



**AT A WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE VILLAGE BUILDING AUDITORIUM, AT 3910 OLD BUCKINGHAM ROAD IN POWHATAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND REMOTELY BY ELECTRONIC MEANS ON MAY 02, 2022, AT 6:30 PM.**

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**Board of Supervisors Present:** David T. Williams, District 1,  
Steve W. McClung, District 2,  
Mike W. Byerly, District 3, Vice-Chair  
Bill L. Cox, District 4,  
Karin M. Carmack, District 5, Chair

**Board of Supervisors Absent:** None

**County Staff Present:** Ned Smither, County Administrator  
Bret Schardein, Assistant County Administrator  
Tom Lacheney, County Attorney  
Frank Hopkins, Planning Director

**Constitutional Officers Present:** Brad Nunnally, Sherriff

**Guests Present:** None

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**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Byerly called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 PM.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. McClung led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. Invocation**

Mr. Cox led the invocation.

**4. Requests to Postpone Agenda Items and Additions, Deletions, or Changes in the Order of Presentation**

None.

**5. Formal Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Carmack made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. McClung seconded the motion.

Chairman Byerly, Ms. Carmack, Mr. McClung, Mr. Cox, and Mr. Williams voted AYE.

**VOTE 5-0  
MOTION PASSED**



**6. County Administrator Updates**

Mr. Smither welcomed Mr. Will Hagy, Deputy County Administrator, overseeing public works, public utilities, and many other tasks.

**7. Public Comment** (time limit 3 minutes per individual/5 minutes per group, 30 minutes total time limit that can be extended by the Board)

Chairman Byerly opened the public comment period.

[Steve Jenkins, 1163 Bradbury Road](#), reminded the Board of the struggles that most citizens are facing due to changes in the economic environment. He urged the Board to consider tightening their belt in the same way that the citizens have had to tighten theirs.

[Fran Carlton, 2219 Rosson Road](#), requested an information review and update on the Village Park. She asked the Board to address the rumor that the park is costing the County upwards of \$150,000.00.

[Stephen Barham, 3492 Richard's Run](#), expressed his concern over the proposed tax rate.

[Charlie Price, 5500 Swann Road](#), expressed his disapproval of an ever-expanding government. He suggested a system that requires anyone spending public money to have their decisions reviewed by a chain of command.

[Mike Oliver, 4372 Three Bridge Road](#), asked the Board to engage in thoughtful consideration of the tax rate and items in the CIP. Seeing no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Byerly closed the public comment period.

**8. Public Hearings**

**a. Public Hearing for Calendar Year 2022 Real Estate Tax Rate, Resolution R-2022-10**

Mr. Smither gave a brief overview. He apologized for the confusion over the proposed tax rate and clarified that The Board should have advertised the growth rate at about 6% instead of 10.4%. He suggested that a second public hearing be held on May 18 to help ensure that the public is well-informed.

Chairman Byerly clarified that tonight's meeting would still go on, but there would be an additional meeting on May 18. Mr. Cox asked Mr. Lacheney if it is still appropriate to hold a meeting tonight if the advertisement was incorrect. Mr. Lacheney said it would be okay to hold a public hearing.

**9. Public Comment** (time limit 3 minutes per individual/5 minutes per group, 30 minutes total time limit that can be extended by the Board)

Chairman Byerly opened the public comment period.



Harry Markland, 3701 Hope Meadow Road, urged the Board to trim as much as possible to avoid raising taxes. He also encouraged the Board to consider decreasing the amount of revenue that goes towards the School Board to ensure that other County employees can benefit.

Charlie Price, 5500 Swann Road, stated that he is not inclined to give the School Board a raise.

Fran Carlton, 2219 Rosson Road, stated that although this advertisement mistake has set the County back, she hopes that eventually, the County will be able to move forward.

Stephen Barham, 3492 Richard's Run, expressed severe concern about the number of issues the County has faced in correcting and advertising the tax rate.

Steve Jenkins, 1163 Bradbury Road, expressed concern about the fact that the Board failed to inform the public that this meeting would not involve a vote on the tax rate ahead of time.

Cindy Jenkins, 1163 Bradbury Road, agreed with Mr. Jenkins. She expressed confusion about the purpose of speaking tonight if no decisions were going to be made and informed the Board of the difficulties she faced when accessing the proposed budget.

Debbie Weir, 1501 Page Road, asked how the false advertisement would affect getting the bills out on time. She also stated that an increased tax rate might be more fitting for localities that aim to have more funds on hand to keep themselves running, which she did not believe was Powhatan County.

Max Timberlake, 1479 Dorset Road, expressed concern with the number of mistakes that have been made throughout this year's budget season. He asked that Board provide complete transparency moving forward.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, Chairman Byerly closed the public comment period.

#### **10. County Attorney Comments**

There were no County Attorney comments.

#### **11. County Administrator Comments**

There were no County Administrator comments.

#### **12. Board Comments**

Mr. Williams expressed his disappointment in the way this process has occurred. He expressed support for the urgency to be transparent moving forward and reminded the public that the Commission of Revenue is not at fault if the billing does not come out on time.

Mr. Cox asked that Resolution R-2022-10 be corrected before the next meeting.

Chairman Byerly asked if the rest of the Board would be okay with canceling the May 10 meeting and holding one on May 18 instead. He clarified that they would then adopt both the

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tax rate and budget simultaneously on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The members of the board agreed on having the meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cox stated that he did not see any point in having a meeting tomorrow if the tax rate has not been set, and chairman Byerly disagreed with this logic.

**13. Adjournment**

Chairman Byerly adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:20 PM.

**Ned Smither, County Administrator  
Powhatan County Board of Supervisors**

**Mike W. Byerly, Chairman  
Powhatan County Board of Supervisors**

**Recorded Vote:**

<i>David T. Williams</i>	<b>AYE</b>
<i>Steve W. McClung</i>	<b>AYE</b>
<i>Michael W. Byerly</i>	<b>AYE</b>
<i>Bill L. Cox</i>	<b>AYE</b>
<i>Karin M. Carmack</i>	<b>AYE</b>