

County of Prince Edward

Proposed 2021 Tax Rates and FY2021-2022 Budget

Public Hearings



Tax Rate and Budget Public Hearing

- » April 20: 7:00 pm Tax levy hearing for Real Estate Levy, EMS Levy, and Poplar Hill CDA Levy
- » April 20: 7:30 pm Public hearing on the budget and tax rates
- » April 27: 7:00 pm Consideration of the Budget
 - Pursuant to Section §15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, the Board has to wait 7 days prior to adoption of the budget.



Budget Preparation



Planning

- » The Board of Supervisors and staff have been working on the proposed budget since December 2020.
- » The Board has held seven meetings/ work sessions to work specifically on the budget.

Transparency

» The proposed budget has been advertised in The Farmville Herald and is available for public inspection on the County's website and in the County Administration office.



TOTAL BUDGET: PROPOSED INCREASE OF 7.98%

- » 2020 Budget: \$58,735,393
- » 2021 Proposed Budget: \$63,426,043
- » Increase of \$4,690,650 (7.98%)

REVENUE: PROJECTED LOCAL REVENUE INCREASE: 14.88%

- » Increase in total Local Revenue from \$19,002,086 to \$21,830,529 (\$2,828,443)
- » Significant portion of increase (\$2,605,986) is due to proposed Real Estate tax increase and natural estimated increase in personal property tax collections

REVENUE: PROJECTED STATE REVENUE INCREASE: 3.02%

» Increase in total State Revenue from \$4,480,485 to \$4,615,884 (\$135,399)



PROPOSED SALARY INCREASE

Effective July 1st:

5.0% Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for all positions

LOCALITY	COLA and/or Merit %				
APPOMATTOX	5.00%				
AMELIA	2.50%				
BUCKINGHAM	5.00%				
CHARLOTTE	5.00%				
CUMBERLAND	5.00%				
LUNENBURG	5% COLA & some merit/compression increases				
NOTTOWAY	5.00% & some merit increases				
PRINCE EDWARD	5.00%				



SIGNIFICANT FUNDING CHANGES

- » 5% COLA for all employees (\$263,972)
- » Health insurance increase (\$69,018)
 - Increase will make the County more competitive in hiring
- » Funding for the Sandy River Reservoir Project (\$385,000)
 - \$185,000 (Engineering)
 - \$200,000 (Construction)
- » Capital improvement funding (\$1,400,000)



PERSONNEL

- » Additional Positions:
 - Prince Edward Sheriff's Office
 - FT Court Security Position
 - Administration
 - PT Receptionist
- » Additional Funding:
 - Elections Officials \$28,860
 - Prince Edward Sheriff's Office
 - Overtime and At-will Overtime \$34,000
 - PESO Courts PT \$25,494
 - Prince Edward County Volunteer Rescue Squad-\$12,000



FUNDING CHANGES

- » Cannery PT Salaries (\$32,758)
- » Planning Professional Services (\$8,000)
- » Reassessment (\$50,000)
- » General Properties Equipment (\$33,000)
- » Tourism PT (\$35,323)
- » Contingency Funding (\$60,265)



Capital Improvement Plan



Capital Improvement Plan

DEVELOPMENT

- » FY 2022-2024 Capital Improvement Plan is in development
- » Anticipated completion date: Fall 2021
- » \$1.4 Million included in the draft budget for implementation of the plan

POTENTIAL PROJECTS

- » Sandy River Water System \$30 million \$50 million
- » Elementary School Roof/Renovation
- » Convenience Site Upgrades \$50,000 \$100,000 per site
- » PEVRS Station Replacement
- » Animal Shelter Replacement
- » Emergency Radio System
- » Landfill Compactor \$800,000 \$850,000
- » Courthouse Chiller/Pump Replacement \$200,000 \$250,000
- » Yak Attack Shredit Roof Repair \$25,000 \$50,000
- » Document Management System \$50,000
- » Cannery Boiler Replacement \$50,000
- » Wayfinding Signage
- » Courthouse Telephone System



SANDY RIVER RESERVOIR PERMIT RENEWAL

Surface water withdrawal permit renewal for Prince Edward County's Sandy River Reservoir.

- VWP Individual Permit #05-1464 was issued on September 7, 2006 and expires on September 7, 2021.
- This permit renewal will enable the County to construct and operate a long-planned water supply system.
- The system will:
- Provide a safe, reliable, and economically viable supply of water
- Serve Prince Edward County residents and neighboring localities
- Support Economic Development



PROPOSED WATER INTAKE SITE









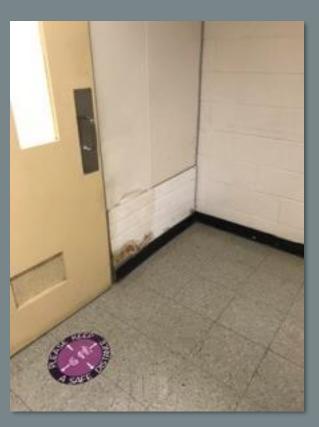
















CONVENIENCE SITES







Proposed FY 2021-2022 Budget

CONVENIENCE SITES





PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD





ANIMAL SHELTER

Current facility was constructed in the 1970s and is in need of replacement





ANIMAL SHELTER









EMERGENCY RADIO STATION

- » Coverage issues with the existing system
- » Currently talking with Motorola







LANDFILL COMPACTOR

- » Current Cat has 14,650 hours 3 to 5 Years of life remaining
- » Replacement cost:\$800,000-\$850,000





COURTHOUSE CHILLER

- » Current Chiller is 25 years old installed in 1996
- » Replacement cost: \$200,000-\$250,000







YAK ATTACK ROOF

- » Current Roof is leaking in 4-5 areas
- » Replacement cost: \$25,000-\$50,000







DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

» County filing system is disorganized and hard to search

» Digital document management system will save time and improve accuracy

» Estimated cost: \$50,000





CANNERY BOILER

- » Current boiler was manufactured in 1972 and installed 20 years ago
- » Boiler is starting to fail and pipes need insulation wrapping (potential injury hazard)
- » Estimated cost:\$50,000

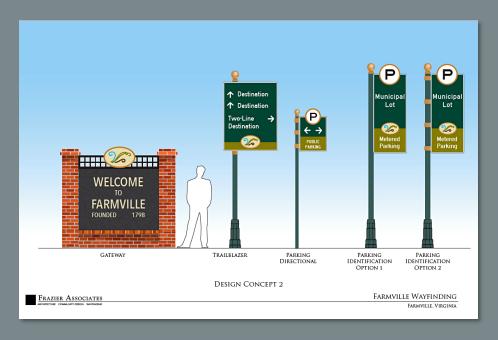






WAYFINDING SIGNAGE

» Work with Farmville Downtown Partnership and the Town of Farmville to develop wayfinding signage system for community





COURTHOUSE TELEPHONE SYSTEM

- » Replacement of the aging telephone system in the Courthouse
- » Estimated cost of \$50,000





GP Debt Capacity

ASSUMPTIONS

» Value of a Penny: \$185,000

» Borrowing Rate:

• 20 Years: 3%

• 25 Years: 3.5%

• 30 Years: 4%

Prince Edward County Debt Capacity Analysis



Assumptions:

Value of a Penny: \$185,000

Borrowing Rate Assumptions:

- 20 Years: 3.00% - 25 Years: 3.50% - 30 Years: 4.00%

Additional Debt Capacity at Differing Real Estate Tax Rates

Real Estate	Borrowing Term						
Tax Rate	20 Years	25 Years	30 Years				
44¢	2,750,000	3,050,000	3,200,000				
45¢	5,500,000	6,100,000	6,400,000				
46¢	8,260,000	9,150,000	9,600,000				
47¢	11,010,000	12,200,000	12,800,000				
48¢	13,760,000	15,250,000	16,000,000				
49¢	16,510,000	18,290,000	19,190,000				
50¢	19,270,000	21,340,000	22,390,000				
51¢	22,020,000	24,390,000	25,590,000				



School Funding



School Budget

SUMMARY

- » Position and Cost Increases: \$605,544
 - New Transition Counselor
 - New Family Support Specialist
 - New ELL Teacher
 - ITIS to 12 Month
 - 10.6% Health Insurance Premium
 - Update for Finance System
- » Salary Increases (5%): \$853,859
- » State and Federal Funding Increases: \$941,393

Local Funding Increase Requested: \$517,010



School Budget

Requested Costs Adjustments and Requests, 2022

	Costs	Fu	Funding Source		
		CARES II	Grant	Local	
Position and Cost Increases:					
New Transition Counselor (12 month position)	84,870	84,870			
New Family Support Specialist (12 month position)	131,391	131,391			
10.6% Health Insurance Premiums	213,600			213,600	
ITIS to 12 Month (3 Positions)	77,745			77,745	
ELL Teacher (1 Additional Position)	61,938			61,938	
Update for Finance System	35,000			35,000	
Sub-Total of Positions/ Costs	604,544	216,261		388,283	
Salary Increases:					
Conference Approved 5% Salary Increase	853,859				
Sub-Total Positions/Costs and Salary Increases	1,458,403				
State and Federal Adjustments					
CARES II Funded Totals (-)	216,261				
Conference Funding Increase (-)	725,132				
Sub-Total of State and Federal adjustments	941,393				
Total Local Fund Request	\$517,010				



Revenue and Taxes



Proposed Budget Includes the Following Tax and Fee Increases:

- » Increase of \$0.08 in the Real Estate and Mobile Home tax rates
 - Equalized rate is \$0.43 based on a 18.27% increase in assessed values (6-Year Cycle)
 - Raises the equalized rate of \$0.43 to \$0.51 per \$100 of assessed value

LOCALITY	2020 RE TAX RATE	PROPOSED 2021 RE TAX RATE
APPOMATTOX	\$0.63	\$0.63
AMELIA	\$0.51	\$0.51
BUCKINGHAM	\$0.52	\$0.52
CHARLOTTE	\$0.62	\$0.62
CUMBERLAND	\$0.77	\$0.75
LUNENBURG	\$0.38	\$0.38
NOTTOWAY	\$0.48	\$0.48
PRINCE EDWARD	\$0.51	\$0.51



Real Estate Tax Rate

"EQUALIZED RATE" EXPLAINED

There was an 18.27% increase in assessed values across the County.

- \$ of 2020 Pre-Reassessment Value
 x \$0.51/\$100 Assessed Value
- Generates the Same Revenue As
- \$ of 2021 Post-Reassessment Value
 x \$0.43/\$100 Assessed Value





Real Estate Tax Rate

Sample Reassessment and Tax Impact								
	2020	2020	2021	2021				
	Assessment	Tax (\$0.51)	Assessment ¹	Tax (\$0.51)	Increase			
Homeowner A	\$200,000.00	\$1,020.00	\$236,540.00	\$1,206.35	\$186.35			
Homeowner B	\$250,000.00	\$1,275.00	\$295,675.00	\$1,507.94	\$232.94			
Homeowner C	\$300,000.00	\$1,530.00	\$354,810.00	\$1,809.53	\$279.53			
¹ Based on 18.27% a	verage assessment in	crease						



Real Estate Tax Rate

PROPOSED RATE OF \$0.51 IS A \$0.08 INCREASE OVER THE EQUALIZED RATE OF \$0.43

- » The operating budget is balanced at \$0.43
- » Each penny over \$0.43 provides approximately \$185,000 in revenue
- » \$1,400,000 has been budgeted for future capital improvements
 - We propose that any reduction from the advertised \$0.51 rate would reduce the Capital Improvements Plan budget line.



Real Estate Tax Options

2021 Proposed Tax Rate Imp	acts								
Each \$0.01 cut = \$185,470									
Tax Rate	0.43	0.44	0.45	0.46	0.47	0.48	0.49	0.50	0.51
Required Cut	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.01	0
Potential Cuts									
Capital Improvements - 54000-									
0053	\$1,400,000	\$1,298,290	\$1,112,820	\$927,350	\$741,880	\$556,410	\$370,940	\$185,470	\$0
Sandy River Reservoir 94000-0003	\$83,760								
Total	\$1,483,760	\$1,298,290	\$1,112,820	\$927,350	\$741,880	\$556,410	\$370,940	\$185,470	\$0



Budget Comparison



Overall Budget Comparison

2019 STATE COMPARATIVE REPORT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Prince Edward County compared to neighboring jurisdictions (Appomattox, Amelia, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Lunenburg, and Nottoway)

- » Prince Edward County ranks 8th out of the 8 jurisdictions:
 - Total Expenditures at \$2,023.58 per capita
 - Education Spending (operational) at \$1,119.20 per capita
 - Health and Welfare
- » Prince Edward County ranks 7th out of 8:
 - General Government Administration
 - Public Works
 - Law Enforcement and Traffic Control
 - Public Library Support

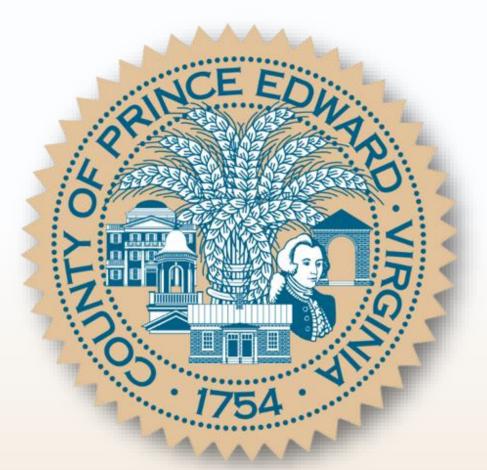


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2019 STATE COMPARATIVE REPORT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING

- » Prince Edward is below the average of adjacent localities on all categories except
 - Correction and Detention
 - Public Safety
 - Community Development
- » Based on the advertised tax rates of our neighbors, we would be the third lowest Real Estate rate at \$0.51





Questions?

