

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## COUNTY OF HIGHLAND, VIRGINIA: PROPOSED BUDGET FOR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

**PROPOSED BUDGET SYNOPSIS:**

The proposed budget synopsis is prepared and published for public information and fiscal planning purposes only. The inclusion in the proposed budget of any item or items does not constitute an obligation or commitment on the part of the Board of Supervisors of this County to appropriate any funds for that item or purpose. No funds will be allocated or distributed until there has been an appropriation by the Board of Supervisors. The budget has been presented on the basis of the estimates and requests submitted to the County Administrator by the Constitutional Officers and department heads of the County. The Highland County Board of Supervisors at any continued meeting held by June 30, 2024, may alter the proposed budget and increase or decrease the proposed tax rates and fix tax levies as it deems necessary. A detailed copy of the proposed budget is available for public review and on file in the office of the County Administrator, Courthouse, Monterey, Virginia.

**PROPOSED TAX RATES / LEVIES:**

To meet the proposed expenditures, the Board by unanimous vote, fixed the following proposed levies on each \$100 of assessed value on all taxable real estate in Highland County, and on each \$100.00 of value on all tangible personal property located in Highland County on the first day of January 2024:

Calendar Year	Real Estate & Mobile Homes	Personal Property	Machinery & Tools	Merchant Capital
2023 Levy	\$0.48	\$2.75	\$1.00	\$1.00
<b>2024 Proposed Levy</b>	<b>\$0.45</b>	<b>\$2.75</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Notice is hereby given that the Highland County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing in the Highland Modular Conference Center, 89 Highland Center Drive, Monterey, Virginia on Tuesday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, to receive public comment on the proposed tax rates or levies and the projected revenues and proposed expenditures for the county budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024. The public hearing is held pursuant to Sections 15.2-2506, 22.1-93 and 58.1-3007 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, allowing the public to question and comment on the proposed budget. All citizens have the right to share their views on the proposed budget within such reasonable time limits as determined by the Board of Supervisors. The public may attend in person or electronically. To attend electronically, join with Google Meet [meet.google.com/woj-rmce-mxj](https://meet.google.com/woj-rmce-mxj). Please address all written comments to the Highland County Board of Supervisors, P.O. Box 130, Monterey, Virginia 24465. E-mail: [hcboard@highlandcova.org](mailto:hcboard@highlandcova.org). Highland County intends to comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and if you need special assistance to participate in the public hearing, please contact the Office of the County Administrator at least three (3) days prior to the hearing. *BY ORDER OF THE HIGHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, Jerri N. Botkin, Interim County Administrator*

**COUNTY OF HIGHLAND FY25 ESTIMATED REVENUES**

	<b>23-24</b>	<b>24-25</b>
Property Taxes	3,275,990	3,843,109
Personal Property	714,000	873,020
Public Utilities Taxes	125,600	130,300
Other Local Taxes	316,176	312,900
Permits, Licenses, etc.	15,150	13,150
Fines and Forfeitures	1,000	3,500
Revenues from use of Money & Property	147,700	173,700
Sheriff's Fees, Care of Prisoners	14,675	13,245
Miscellaneous Revenue	18,800	19,750
Taxes on Federal Land	159,000	184,500
Non-categorical aid	79,900	72,450
Shared Expenses	1,271,306	1,422,505
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>6,138,547</b>	<b>7,062,129</b>
County Schools	2,820,104	2,836,531
Department of Social Services	685,901	617,729
Children's Services Act	133,132	94,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,639,137</b>	<b>3,548,260</b>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL ESTIMATED REVENUE</b>	<b>9,777,684</b>	<b>10,610,389</b>
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE FUND-ASSESSOR	25,120	0
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	327,787	466,867
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,130,591</b>	<b>11,077,256</b>

**2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR EXPENDITURES**

	<b>2023-2024 BUDGETED</b>	<b>2024-2025 PROPOSED</b>
<b>COUNTY:</b>		
Legislation – Administration of County	200,193	199,660
General & Financial Administration	1,123,607	850,997
Elections	126,950	234,044
Courts	226,230	307,468
Commonwealth Attorney	105,781	127,608
Law Enforcement / Sheriff	1,141,944	1,399,892
Fire Services on National Forest Lands	13,000	13,000
Correction & Detention	48,000	62,886
Building & Zoning	105,756	99,318
Other Protections & Emergency Management	47,182	48,732
Maintenance of Buildings & Grounds	1,096	18,143
Health Services	182,562	198,649
Recreation Facilities	92,238	126,461
Library	90,907	98,902
Planning, Community Dev. & Economic Dev.	109,047	116,117
Cooperative Extension Program	71,025	74,083
Non-departmental	8,000	4,600
<b>FUNDING USES (EXPENDITURES):</b>		
General Fund	3,718,729	3,996,990
School Fund	5,449,689	5,932,094
Department of Social Services	814,172	814,172
Children Services Act	214,877	200,000
Capital Improvement Fund	134,000	134,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>10,331,467</b>	<b>11,077,256</b>

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COUNTY OF HIGHLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND BUDGET, JULY 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2025

EMS FEE: In order to meet the proposed expenditures, the Board has fixed the following proposed fee effective the first day of January, 2024 by an Ordinance adopted on April 12, 2021:  
**ANNUAL FEE \$180.00**

PUBLIC HEARING:

Notice is hereby given that the Highland County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing in the Highland County Modular Conference Center, 89 Highland Center Drive, Monterey, Virginia on Tuesday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, to receive comment on the projected revenues and proposed expenditures for the Emergency Medical Services Fund Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024. The public hearing is held pursuant to Sections 15.2-2506 and 15.2-2159 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, allowing the public to question and comment on the proposed budget. All citizens have the right to share their views on the proposed budget within such reasonable time limits as determined by the Board of Supervisors. The public may attend in person or electronically. To attend electronically, join with Google Meet [meet.google.com/woj-rmce-mxj](https://meet.google.com/woj-rmce-mxj). Please address all written comments to the Highland County Board of Supervisors, P.O. Box 130, Monterey, Virginia 24465. E-mail: [hcboard@highlandcova.org](mailto:hcboard@highlandcova.org). Highland County intends to comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and if you need special assistance to participate in the public hearing, please contact the Office of the County Administrator at least three (3) days prior to the hearing.

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COUNTY OF HIGHLAND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND BUDGET ESTIMATES JULY 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2025

	<b>2023-2024 PROPOSED</b>	<b>2024-2025 PROPOSED</b>
Projected Revenues	358,875	358,875
Transfer	228,901	479,513
Total Projected Revenues	587,776	838,388
Proposed Expenditures	587,776	838,388
<b>ANTICIPATED BALANCE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

COUNTY OF HIGHLAND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL BUDGET, JULY 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2025

**PROPOSED ENTERPRISE FEES:**

In order to meet the proposed expenditures, the Board has fixed the following proposed fees on each habitable dwelling unit(s) and business classification located in Highland County on the first day of January, 2024: CLASSIFICATIONS and ANNUAL FEES: Residential, \$150.00; Business Low Density, \$75.00; Business Low-Medium Density, \$150.00; Business Medium Density, \$225.00; Business High Density, \$300.00.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Notice is hereby given that the Highland County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing in the Highland Modular Conference Center, 89 Highland Center Drive, Monterey, Virginia on Tuesday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, to receive comment on the proposed Enterprise Fees and the projected revenues and proposed expenditures for the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024. The public hearing is held pursuant to Sections 15.2-2506 and 15.2-2159 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, allowing the public to question and comment on the proposed budget. All citizens have the right to share their views on the proposed budget within such reasonable time limits as determined by the Board of Supervisors. The public may attend in person or electronically. To attend electronically, join with Google Meet [meet.google.com/woj-rmce-mxj](https://meet.google.com/woj-rmce-mxj) or join by phone +1 443-776-0845 (PIN: 472230548). Please address all written comments to the Highland County Board of Supervisors, P.O. Box 130, Monterey, Virginia 24465. E-mail: [hboard@highlandcova.org](mailto:hboard@highlandcova.org) Highland County intends to comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and if you need special assistance to participate in the public hearing, please contact the Office of the County Administrator at least three (3) days prior to the hearing.

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	2023-2024 BUDGETED	2024-2025 PROPOSED
Projected Revenues	342,905	342,905
Proposed Transfer	0	115,795
Proposed Expenditures	342,905	458,700
<b>ANTICIPATED BALANCE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

NAME	BALANCE	
<b>CAPITAL FUNDS</b>	<b>833,399</b>	Grants (Circuit Court, Emergency Management, Juvenile Crime Control), Court Fees (Courthouse Maintenance, Law Library, Courtroom Recording Equipment), Fire Prevention, 4-for-Life
County, School, E911, Pool and Sidewalk / Trail Maintenance		
<b>DONATION FUNDS</b>	<b>10,613</b>	<b>MCDOWELL WATER SYSTEM FUNDS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>68,603</b></span>
Courthouse Cupola Clocks, Veterans Memorial, Dare, Sheriff's Trailer Fund		Operating Fund, Loan Escrow & Capital Improvement
<b>FIRE &amp; RESCUE REVOLVING LOAN FUND</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>RESERVE FUNDS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>397,028</b></span>
		Reassessment, Solid Waste Equipment Replacement, Sheriff's Office Communication Equipment Replacement, Share of Regional Jail Construction Cost, Auditor, Emergency Food & Shelter, Comprehensive Plan, Bus, Body Armor, School Expenditures
<b>GRANT, FEE OR COST SHARE FUNDS WITH RESTRICTIONS OR SPECIFIC USES</b>	<b>550,921</b>	