

**BOOK 32****VIRGINIA:**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County held at the Amherst County High School thereof on Thursday, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at which the following members were present and absent:

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

PRESENT:	Mr. V. Wood	ABSENT: None
	Mr. L. Parrish	
	Mr. D. Kidd	
	Mr. C. Adams	
	Mr. R. Vandall	

Mr. Wood called the meeting to order.

**IN RE PUBLIC HEARING FY08/09 BUDGET**

Chairman Wood called the public hearing to order as advertised for the proposed 2008-09 county budget.

COUNTY OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA  
BUDGET SYNOPSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009

This budget is prepared and published for information and fiscal planning purposes. The inclusion in the budget of any item does not constitute an obligation or commitment on the part of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors to appropriate any funds for such item. There is no allocation or designation of any funds of Amherst County for any purpose until an appropriation for that purpose has been acted upon by the Board of Supervisors.

A public hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors on the proposed budget in the **Auditorium at Amherst County High School, 139 Lancer Lane, Amherst, VA 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 17, 2008** at which time citizens shall have the opportunity to comment on the proposed budget.

The budget proposes 1.) Real Estate tax rate of \$.54 per \$100 of assessed value 2.) Personal Property tax rate of \$3.25 per \$100 of assessed value 3.) Machinery and Tools tax rate of \$2.00 per \$100 of assessed value 4.) Merchant's Capital tax rate of \$3.95 per \$100 of assessed value 5.) Electric Utility Consumer Tax - (a.) residential 20% of minimum charge plus \$.015508 of ea. kWh not to exceed \$3.00 monthly; (b.) Commercial/Industrial 20% of minimum charge plus \$.014214 of each kWh not to exceed \$20.00 monthly 6.) Gas Utility Consumer Tax - (a.) residential 20% of minimum charge plus \$.1867 per CCF delivered monthly not to exceed \$3.00 monthly; (b.) commercial 20% of minimum charge plus \$.15566 on each CCF delivered monthly not to exceed \$20.00 monthly 7.) Vehicle License fee of \$25.00; Motorcycle License fee - \$11.00; Trailer License fee - \$8.00; National Guard License fee of \$12.50 8.) Meals tax - 4% of total 9.) Lodging tax - 5% of total 10.) Consumer Communication Tax 5% of monthly charge

A copy of the proposed budget is available for inspection in the County Administrator's office between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday

Proposed Revenue/Expenditures	FY 2009	
GENERAL FUND		
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL</b>
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	254,670	0.29%
GENERAL FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATION	1,683,930	1.90%
ELECTORAL BOARD	158,912	0.18%
JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION	569,040	0.64%
COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY & VICTIM ADVOCATE	649,820	0.73%
COUNTY ATTORNEY	114,505	0.13%
LAW ENFORCEMENT	2,948,545	3.33%

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FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES	1,651,796	1.87%
CORRECTION AND DETENTION	1,868,162	2.11%
BUILDING SAFETY & INSPECTIONS	175,036	0.20%
OTHER PUBLIC PROTECTION	1,934,013	2.18%
MISC. OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY	28,000	0.03%
SANITATION AND WASTE REMOVAL	1,625,734	1.84%
MAINTENANCE BLDGS + GROUNDS	742,442	0.84%
HEALTH DEPT	306,283	0.35%
MENTAL HEALTH	102,483	0.12%
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	3,232,414	3.65%
COMMUNITY COLLEGE	854	0.00%
RECREATION	388,935	0.44%
MUSEUM	49,245	0.06%
LIBRARY	799,419	0.90%
PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	606,939	0.69%
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	10,000	0.01%
EXTENSION AND OTHER SERVICES	87,538	0.10%
NONDEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES	2,758,198	3.12%
REVENUE REFUNDS	0	0.00%
TRANSFERS FROM GENERAL FUND	13,978,495	15.79%
TOTAL NON SCHOOL	36,725,408	41.49%
SCHOOL FUND	51,796,137	58.51%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	88,521,545	100.00%
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUE</b>		
REAL PROPERTY TAXES	18,661,769	21.08%
<b>NON PROPERTY TAX REVENUE</b>		
LOCAL SALES & USE TAXES	7,232,230	8.17%
PERMITS FEES AND LICENSES	226,448	0.26%
FINES AND FOREITURES	20,778	0.02%
USE OF PROPERTY AND INTEREST	712,735	0.80%
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	998,739	1.13%
MISCELLANEOUS	31,650	0.04%
RECOVERED COST	172,700	0.20%
NON CATEGORICAL AID	2,419,011	2.73%
SHARED EXPENSES	3,339,875	3.77%
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	2,313,051	2.61%
FEDERAL REVENUE	47,645	0.05%
OTHER CATEGORICAL AID	572,064	0.65%
REVENUE TRANSFERS	0	0.0%
TOTAL NONPROPERTY TAX REVENUE	18,086,926	20.43%
TOTAL SCHOOL STATE , FEDERAL, OTHER LOCAL	51,796,137	58.50%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	88,544,832	100.00%
<b>RECAPITULATION</b>		
TOTAL RESOURCES	88,544,832	
PROPOSED EXPENSES	88,521,545	
GENERAL FUND BAL 6-30-2009	23,287	

<b>SOLID WASTE / LANDFILL FUND</b>		
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
RECYCLING	97,050	4.65%
SOLID WASTE ADMINISTRATION	125,982	6.03%
GREENBOX CONTAINER COLLECTION	610,743	29.23%
LANDFILL OPERATION	955,204	45.72%
LANDFILL CLOSE OUT	250,305	11.98%
CONSTRUCTION	50,000	2.39%
OTHER	0	0.00%
<b>TOTAL LANDFILL EXPENSE</b>	<b>2,089,284</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>REVENUE - OPERATING</b>		
COUNTY GEN FUND SUPPORT	1,625,734	77.81%
TRANSFER ACCOUNT	225,000	10.77%
LANDFILL USER FEES	211,550	10.13%
RECYCLING	18,000	0.86%
CONVENIENCE CENTER FEES	0	0.00%
LITTER CONTROL GRANT/STATE		0.43%
REVENUE	9,000	
CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP	0	0.00%
<b>TOTAL LANDFILL REVENUE</b>	<b>2,089,284</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Landfill operating Balance 6-30-2009</b>		
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Rodney Taylor, County Administrator, provided a power point presentation of highlights of the proposed 2008-09 county budget and information about planned improvements for county facilities and services.

**Speakers:**

Jean Higginbotham, Chairman of Library Board of Trustees – requested continued funding support of the County Library system. Ms. Higginbotham asked for other Library Board members and friends who support the Library to stand. (8 persons stood)

Clara Thomas – School teacher spoke in support of school funding.

Carolyn Jennings – spoke in support to school funding.

Mrs. Shubert, member of Friends of the Library, requested funding support of the county library system.

Virginia Wydner – member of Friends of the Library – spoke in support of library funding.

Robert Swift – spoke in support of full local funding of school system as advertised.

Kathy Pearce – principal of Monelison Middle School – spoke in support of full local funding of schools as advertised.

Earl Clapp – complimented Board on their fiscal responsibility but requested that the Board maintain tax increases close to the normal inflationary increases of citizen's income.

Mike Cargill, school teacher – spoke in support of full local funding of the school budget as advertised.

Kathy Crida – spoke in support of full local funding for school system.

Barry Thompson – provided statistical information concerning the county budget and operations, provided ideas for future revenue generation and controls for budget development and comments concerning county CIP planning.

David Emmet – school teacher – spoke in support of local funding for school budget.

Jason Fleshman – school teacher – spoke in support of local funding of school budget.

Cheryl Vale – school teacher – requested full local funding of the school budget.

Leroy Yancey – member of Friends of Library – spoke in support of Library funding.

County Administrator Taylor read a letter of support for sidewalk improvements funding in Madison Heights from Ricky Dunn.

Ernie Guill, Amherst High School Principal, spoke in support of full local funding of the school budget.

Charlotte Gilbrock – teacher – spoke in support of local funding for schools.

Pat Onestingel – spoke in support of school funding.

Tim Hoden – Assistant High School Principal, spoke in support of full local funding of school budget and emphasized the need for competitive teach salaries.

Irene Allen addressed the need for job creation within the county for students who finish high school.

Patricia Emmett – spoke in support of local funding for school budget.

There were no other speakers and the public hearing was closed.

**IN RE: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Parrish, seconded by Mr. Vandall and with the following vote, the Board of Supervisors moved to adjourn until 4:00 p.m., April 22, 2008 at Sweet Briar College.

AYE: Mr. V. Wood, Mr. L. Parrish, Mr. C. Adams, Mr. D. Kidd and Mr. R. Vandall

NAY: None

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Vernon L. Wood, Chairman  
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

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Rodney E. Taylor, County Administrator