At a reconvened meeting from April 17, 2023 of the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors held on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Peter Francisco Auditorium of the Buckingham County Administration Complex, the following members were present: Joe N. Chambers, Jr., Chairman; Dennis H. Davis, Jr., Vice-Chairman; L. Cameron Gilliam; Donald Matthews, Jr.; T. Jordan Miles III; Harry W. Bryant, Jr.; and Danny R. Allen. Also present were Karl R. Carter, County Administrator; E.M. Wright, Jr., County Attorney; and Jamie L. Shumaker, IT Manager.

Re: Call to Order

Chairman Chambers called the meeting to order.

Re: Establishment of a Quorum

Chairman Chambers certified there was a quorum, seven of seven members were present and the meeting could continue.

Re: Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Chambers gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all who were in attendance.

Re: Consider FY2023-24 Operating Budget

Chambers: Mr. Miles, you have a statement to read.

Miles: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, I'm advising that I have sought an opinion from the Commonwealth's Attorney concerning any conflict I may have in participating in discussions and voting on the county's budget because I'm an employee of Piedmont Senior Resources. I have received a written opinion from Mr. Beasley that I can participate in the discussions and vote on budget matters. The Code of Virginia requires I make a statement concerning my situation, Mr. Chairman. Accordingly, I make the following statement for the record. I will participate in discussions and vote on matters relating to the adoption of the 2023-2024 Board of Supervisors budget for the county. I'm an employee of Piedmont Senior Resources, which is funded in part by allocations from the Buckingham County Board of Supervisors. I'm a member of a group of employees of Piedmont Senior Resources, the group being more than three which are affected by the transaction, and I'm able to participate in the transaction fairly objectively and in the public interest. I do not set the budget or authorize the expenditures of Piedmont Senior Resources. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
**Chambers:** You're welcome. Item D Consider the FY23-24 Operating Budget. Any questions?

**Carter:** Yes sir, Mr. Chairman, I got something you might want to consider tonight as well. I passed out a letter to you guys, it should be at your table, from STEPS organization. As you know, Madeline's House was our domestic violence service provider in this area. They went out of business and closed their doors. Last fiscal year, you guys took that money we appropriated to Madeline’s House and gave to STEPS so they can provide that service to the locality. STEPS is now taking that role on and they're asking all the localities to fund $11,000 per locality to keep that project going. So if you choose to adopt the budget tonight, I ask if you want to add this or not. You can add it tonight, or you can do it after July 1 and do it as addition to your budget. But this letter just came in so I wanted to give it to you tonight.

**Chambers:** What is the Board’s pleasure? You heard what the County Administrator said that you can do it tonight or add it on later.

**Miles:** Mr. Chairman, I would offer a motion that we adopt the Fiscal Year 23-24 Operating Budget to include the $11,000 request from STEPS. And I would also add that if we could put back the money for the fire department in the training. I think it was $10 or $20,000. If that's the prerogative of the Board, I mean, if y'all are comfortable with that.

**Chambers:** To put it back in the budget?

**Miles:** Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman.

**Chambers:** So that’s in your motion you said?

**Miles:** Yes, sir.

**Chambers:** Okay. Can we get a second to that?

**Davis:** I’ll second it.

**Matthews:** Wait, I’ve got some discussion.

**Chambers:** Okay, go ahead. Mr. Matthews.

**Matthews:** I thought we…

**Allen:** Pull your mic down so people can hear you.
Matthews: I thought we decided to fund the training anyway through our EMS or that department. Is that right?

Miles: I think the discussion was that we would consider requests if they come at one at a time.

Carter: Yes, sir. That’s what I recall. We had that number $20,000 in our budget. I think it was the consensus of the Board to take that money out and then as needs basis, look at individual requests for training. So you can put it back in there. It was 20,000 exactly is what it was. It was $10,000 for EMS, and $10,000 for fire departments.

Matthews: Where's it at now? We took it out, and now we will put it back?

Carter: So if you put it back in, it would just reduce your Ending Year Balance. So that $228,000 that you guys had would be minus the $11,000 and the $20,000.

Miles: So $31,000 is what we're omitting. Okay.

Matthews: Another question too, with STEPS, did they forget to come to our budget meeting?

Carter: No, sir. They have been working with the State to be an authorized provider, so they had to go through some steps so they could become the domestic violence provider for this area. So they've been working behind the scenes to get certified to do that. So.

Matthews: Have they got their accounting situation squared away over there? They had some issues last couple years.

Carter: Their what?

Matthews: Their accounting department squared away, I thought they were having some issues.

Carter: I think that was Crossroads. STEPS was fine.

Matthews: Oh okay, good. My bad.

Chambers: Are you good, Mr. Matthews?

Davis: Mr. Chairman, I got a question. If we have money in training for the EMS already, wouldn't we just be adding a $10,000 back to the fire departments?
Carter: You can, we always had those numbers together. We had $10,000 for each department. But yes, there is money in training for EMS. But we kind of had this money set aside on reserves as for like, I think last month, you guys approved the request from Wallace Goode. So when they have training county wide, so if all the fire department got together one day and wanted to do training. We had money for that. If there is a class and all the EMS people can take, we took money from that because it's for the whole department. So we kind of separate the two.

Chambers: Okay, you heard the motion. You heard the second one. Everybody good. All in favor? Seven yes.

**Supervisor Miles moved, Vice Chairman Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve the FY23-24 Operating Budget with the additions of STEPS $11,000 and Fire/EMS Training $20,000.**

**Re: Consider FY2023-24 Tax Rates**

Chambers: Now let's consider the Fiscal Year 2023-24 tax rates.

Miles: Mr. Chairman, I offer a motion that we adopt our Fiscal Year 2023-2024 tax rates as advertised and that I think the only changes are 55¢ for real estate, 55¢ for Public Service Corporation and $1.10 for aircraft.

Carter: I'll read those:

- Real Estate: $0.55
- Public Service Corporation: $0.55
- State Corporation Commission PP: $4.05
- Personal Property: $4.05
- Machinery & Tools: $2.90
- Merchants Capital: $1.00
- Air Craft: $1.10

Chambers: Do we have a second to the motion?

Allen: Second.

Chambers: It’s been motioned and seconded that we accept the tax rates as stated by our County Administrator. All in favor? Passed 6 to 1.
Supervisor Miles moved, Supervisor Allen seconded to adopt the FY23-24 Tax Rates as follows: Real Estate: $.55; Public Service Corporation: $.55; State Corporation Commission PP $4.05; Personal Property: $4.05; Machinery & Tools $2.90; Merchants Capital: $1.00; Air Craft: $1.10. This motion passed with a 6-1 vote with Supervisor Matthews voting in opposition.

Matthews: Get our pencils out.

Re: Consider the Planning Commission members and Board of Supervisors Salaries

Chambers: The next agenda item is Consider the Planning Commission members and Board of Supervisors salaries. Okay.

Miles: Mr. Chairman. I’d offer a motion that we increase the Planning Commission’s salary to $6,000 annually and for the Chairman would make $7,000 annually.

Chambers: Is there a second to that? What do you say about the Supervisors?

Gilliam: Is this separate, Jordan just for the Planning Commission?

Miles: My motion only include the Planning Commission, Mr. Chairman.

Chambers: It’s been motioned and seconded. Motion by Supervisor Miles, seconded by Supervisor Gilliam that we will set the Planning Commission salary at $6,000 and the chairman at 7,000. That's correct?

Miles: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman.

Chambers: Alright. All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Miles moved, Supervisor Gilliam seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to increase the Planning Commissioners salary to $6,000 annually and the Planning Commission Chairman to $7,000 annually.

Chambers: Alright, what about the Board of Supervisors?

Miles: I mean, I can share, I'm of the mindset right now, where and this is just Jordan Miles speaking that we, you know, we just went up on taxes about three pennies. We are having to take $623,461 out of our revenues to fund our schools, which we should do. I think that, you know, appetite maybe isn't there to, for me to increase our salaries. That's just my opinion.
Chambers: Okay. Is that in a motion?

Miles: If you need that in a motion.

Chambers: Yeah, I need a motion.

Miles: Okay. I'll make the motion, Mr. Chairman.

Chambers: Motion by Supervisor Miles that we will not increase the supervisor salaries at this time. Can I get a Second? Seconded by Supervisor Gilliam. Are you ready to vote? All in favor? Six yes. Supervisors remain the same.

*Supervisor Miles moved, Supervisor Gilliam seconded to not increase the Board of Supervisors salary at this time. This motion passed with a 6-1 vote. Supervisor Allen opposing.*

Re: Other Board Matters

Chambers: Do we have any other Board matters tonight before we adjourn?

Miles: Don, didn't you have something you want to bring up?

Matthews: Yes, I do. I'd like to make a motion to, we had an individual that worked in the school division for about 35 years in my district, Pete Senger passed away last week. And I'd like to have a resolution in his honor at our next board meeting.

Chambers: We have a motion by Supervisor Matthews, second by Supervisor Miles that we honor Mr. Senger at our next meeting with a Resolution from the Board.

Matthews: Peter Francisco Senger.

Chambers: All in favor? Seven yes.

*Supervisor Matthews moved, Supervisor Miles seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to honor Mr. Pete Senger with a Resolution of Memoriam at the May meeting.*

Chambers: Are there any other matters for the board? I just got one thing I'd bring before the Board. I was looking at the calendar and July 4th is on a Tuesday. I'd like to see the Board give the County employees off on Monday which would be the third of July.
Miles: So moved, Mr. Chairman.

Davis: I’ll second that.

Chambers: Motioned and seconded that we give our employees off on Monday July 3rd. All in favor? Seven yes.

Supervisor Miles moved, Vice Chairman Davis seconded and was unanimously carried by the Board to approve to give the County employees July 3rd and July 4th as holidays.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Chambers declared the April 24, 2023 meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

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Karl Carter, County Administrator    Joe N. Chambers, Jr., Chairman