

**AGENDA**  
**HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Public Hearing & Work Session**  
**County Administration Building**  
**Board of Supervisors Meeting Room**  
**1050 Mary Bethune Street**  
**Halifax, Virginia**  
**Monday, March 20, 2023 / 6:00 PM**

**A. Board of Supervisors Meeting**

Call to Order – Chairman Short  
Invocation – Supervisor Duffey  
Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman Short

**B. Attendance Roll Call**

**C. Adopt Agenda**

**D. Business Items**

1. Public Hearing on County Budget, Tax Rates, and School Budget

**E. Continue Meeting to March 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. for Joint Public Hearing with Planning Commission**

**F. Convene Board of Supervisors Work Session**

**G. Adjourn Work Session**

**NEXT MEETING(S)**

Board of Supervisors & Planning Commission Joint Meeting	March 21, 2023 (6:30 p.m.)
Finance Committee Work Session	March 30, 2023 (1:00 p.m.)
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting	April 3, 2023 (6:30 p.m.)
Board of Supervisors & Planning Commission Joint Meeting	April 18, 2023 (6:30 p.m.)

# NOTICE OF BUDGET ADVERTISEMENT

## County of Halifax, Virginia

### Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

A Public Hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors on the proposed 2023 - 2024 County Budget in the Board Meeting Room at the Mary Bethune Administrative Complex, 1050 Mary Bethune Street, Halifax, Virginia on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM, at which time any citizen of Halifax County shall have the right to attend and state their views.

There is no allocation or designation of any funds of this County for any purpose until there has been an appropriation for that purpose by the Board of Supervisors. This Budget will not be considered for adoption until at least seven (7) days after the Public Hearing. This Notice is published pursuant to Sections 58.1-3007, and 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended. The following is a brief synopsis of the Budget and proposed tax levies. A full text is available for Public viewing on the County website [www.halifax-countyva.gov](http://www.halifax-countyva.gov) and in the County Administrator's Office, 1050 Mary Bethune Street, Halifax, Virginia, Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>
General Property Taxes	30,620,000
Other Local Taxes	12,988,036
Other Local Revenue	1,797,256
General Fund State Revenue	9,599,887
General Fund Federal Revenue	47,000
General Funds ARPA Revenue	6,000,000
Social Services Revenue	10,504,253
911 Revenue	1,514,369
Grant Fund Revenue	3,209,552
Airport Fund Revenue	103,600
School Fund Revenue--State	45,076,810
School Fund Revenue--Federal	19,774,155
School Fund Revenue--Locally Generated	1,027,982
School Fund Revenue--County Contribution	16,302,306
Other Funds	2,120,500
Capital Fund Revenue	103,835,000
Less Fund Transfers	(19,846,614)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>244,674,092</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>
Administration	2,985,855
Parks & Recreation	233,427
Public Works	3,192,340
Public Safety	9,602,588
Judicial	1,777,660
Economic Development	587,282
Other General Fund Activities	9,584,686
Social Services	10,504,253
911 System	1,514,369
Grant Activities	3,209,552
Airport	103,600
School System	82,181,253
Other Funds	2,120,500
Capital	103,835,000
Debt Service	13,241,727
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>244,674,092</b>

The Unit Tax Levy for the year commencing January 1, 2023 is proposed as follows:

- All Districts and Towns Real Estate and Mobile Home  
(Per \$100.00 Valuation) \$ 0.50
- Personal Property (Per \$100.00 Valuation) \$ 3.85
- Industrial Machinery and Tools (Per \$100.00 Valuation)  
based on 50% of original capitalized cost \$ 1.26

## **HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **Standards of Conduct**

Recognizing that persons holding a position of public trust are under constant observation by the media and interested County residents, and recognizing that maintaining the integrity and dignity of the public office is essential for maintaining high levels of public confidence in our institutions of government, every member of the Halifax County Board of Supervisors should adhere to the following Standards of Conduct.

1. Avoid during public meetings and during the performance of public duties the-use of abusive, threatening or intimidating language or gestures directed at colleagues, citizens, or personnel.
2. Pay all taxes due to the County, state, or national government.
3. Avoid a private lifestyle that casts public doubt upon the integrity and competence of the County government.
4. Make a conscientious effort to be well prepared for each meeting.
5. Recognizing the dignity of each individual, the Board shall attempt to avoid offering public criticism of colleagues or County employees.
6. Work to create a positive environment in public meeting where citizens will feel comfortable in their roles as observers or participants.
7. Maintain an attitude of courtesy and consideration toward all colleagues and staff during all discussions and deliberations.
8. Be tolerant. Allow citizens, employees, or colleagues sufficient opportunity to present their views.
9. Be respectful and attentive. Avoid comments, body language or distracting activity that conveys a message of disrespect for the presentations from citizens, personnel, or colleagues. Be concise.
10. Avoid the practice of taking more time to address an issue before the body than is necessary and essential for an adequate consideration of those matters being discussed.

Board members should always remember, "There is no right way to do the wrong thing."

## **HALIFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **CONDUCT OF THE PUBLIC**

The efficient and dignified conduct of public business is an ultimate concern of the Board. Accordingly, it is the policy of the Board that its meetings be conducted with the highest degree of order and decorum. The Board's integrity and dignity will be established and maintained at all times during the conduct of public business, and the Board will permit no behavior which is not in keeping with this policy. Prohibited conduct at meetings shall include:

1. Campaigning for public office, soliciting of funds, or promoting private business ventures.
2. Using profanity, vulgar language or gestures.
3. Language or actions which insult or demean any person or group of persons or which, when directed at a public official or employee is not related to his official duties.
4. Disruptive behavior.
5. Making non-germane or frivolous statements.
6. Discussions of a sectarian or partisan nature.
7. Smoking or eating in the Board Room.
8. Addressing question or statements to anyone other than the Chairman (Questions shall be presented to the Chairman, who will, at their discretion, solicit a response from the appropriate board or staff member.)
9. Standing in the back or side isles of the Board Room as long as there are sufficient seats available (except for law enforcement personnel).
10. Persons in attendance at the meeting addressing the Board while members of the Board are considering any motion, resolution or ordinance preliminary to a vote on the same, except at the discretion of the Chairman.
11. Any persons addressing comments or questions to someone other than the Chairman.
12. Wearing hats, caps or other types of headgear.
13. Applause is permitted only during presentations, awards, proclamations and special recognition periods.

The Board of Supervisors welcomes and encourages citizen participation in its meetings. To insure fair and timely participation, the following procedures are observed by the Board:

1. All presenters are asked to state their name
2. Each speaker on a general matter, whether an individual or a representative for an organization, is limited to three (3) minutes.
3. Speaker's comments are limited to a presentation on his or her point of view only – questions of clarification may be entertained only by the board members;
4. All comments are to be directed to the board;
5. Debate between a recognized speaker and audience members or between board members and the speaker is not permitted;
6. Courtesy between the speaker and audience is expected at all times;
7. Speakers are requested to leave any written statement and / or comments with the clerk to the board;
8. Individuals speaking on behalf of an organized group are required to file with the clerk written authorization from the group allowing the individual to represent that group;
9. By applying to speak as a representative for an organization, the individual confirms they are recognized as an official representative of that organization; and
10. Presentation to the board by groups should:
  - a. Obtain prior approval from the chairman of the board;
  - b. Submit all written materials and data no later than ten days prior to the meeting in time to be included in the board's agenda packet distributed a week before each regular monthly meeting;
  - c. Limit presentations to fifteen minutes; and
  - d. File with the clerk written authorization from the group allowing the individual to represent that group.
11. A timer-controlled lighting system will be implemented in full view of the speaker. When two minutes are up, an amber light will come on which will indicate that the speaker has one minute to conclude his/her comments. At the end of that one-minute period (completion of the full three-minute period), a red light will come on that will indicate that the speaker must relinquish the podium to the next speaker. Staff will notify the Chairman that the speaker's time has expired. Speakers continuing after the time allotted shall be ruled out of order by the chairman.

The Chairman shall preserve order and decorum at all meetings. The Chairman may order the expulsion of any person for violation of these rules, disruptive behavior, or any words or action which incite violence or disorder, subject to appeal to the Board. Any person so expelled shall not be readmitted for the remainder of the meeting from which he was expelled. Any person who has been so expelled and who at a later meeting again engages in words or actions justifying expulsion may be barred from attendance at future meetings of the Board for a specified and reasonable period of time not to exceed six months or upon a still subsequent expulsion, a period not to exceed one year either by the Chairman, subject to appeal to the Board, or by motion passed by the Board.