

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2025

At a Worksession of the Orange County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, beginning at 3:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Public Safety Building, 11282 Government Center Drive, Orange, Virginia. Present: R. Mark Johnson, Chairman; Eduward M. Van Hoven, Vice Chairman; Crystal D. Hale; Keith F. Marshall and J. Bryan Nicol. Also present: Glenda Paul, Deputy County Administrator; Amy Wilson, County Attorney; and LaToya M. Smith, Chief Deputy Clerk.

* Crystal Hale arrived at 3:33 p.m.

RE: BUDGET WORKSESSION

RE: BUDGET DISCUSSION & AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE TAX RATES FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Glenda Paul, Deputy County Administrator, was present to request the Board's consideration of the proposed tax rates for FY2026, noting that included in the Board's agenda packet is a listing of the proposed tax rates as they have been built into the FY2026 proposed budget.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding the proposed rates.

Mr. Nicol offered a motion to reduce the proposed Aircraft tax rate from \$0.50 per \$100.00 of assessed value to zero. The motion failed for lack of a second.

By consensus, the Board authorized and directed staff to schedule and advertise a public hearing regarding the proposed tax rates for FY2026, to be held at a special meeting of the Board on May 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Paul noted that Amanda Amos, Contract and Procurement Specialist, has provided the Draft FY26-FY30 Capital Improvements Plan. This item will be discussed later during the worksession, as time permits.

The Board discussed the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Board members offered ideas on how the budget could potentially be reduced in an effort to keep the equalized real estate tax rate of \$0.47 per \$100 of assessed value. Suggestions included implementing a temporary hiring freeze, meaning no new positions would be created in this budget, and perhaps, delaying some of the less critical maintenance projects, such as the roof work at the Gordon Building and at the Booster Park. It was mentioned that those projects could potentially be moved back into the budget, if the County has a better-performing budget year.

Staff was given an opportunity to weigh in on the discussion regarding the feasibility of delaying the roofing work that was mentioned.

Discussion ensued regarding the new positions that were requested and what departments would be impacted if those positions were not funded in this budget cycle.

RE: PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT FY26-FY30 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN (CIP)

Amanda Amos, Contract and Procurement Specialist, presented the Board with copies of the Draft FY26-FY30 Capital Improvements Plan (CIP), and invited Board members to reach out to her with any questions or concerns once they've had an opportunity to review the plan. The consensus among the Board was to combine the discussion of the CIP with the Board's budget discussions.

RE: ADJOURN
Chairman Johnson adjourned the worksession at 4:45 p.m.

R. Mark Johnson, Chairman

Glenda B. Paul, County Administrator