PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CALLED MEETING (BUDGET APPROVAL)

April 4, 2024

VIRGINIA: The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors' ("Board") Called Meeting was held on April 4, 2024, in the Board Meeting Room, 39 Bank Street, SE, Chatham, Virginia 24531.

CALL TO ORDER (5:00 PM)

Dalton called the Meeting to Order at 5:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present:

Darrell W. Dalton - Callands-Gretna District

Robert M. Tucker, Jr. - Banister District

Kenneth L. Bowman - Chatham-Blairs District

Timothy W. Dudley - Staunton River District

Eddie L. Hite, Jr. - Dan River District

Murray W. Whittle - Westover District

William V. ("Vic") Ingram, Tunstall District, participated remotely from Wesley Long Hospital located at 2400 W Friendly Ave, Greensboro, NC, due to sickness.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve Agenda.

RESULT: 7-0 (Approved)

MOVER: Tucker SECONDER: Dudley

AYES: Dalton, Tucker, Bowman, Dudley, Hite, Ingram, Whittle

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

Turille stated that the FY 2025 County Budget Resolution is up for adoption and includes a 56ϕ tax rate, based on the Board's consensus from the last meeting. This is a tax rate reduction of 6ϕ from the current 62ϕ rate. This Budget includes important items, such as increased funds for fire and rescue trucks and ambulance equipment, EMS and fire equipment, maintenance contracts, EMS training, more funding for fire and EMS volunteers to assist with recruitment, more support for the Sheriff's Office to keep the community safe, and more for the Schools, so teacher pay is at a level to recruit and retain the best for the County and its children in the future. Turille stated, if the Board chooses not to accept this rate and go to a 54ϕ rate, the Board could approve the School Budget tonight, but the Board would need another meeting to reallocate County expenses, including the proposed reserve fund for large capital needs such as the jail. If the Board wishes to go below to 53ϕ , the Board cannot approve the School Budget tonight without additional meetings to reallocate funds to meet that. With the rate at 56ϕ , the Board can do all the items that have been discussed in

the last three (3) or four (4) months.

The Board moved to item 5(b), Approval of FY25 County Budget, to handle that first.

b. Approval of FY25 County Budget/Budget Resolution

The County FY 25 Budget, in the amount of \$239,161,887, was presented to the Board on March 12, 2024. A related Public Hearing was conducted on March 28, 2024, after the same was noticed and advertised in *The Chatham Star Tribune* on March 20, 2024. This Meeting has been set to approve the FY 25 County Budget in the amount of \$238,986,887, the total budget adjusted to reflect a 56¢ tax rate, along with Budget Resolution # 2024-04-01, which meets the Virginia Code required seven (7)-day waiting period.

Motion to approve the FY 25 County Budget in the amount of \$238,986,887, and Resolution # 2024-04-01 as presented.

MOVER: Tucker SECONDER: Hite

Substitute Motion to approve the FY25 County Budget with a 52¢ tax rate.

RESULT: 3-4 (Failed)
MOVER: Bowman
SECONDER: Ingram

AYES: Bowman, Ingram, Dalton
NAYS: Dudley, Hite, Tucker, Whittle

ABSTAIN: None

Due to the failed Substitute Motion, the original Motion by Tucker was then voted on.

Motion to approve the FY 25 County Budget in the amount of \$238,986,887, and Resolution # 2024-04-01 as presented.

RESULT: 5-2 (Approved)

MOVER: Tucker SECONDER: Hite

AYES: Dudley, Hite, Ingram, Tucker, Whittle

NAYS: Bowman, Dalton

ABSTAIN: None

a. Approval of FY25 School Budget

The County's FY 25 School Budget, in the amount of \$122,093,838 was presented to the Board on March 12, 2024, as part of the County's overall Budget. A related Public Hearing was conducted on March 28, 2024, after the same was duly and legally noticed and advertised in *The Chatham Star Tribune* on March 20, 2024.

Motion to approve the County School FY 25 Budget in the amount of \$122,093,838 as presented.

RESULT: 7-0 (Approved)

MOVER: Hite SECONDER: Dudley

AYES: Dalton, Tucker, Bowman, Dudley, Hite, Ingram, Whittle

NAYS: None ABSTAIN: None

ADJOURNMENT

Dalton adjourned the Meeting at 5:43 PM.