



MINUTES

**BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BEDFORD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**APRIL 13, 2015**

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**5:00 P.M. WORK SESSION**

- a. **Closed Session** pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) as to the discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body.

**6:30 P.M. Dinner**

**7:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING – Bedford Science and Technology Center**

- a. Call to Order
- b. Moment of Silence
- c. Pledge of Allegiance

**(1) APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**(2) INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN PARKER**

**(3) PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. Tax Rate Ordinance - Tax Year 2015
- b. Proposed Bedford County Budget FY 2015-2016

**(4) ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Consideration of a request to adopt the FY2015 Tax Rate Ordinance. (*Ordinance #O 041315-01*)
  - *Staff Presentation: Mark Reeter, County Administrator*

**(5) ADJOURNMENT**

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**5:00 P.M. – WORK SESSION**

**Board of Supervisors:** Tammy Parker, Chairman, District 7; Steve Wilkerson, Vice-Chairman, District 3; Bill Thomasson, District 1; Curry Martin, District 2; John Sharp, District 4; and Annie Pollard, District 6

**Absent:** Steve Arrington, District 5

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**Staff Present:** County Attorney Carl Boggess and Executive Assistant Brigitte Petersen  
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**Supervisor Wilkerson made a motion for the Board to enter into closed session** pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) as to the discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body.

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp, Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Parker**

**Voting no: None**

**Absent: Mr. Arrington**

**Motion passed.**

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**Supervisor Pollard made a motion to go back into regular session.**

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp, Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Parker**

**Voting no: None**

**Absent: Mr. Arrington**

**Motion passed.**

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**WHEREAS**, the Bedford County Board of Supervisors has convened a Closed Meeting, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

**WHEREAS**, §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Bedford County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bedford County Board of Supervisors does hereby certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the

motion convening the closed meeting was heard, discussed or considered by the Bedford County Board of Supervisors.

<u>MEMBERS:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
Tammy Parker, Chairman	Yes
Steve Wilkerson, Vice-Chairman	Yes
Bill Thomasson	Yes
Curry W. Martin	Yes
John Sharp, Chairman	Yes
Steve Arrington	Absent
Annie S. Pollard	Yes

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There being no further discussion, the Board adjourned for dinner at 6:20 p.m.

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**7:00 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARING** – Bedford Science and Technology Center

**Board of Supervisors:** Tammy Parker, Chairman, District 7; Steve Wilkerson, Vice-Chairman, District 3; Bill Thomasson, District 1; Curry Martin, District 2; John Sharp, District 4; Steve Arrington, District 5; and Annie Pollard, District 6

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**Staff Present:** County Administrator Mark K. Reeter, County Attorney Carl Boggess, Director of Fiscal Management Susan Crawford and Executive Assistant Brigitte Petersen

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Chairman Parker called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance; a moment of silence was held and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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**(1) APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Reeter read the Board's agenda for the benefit of those in attendance.

**Vice-Chairman Wilkerson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Arrington,  
Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Parker**

**Voting no: None**

**Motion passed.**

**(2) INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN PARKER**

Chairman Parker outlined the procedure that would be followed for the public hearing, noting that the tax rate for FY2015-16 had been advertised at 52¢, which means the tax rate was not increased from the FY2014-15 rate. Chairman Parker stated that speakers signed up to speak on the tax rate may also use their time to address their concerns regarding the budget without waiting for the budget public hearing to be opened; each speaker was allotted 3 minutes.

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**(3) PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**(3a) Tax Rate Ordinance – Tax Year 2015**

The public hearing was opened; the following citizens addressed the Board:

Jon Thompson, Fred Glover, Marty Crow, Cheryl Sprouse, Robert Ashwell, James Kelley, Tammy Mini, Carrie Perry, Amy Hamm, Laurie Pringle, Stephanie Ransom, Jeanette Willoby Laura Rodes and Kristy Milton. Concerns included the need for fair and competitive compensation for teachers, fire-fighters and policemen; their desire that the Board of Supervisors fully fund the School Board's budget proposal; the need to not cut corners when building the new middle school; teacher frustration with the States 'standardized testing' mandates and a general lack of respect for teachers; concern over large class sizes; the need to make education a top priority; the need for air-conditioning and accessibility at the Staunton River school; the need to retain experienced teachers; the need for updated technology and textbooks; that take-home pay for many teachers now is less than it was seven years ago; dissatisfaction with the current School Superintendent; the need to keep the tax burden low; and concern that the funding the Board of Supervisors gives the School Board each year is not properly budgeted by the Schools.

There being no one else desiring to speak, the public hearing on the Tax Rate Ordinance was closed.

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**(3b) Proposed Bedford County Budget FY 2015-2016**

The public hearing was opened.

Dick Mandala spoke regarding his proposal to the School Board to purchase the Body Camp School to repurpose it as a business center. Mr. Mandala stated that this would be an opportunity to bring more tax revenue into the County.

Josiah Tillett stated that the School Board needs to better prioritize the funds the Board of Supervisors gives them for teacher compensation, etc., instead of increasing the amount of funding they request every year.

There being no one else desiring to speak, the public hearing was closed.

**(4) ACTION ITEMS**

**(4a)** Chairman Parker called for a motion on Ordinance #O 041315-01.

**Vice-Chairman Wilkerson made a motion to approve Ordinance #O 041315-01.**

**WHEREAS**, the Code of Virginia requires all Counties to annually adopt a budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors has duly advertised and held a public hearing on the subject of tax rates;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Bedford, Virginia, that there be, and is hereby levied, the following tax and tax rates for tax year 2015:

- (1)** \$0.52 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on all taxable real estate located in this County;
- (2)** \$0.52 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on the property classified in Section 58.1-3506 A 8, Code of Virginia 1950, as amended;
- (3)** \$2.35 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for classifications of tangible personal property as defined in §§58.1-3503 and 3506 of the Code of Virginia: automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, camping trailers, travel trailers, motor homes and other recreational vehicles, trailers, boats, watercraft and aircrafts.
- (4)** \$1.70 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for certain other classifications of tangible personal property as defined in §58.1-3506 of the Code of Virginia: heavy construction equipment, forest harvesting and silviculture equipment, computer hardware, programmable computer equipment and peripherals.
- (5)** \$.00 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation on the property classified in Section 58.1-3506 A 12 of the Code of Virginia: vehicles for the transportation of the physically handicapped.
- (6)** \$1.20 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation on the property classified in Sections 58.1-3506 A5, A7, and A18, 58.1-3507 and 58.1-3508 of the Code of Virginia, commonly known as machinery and tools.

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Arrington, Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Parker**

**Voting no: None**

**Motion passed.**

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**(5) Supervisor Sharp made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.**

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Arrington, Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Parker**

**Voting no: None**

**Motion passed.**