

# **HIGHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

## **nm** **MINUTES**

**MEETING DATE – April 23, 2024**

The Highland County Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on April 23, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. at the Highland Modular Conference Center, 89 Highland Center Drive, Monterey, Virginia 24465.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>STAFF / GUESTS:</b>
<b>Henry A. Budzinski, Jr.</b>		Jerri Botkin, Interim County Admin.
<b>Harry B. Sponaugle</b>		Melissa A. Dowd, County Attorney
<b>Paul S. Tribble</b>		
		R.W. Kelly, Sheriff
		32 members of the public
		unknown people online

Chairman Budzinski called the meeting to order.

The first item on the agenda was a Public Hearing to adopt the General Fund Budget. Chairman Budzinski opened the public hearing and asked for the staff report. Mrs. Botkin provided the estimated revenues Treasurer Christy J. Harper presented and presented the expenditures that had been advertised in the Recorder.

### **Public Comments**

**Floyd Maxey**-please consider the budget further prior to increasing the tax levy please remember there is no shortage of people that will tell you have to spend these dollars as it affects each of them asking for said budgets.

**Jamie Collins**- Some of these budgets are 30% increases over last year. If the Board wished to increase the tax levy, does it not have to be advertised at the higher rate?

**Don Williams**-Stated he was either going to have less money in his pocket or the county will have less money to work with. Stated he feels that the county should institute budget cuts of 5-10% across the Board.

**Jason Rexrode**-Inquired about the Boards current EMS plans.

**Roy Gutshall** would like to know how he can get a copy of the line-item budgets. Mr. Gutshall was advised he would need to request one from the County Administrators office.

**Harold Conner-** what tax rate is the county currently looking at?

Being no additional comments Chairman Budzinski closed the public hearing.

## **Board Comments**

**None**

## **Old Business**

**Resolution to set the EMS fee-**Supervisor Tribble made the motion to raise the EMS fee to \$200 per year and advised the EMS Chief to make the cuts where necessary within this approved amount.

This motion failed.

**Vice-Chairman Sponaugle-**made the motion to adopt the EMS Budget as presented and set the EMS fee at \$330.00 per year for FY 25. This motion was seconded by Chairman Budzinski. The motion carried with the following vote:

<b>Present</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Chairman Budzinski	Yes
Vice Chairman Sponaugle	Yes
Supervisor Tribble	No

**Resolution to set the Enterprise Fee-** Vice-Chairman Sponaugle made the motion to adopt the Enterprise fund budget as presented and set the Enterprise fee at \$200 per year for residential. This motion was seconded by Chairman Budzinski. The motion carried with the following vote:

<b>Present</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Chairman Budzinski	Yes
Vice Chairman Sponaugle	Yes
Supervisor Tribble	No

**Resolution to set the Tax Levy-**Vice-Chairman Sponaugle made the motion to adopt the tax levy at .46 cents on the \$100. This motion was seconded by Chairman Budzinski. The motion carried with the following vote:

<b>Present</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Chairman Budzinski	Yes
Vice Chairman Sponaugle	Yes
Supervisor Tribble	No

**Vice-Chairman Sponaugle**-made the motion to increase the enterprise fees \$50 per each category. This motion was seconded by Chairman Budzinski. The motion carried with the following vote:

<b>Present</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Chairman Budzinski	Yes
Vice Chairman Sponaugle	Yes
Supervisor Tribble	No

Supervisor Tribble made the motion to continue to the Boards next regular scheduled meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:30pm at the Highland Modular conference center. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Sponaugle, and it passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted:



Jerri Botkin, Interim County Administrator

Minutes of the April 23, 2024, meeting are approved:

5/7/2024  
Date

  
Chairman Henry A. Budzinski, Jr.