

Rockingham County, Virginia
FY 2021
County Administrator's Proposed
Budget



APRIL 8, 2020

Current (FY20) Budget



- **FY20 Adopted Budget \$392,188,001**
 - General Fund \$137,726,515
- **Revenue Projections**
 - Real Estate, Personal Property and Machinery & Tools Tax are all strong
 - Sales Tax, Meals Tax, Lodging Tax and Fees (Recreation, Courts, Permits) are projected to be short over \$1.5M
- **Revenue Projected for General Fund \$136,558,632 (\$1.2M less than budgeted)**

FY21 Budget Summary



FY21 General Fund Budget reflects an increase of \$2.1M or 1.56%, over the FY20 Adopted Budget

- Major Revenue **Increases** include:
 - ✦ \$870K increase Real Estate Revenue due to new construction
 - ✦ \$500K increase to Personal Property Tax due to an increase in assessed values in the County
 - ✦ \$500K increase to Machinery & Tools Tax due to new equipment being added to industry in the County
 - ✦ \$220K due to an increase in EMS Transport Fee collections
 - ✦ \$123,500 in grant funds from the Commonwealth of Virginia for the purchase of Cardiac Monitor Units
 - ✦ \$990,426 transfer from the Self-Funded Health Insurance Fund

FY21 Budget Summary

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- Major Revenue **Decreases** include:
 - ✦ \$500K reduction in Food & Beverage Tax
 - ✦ \$165K reduction in the Use of Money & Property due to reduced interest rates
 - ✦ \$200K in Miscellaneous Revenue
 - ✦ \$711,829 reduction in use of Fund Reserve

FY21 Budget Summary

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○ **Major Expenditure Increases include:**

- Continue to support employees by paying an estimated 2% health insurance increase
- Add positions in the fire & rescue department in order to achieve the maximum benefits from the proper management of the staff to provide timely fire and emergency medical response
- Funds the operation and maintenance of the new Port Road Emergency Services Station
- Supports the Sheriff's department by adding needed personnel in essential areas of the County
- Continues the Sheriff's vehicle replacement program, on a smaller scale
- Continue to fund the increased operating needs of the Middle River Regional Jail
- Supports the capital infrastructure upgrades in the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emergency Communications Center
- Add two positions in the Clerk of the Court office, funded 100% through passport and excess revenue

FY21 Budget Summary

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- **FY21 Budget proposal maintains commitment to:**
 - Follow County's financial policies
 - Address needs for both County and Schools
 - Attempt to minimize the impact on County taxpayers

Commitment to Fiscal Responsibility



- **Sustain the County's AAA bond rating**
- **Be prepared to respond to changing economic conditions**
- **Use fund balance for one-time items**
- **Health insurance rates that responsibly reflect claims projections**

Commitment to Schools



- **Level funding transfer to School Operating Fund**
 - \$64,366,510, 46.02% of the General Fund Disbursements
- **Fund school debt service \$10,129,088 or an increase of \$716,580**

Commitment to Employees



- **Funds 2% health insurance increase for all employees**
- **Two new Clerk of Court positions**
 - Passport Deputy Clerk
 - Deputy Clerk
- **Nine new Fire and Rescue positions**
 - One Lieutenant
 - Two Master Firefighters
 - Three Firefighters
 - Three floaters
- **Six new Sheriff Deputy's**
 - Two County-Wide
 - Four McGaheysville Area
- **Community Development**
 - One new Deputy Director of Community Development
- **Two new positions assigned to Rockingham Park at the Crossroads**
 - Field Turf Supervisor
 - Park Maintenance Technician

Commitment to Citizens/Customers



- **Spend wisely**
- **Focus on planned, steady growth**
- **Continue to provide quality Education**
- **Continue to provide quality and timely Fire and Rescue response**
- **Continue to provide law enforcement coverage**

Balancing the Budget



The FY21 Proposed Budget is balanced at a Real Estate Tax Rate of \$0.74 per \$100 of assessed value

- No increase to the real estate tax rate proposed
- The value of 1 cent on the Real Estate tax rate is \$770,000 in FY 2021

Fund Reserves



- **FY21 Proposed Budget uses \$857,600 of Fund Reserve for one-time items**
- **Projected Fund Balance for June 30, 2020, \$23.9M**
- **Fund Balance minimum policy of 15% requires \$20.8M**

Conclusion



- Watch the economy closely
- Be prepared to adjust as necessary
- Obligated to spend funds wisely
- Don't increase rates unless necessary
- This proposed budget includes no tax rate increase

Thank you

