

**MINUTES
KING WILLIAM COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2021**

A Public Hearing of the Board of Supervisors of King William County, Virginia, was held on the 5TH day of April 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room of the County Administration Building and via Zoom.

Agenda Item 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Moskalski called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 2. ROLL CALL

The members were polled:

Supervisor, 3rd District: Stephen K. Greenwood	Aye
Supervisor, 1st District: William L. Hodges	Aye
Supervisor, 4th District: C. Stewart Garber, Jr.	Aye
Supervisor, 5th District: Edwin H. Moren, Jr. – Vice Chair	Aye
Supervisor, 2nd District: Travis J. Moskalski – Chairman	Aye

Agenda Item 3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Chairman called for a moment of silence.

Agenda Item 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Chairman led the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Item 5. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA

Supervisor Greenwood moved for the adoption of the amended agenda for this meeting as presented; motion was seconded by Supervisor Garber.

The members were polled:

Supervisor, 1st District: William L. Hodges	Aye
Supervisor, 4th District: C. Stewart Garber, Jr.	Aye
Supervisor, 5th District: Edwin H. Moren, Jr. – Vice Chair	Aye
Supervisor, 3rd District: Stephen K. Greenwood	Aye
Supervisor, 2nd District: Travis J. Moskalski – Chairman	Aye

Agenda Item 6. a. PUBLIC HEARING-PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2022

Steve Hudgins, Interim County Administrator, presented the proposed budget FY2022.

Chairman Moskalski opened the public comment period.

1. Terry Stone, Board of Education member, spoke on behalf of the King William County Board of Education and expressed concerns for implementing the 5% increase for the school's instructional staff and strongly advocated that the county fully fund the school board's request to ensure they can give their instructional staff a pay increase.
2. Yvonne Broaddus stated she fully supports the request to fund pay increases for the teachers as they are essential to our community.
3. Raymond Carter of West Point expressed concern as to why we are asking for school funding when the Department of Education sets aside grants for schools and FEMA sets aside grants for first responders. He also expressed concern for fiscal responsibility within the County for the tax dollars.
4. Steven Tupponce, Board of Education member, spoke on behalf of the King William County Board of Education regarding revenue projections and fundamental investments if there is a wish for the County to grow.
5. Ms. Amanda Walker of District 3 stated she wishes for more transparency and time to review budget information. She is also in support of the school raises.
6. Chris Couch of District 5 spoke regarding legal services and expenses by law firm Sands Anderson. He said that most tasks are operational and he feels the work could be done in house. He suggested hiring an attorney who lives within the County or in a nearby community who can provide a regular presence to the administration building, unbiased advice to the Board of Supervisors, and understand operational procedures.

There being no further speakers, Chairman Moskalski closed the public comment period.

Agenda Item 6. b. PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED TAX LEVIES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

Steve Hudgins, Interim County Administrator, presented the proposed tax levies for Calendar Year 2021.

Chairman Moskalski opened the public comment period.

There were no speakers.

Chairman Moskalski closed the public comment period.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Greenwood stated there would be plenty of opportunities to reach out as there is also a work session next Monday, April 12, 2021. He also noted that if anyone had any concerns they could contact him directly.

Mr. Hodges stated he had nothing more to add other than they will work diligently to get the budget completed and satisfy the requirements.

Mr. Moren stated he is a strong proponent for making sure the teachers and staff get pay raises this year due to the recent challenges. He requested the staff run an exercise on dropping the property rate to .85 to see what the numbers look like as he would like to see it reduced while he stated it may not be possible but would still like the exercise performed.

Mr. Garber expressed his appreciation for participation and encouraged community input.

Chairman Moskalski said he understands that it takes time to review budget information and for the community to bring comments to the Board for broad topics or line items of the budgets until the adoption is made. He also stated the Board is doing everything they can to maximize state dollars when it comes to paying quality teachers. It is a balancing act to support all priorities and community input is appreciated. April 26, 2021 is the proposed date for the budget to be adopted and the all-day work session is April 16, 2021. The Board of Supervisors will be transitioning back to in-person meetings now that the gathering restrictions have lifted. There will continue to be a Zoom option for those who would rather stay remote.

Agenda Item 7. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Supervisor Moren, seconded by Supervisor Garber, the meeting was adjourned by the following roll call vote:

Supervisor, 3rd District: Stephen K. Greenwood	Aye
Supervisor, 1st District: William L. Hodges	Aye
Supervisor, 4th District: C. Stewart Garber, Jr.	Aye
Supervisor, 5th District: Edwin H. Moren, Jr. – Vice Chair	Aye
Supervisor, 2nd District: Travis J. Moskalski – Chairman	Aye

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Travis J. Moskalski, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

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