

BOTETOURT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2023

The Botetourt County Board of Supervisors met on June 15, 2023, at the Botetourt County Administration Center, 57 S. Center Drive, Daleville, Virginia, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. Donald M. Scothorn, Chair
Mrs. Amy S. White, Vice Chair
Dr. Richard G. Bailey
Mr. Stephen P. Clinton

ABSENT: Mr. Billy W. Martin, Sr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Mike Lockaby, County Attorney
Mr. Gary Larrowe, County Administrator
Mr. David Moorman, Deputy County Administrator
Mrs. Tiffany Bradbury, Director of Communications

Dr. Scothorn called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Attendees participated in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

BUDGET INFOGRAPHIC VIDEO

Katie Davis, Senior Financial Analyst, introduced a video that the Communications Department had been working on. The video is the second in the county's informational video series. The video talked about how the County budget is developed and can be viewed at www.botetourtva.gov/budget.

FY24 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Ms. Davis made a presentation to the Board about the FY24 budget. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.botetourtva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3692/FY24-Public-Hearing-Presentation->

The presentation included:

- No tax rate increases for FY24
- None of the ARPA funding is being used to balance the budget. Monies have been earmarked for broadband and completed in FY24.

Dr. Bailey asked if there was any expectation for anything dramatic coming out of Richmond that would impact the budget. Ms. Davis replied there is nothing anticipated. Dr. Bailey went on to thank Ms. Davis and Mr. Zerrilla, as well as all county departments for their work in getting the budget done.

Dr. Scothorn thanked Dr. Bailey and Mr. Clinton for serving on the Budget Task Force.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY24 BOTETOURT COUNTY GENERAL BUDGET, AS ADVERTISED

	<u>Proposed FY 23 - 24</u>
Revenues	
General Fund	
Local	\$ 67,033,572
State	12,363,748
Federal	1,311,867
Total	80,709,187
School Fund	
Other	580,284
State	33,259,385
Federal	50,000
Subtotal	33,889,669
Self-Sustaining Fund	4,746,540
School Nutrition Fund	2,625,000
Textbook Fund	2,177,507
Capital Reserve Fund	1,624,860
School Construction Grant Fund	1,708,719
Total - School Fund	46,772,295
Projected Use of Unassigned Fund Balance	2,461,552
Total Revenues	<u><u>\$ 129,943,034</u></u>
Expenditures –	
General Fund	
Operations	\$ 45,648,354
Capital Projects	1,742,400
Total	47,390,754
Transfer to EDA of Botetourt County	725,000
Debt Service Fund	7,086,999
Total – School Fund Operations	74,740,281
Total Expenditures	<u><u>\$ 129,943,034</u></u>

Dr. Scothorn declared the public hearing open.

Danny Goad, 4766 Read Mountain Road

Mr. Goad stated he had two questions/comments regarding the budget:

1. He asked for clarification regarding the presenter's comments addressing the reassessment that will occur this year and how does that affect the budget. Ms. Davis replied this does not affect the budget and is outsourced to a third party. Further, it does not have any impact on the FY24 budget but will impact the FY25 budget, but we don't know how at this time.
2. Since the state budget has been delayed, how many taxes would be returned to the county. He noted he tried to get information earlier and I don't think anyone was keeping that information from me, but it seems like things were done in March with preliminary

numbers, but some people would like to see those in advance. Ms. Davis replied the County is required to adopt the budget by June 30, regardless of what the State does, and we may need to make some amendments depending on what the state decides, but it would be premature to speculate at this time. She noted if the state doesn't pass a budget by June 30, what is already in place will stand. She reported she had sent an email to Mr. Goad yesterday, providing the best information available and that the school's provided some accurate information.

Having no other citizens wishing to speak, Dr. Scothorn declared the public hearing closed.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX RATES FOR THE FY24 YEAR, AS ADVERTISED

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 TAX LEVY FOR BOTETOURT COUNTY

Proposed Tax Rates: (Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation)	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
Machinery & Tools	\$1.80	\$1.80
Mobile Homes	\$0.79	\$0.79
Personal Property	\$2.71	\$2.71
Real Estate	\$0.79	\$0.79
Motor Homes	\$2.71	\$2.71
Wind Farms	\$0.99	\$0.99

Dr. Scothorn declared the public hearing open. Having no citizens wishing to address the Board, the public hearing was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION: Dr. Scothorn

SECOND: Dr. Bailey

AYES: Dr. Bailey, Mr. Clinton, Dr. Scothorn, Mrs. White

ABSENT: Mr. Martin

TIME: 6:40 p.m.