

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

APRIL 21, 2020

At a Special Meeting of the Orange County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, beginning at 7:00 p.m., and held electronically via Zoom video conference. Present: James P. Crozier, Chairman; R. Mark Johnson, Vice Chairman; James K. White; S. Teel Goodwin; and Lee H. Frame. Also present: Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator; Thomas E. Lacheney, County Attorney; Glenda E. Bradley, Assistant County Administrator for Management Services; and Alyson A. Simpson, Chief Deputy Clerk.

RE: PARTICIPATION VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS

Pursuant to the emergency ordinance adopted on March 24, 2020, this meeting was held electronically via Zoom video conference and livestreamed to YouTube for the public to view. As such, the minutes are required to reflect the physical location of each Board member during their participation.

Chairman Crozier participated from the Airport Conference Room, located at 11275 Aviation Way, Orange, Virginia.

Vice Chairman Johnson participated from his residence, located at 13451 Albano Road, Barboursville, Virginia.

Supervisor White participated from his residence, located at 22373 Berry Run Road, Orange, Virginia.

Supervisor Goodwin participated from his residence, located at 11464 Rapidan Road, Orange, Virginia.

Supervisor Frame participated from his residence, located at 103 Woodland Trail, Locust Grove, Virginia.

RE: PUBLIC HEARINGS

RE: PUBLIC HEARING #1: PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

This public hearing was cancelled as there was no proposed tax rate increase to consider.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING #2: PROPOSED TAX RATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020

Theodore Voorhees, County Administrator, presented a PowerPoint presentation, which contained information on the following: the Code of Virginia requirements for setting the tax rate in a reassessment year; the proposal to equalize the tax rate; a comparison of old versus new assessment values; the calculation of the equalized rate; and a review of the proposed tax rates for Tax Year 2020.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: the fact that the current tax rate of \$0.804 was only previously advertised as a placeholder in order to meet advertisement requirements while there was still a great deal of unknowns regarding development of the proposed budget.

At 7:10 p.m., Chairman Crozier called the Public Hearing to order to receive comments on the following:

- Proposed Tax Rates for Calendar Year 2020

Chairman Crozier read the following statement:

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public access to the meeting and no opportunity for public comment. However, all interested persons are invited to submit written comments for the Board's consideration. Written comments may be submitted by mail to Attn: Alyson Simpson, P. O. Box 111, Orange, Virginia 22960 or by email to asimpson@orangecountyva.gov and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2020. The Board intends to close the Public Hearing and consider this matter at its Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, after reviewing any written comments received. All written comments will be read during the meeting on April 28, 2020, and entered into the meeting minutes.

Staff was instructed to add this matter to the Regular Meeting on April 28, 2020.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING #3: PROPOSED OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

Glenda Bradley, Assistant County Administrator for Management Services, presented a PowerPoint presentation, which contained information on the following: use of the Board's Financial Policies to guide development of the recommended budget; the change in structure of the FY21 budget because of the separation of a portion of the real estate levy to fund Fire and EMS; a comparison of the consolidated budgets; proposed financing of major capital projects; meeting of the Board's Financial Policies through the proposed financing; a review of revenue sources; general revenue comparisons; the proposed use of undesignated General Fund revenues; and trends in local expenditures.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: the fact that the Fire and EMS levy fund included contributions to the volunteer agencies from the County, but the levy did not fund the entire operations of the volunteer agencies.

At 7:25 p.m., Chairman Crozier called the Public Hearing to order to receive comments on the following:

- Proposed Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Chairman Crozier read the following statement:

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RE: PUBLIC HEARING #4: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE DUE DATE FOR FIRST-HALF REAL ESTATE TAXES

Thomas Lacheney, County Attorney, explained that the Board had previously initiated action on an ordinance amendment to extend the due date for first-half real estate taxes.

At 7:29 p.m., Chairman Crozier called the Public Hearing to order to receive comments on the following:

ORDINANCE REGARDING REAL ESTATE TAX DUE DATE

The Board of Supervisors will consider the adoption of an ordinance regarding the due date for first half real estate taxes. The ordinance would authorize a one-time extension of the due date to June

20, 2020, instead of June 5, 2020, with no penalties or interest being applied until after July 20, 2020. The extension is proposed as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic and in recognition of the financial impacts the situation may have on the community.

Chairman Crozier read the following statement:

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RE: ADJOURN

On the motion of Mr. Goodwin, seconded by Mr. Frame, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, White, Goodwin, Crozier, Frame. Nays: None.

James P. Crozier, Chairman

Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator