.

Vote was as follows: Yeas: Garber, Wells, Carter, Shull, Slaven, Morelli
And Seaton
Nays: None

Motion carried.

Donald W. Gaudin
Chairman

Mr. Fitzgerald
County Administrator