



**MINUTES**  
**BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**BEDFORD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
**APRIL 10, 2017**

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**7:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING**

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

**(1) APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**(3) PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. Public Hearing - Tax Rate Ordinance - Tax Year 2017
- b. Public Hearing - Proposed Bedford County Budget FY 2017-2018

**(4) ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Consideration of a request to adopt the FY2017 Tax Rate Ordinance. (*Ordinance #O 041017-01*)
  - *Staff Presentation: Carl Boggess, County Administrator*

**(5) BOARD COMMENTS**

- (6) CLOSED SESSION – Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (3)** for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

**(7) ADJOURNMENT**

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**7:00 P.M.**

**Board of Supervisors:** Curry Martin, Chairman, District 2; Bill Thomasson, Vice-Chairman, District 1; Steve Wilkerson, District 3; John Sharp, District 4; Tommy Scott, District 5; Andy Dooley, District 6; and Kevin Willis, District 7

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**Staff:** County Administrator Carl Boggess, Deputy County Administrator Reid Wodicka, County Attorney Patrick Skelley, Fiscal Management Director Susan Crawford, Assistant Fiscal Management Director Ashley Anderson, and Executive Assistant Brigitte Lockett

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**REGULAR MEETING**

- Chairman Martin called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.
- Chairman Martin asked the room to observe a moment of silence.
- Chairman Martin led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**(1) Approval of Agenda**

Supervisor Scott requested that ‘Board Comments’ be moved to the end of the meeting.

**Supervisor Sharp made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.**

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott,  
Mr. Dooley and Mr. Willis**

**Voting no: None**

**Motion passed.**

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**(2) Introductory Remarks by Chairman Martin**

Chairman Martin briefly reviewed some of the projects and funded requests that are included in the proposed budget. He then explained the process the public hearings would follow this evening, noting that while there are two public hearings, citizens will be able to address either one, or both, as they wished once the public hearing had been opened for each item, instead of having to come up to the podium more than once. Chairman Martin noted that the tax rate will be voted on following tonight’s public hearing; the proposed budget will be voted on at the Board’s meeting on April 24, 2017.

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**(3) Public Hearings**

**(3a)** Chairman Martin opened the citizen comment portion of the public hearing for the tax rate ordinance for tax year 2017.

Crystal Delong, 724 Peaks Street, Bedford, noted that she is a teacher at Liberty High School and addressed the Board as a member of the Bedford County Education Association. Ms. Delong spoke in favor of funding the school's pay study and voiced her support for smaller class sizes. She asked that the Board make funding education in Bedford County a top priority.

Katie Lum, 106 Fountain Drive, Lynchburg, noted that she is a teacher and addressed the Board to voice her support for step increases being re-implemented. Ms. Lum noted she is paid the same as new teachers, in spite of the fact that she has been with the School Division for years and has continued her education. She said that funding teacher salaries allows teachers to stay and invest back in the community.

There being no other citizens desiring to speak, the citizen comment portion of the public hearing was closed.

**(3b)** Chairman Martin opened the citizen comment portion of the public hearing for the proposed budget for fiscal Year 2017 - 2018; there being no citizens desiring to speak, this portion of the hearing was closed.

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**(4) Action Items**

**(4a)** Chairman Martin asked if there was any Board member who wished to speak on the tax rate ordinance.

**Supervisor Wilkerson made a motion to approve Ordinance #O 041017-01.**

**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 2017:

- (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 10, Code of Virginia 1950, as amended: manufactured homes;
- (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 14 of the Code of Virginia: vehicles for the transportation of the physically handicapped.
- (6) \$.00 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation on the property classified in Section 58.1-3506 A 19, vehicles for the transportation of qualified disabled veterans.
- (7) \$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. Scott,  
Mr. Dooley and Mr. Willis**

**Voting no: None**

**Motion passed.**

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**(5) Closed Session**

**Supervisor Sharp made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (3),** discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott,  
Mr. Dooley and Mr. Willis**

**Voting no: None**

**Motion passed.**

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

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott,  
Mr. Dooley and Mr. Willis**

**Voting no: None**

**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.

<b><u>MEMBERS:</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE:</u></b>
Curry Martin, Chairman	Yes
Bill Thomasson, Vice Chairman	Yes
Steve Wilkerson	Yes
John Sharp	Yes
Tommy Scott	Yes
Andy Dooley	Yes
Kevin Willis	Yes

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**(6) Board Comments**

**Supervisor Sharp made a motion in support of the following resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, The Bedford County Economic Development Authority (“EDA”) was approached in the fall of 2016 about conveying Lot 1 of the New London Business and Technology Center to Liberty University for the construction of its School of Engineering. That at the same time, the Center for Engineering and Research (“CAER”), was approached by LU about conveying its New London facilities for use related to its School of Engineering and related research and collaboration; and

**WHEREAS**, In December of 2016, the EDA, the CAER, BWX Technologies, Inc. (“BWXT”) and LU entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of summarizing the discussions as to the potential transaction and to memorialize the parties intent for the benefit of the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission (the “Tobacco Commission”); and

**WHEREAS**, Following action by the Tobacco Commission, Liberty submitted a contract to the EDA on 1 March and to CAER on 20 March; and

**WHEREAS**, the EDA has submitted its willingness to sign the contract; however, to date CAER has not indicated its willingness; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bedford County Board of Supervisors considers the potential relocation of the Liberty School of Engineering in the New London Park as a tremendous catalyst to attract business and industry to New London; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board in passing this resolution is urging all parties concerned to work diligently towards closing this transaction for the betterment of the Bedford County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Bedford, Virginia, urges the Board of Directors of the Center of Engineering and Research to complete its negotiations with Liberty University and to execute a contract with Liberty for the sale of the CAER facility and urges the Bedford County Economic Development Authority to execute its contract with Liberty University once its potential obligations to third parties is completed.

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott,  
Mr. Dooley and Mr. Willis**

**Voting no: None**

**Motion passed.**

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Chairman Wilkerson requested that the Board discuss the \$530,000 for the School Board when they revisit the budget at the next meeting

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Chairman Dooley commended employee Assist Fiscal Management Director Ashley Anderson acquiring her CPA; E-911 Manager Jeff Johnson on his Public Safety certifications; and Human Resources Director Dawn Fields for completing her certifications for human resources as well.

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**(7) Adjourn**

**Supervisor Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.**

**Voting yes: Mr. Thomasson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Wilkerson, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Scott,  
Mr. Dooley and Mr. Willis**

**Voting no: None**

**Motion passed.**