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Supervisors eye \$25 million capital improvement package

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

With planning for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) now in its final weeks, the Board of Supervisors is preparing to vote on a \$25 million capital improvement package, including \$16.5 million for a new administration building and over \$3 million in new fire and rescue vehicles.

Capital Improvement Plans, or CIPs, are expenditures focused on building, upgrading repairing, or replacing equipment and infrastructure, generally over a four-year period.

In recent years, supervisors have taken a fairly conservative approach to CIP funding, balancing the need to keep the county's debt levels manageable against the pressures of maintaining aging buildings and infrastructure.

The CIP budget was \$9.5 million in FY17, \$1.4 million in FY18, \$2.1 million in FY19, and \$4.27 million in FY20. Derailed by the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, the FY21 budget contained just \$513,000 for a handful of critical projects.

FY22 was on track to match pre-COVID levels, with County Administrator Eric Dahl proposing \$3.5 million in his budget, and departments asking for around \$7.6 million.

But during their March 3 budget work session, supervisors revisited an argument that had come up in earlier years: taking advantage of current low interest rates to borrow a substantial amount of money and tackle many of the projects that had been delayed or deferred for years.

What had been a debate over funding new lighting for the playing fields at Pleasant Grove and the perennial need to purchase new school buses morphed into a larger discussion about critical priorities in the coming years.

One of the most pressing issues for the

county government is, simply, lack of space. County buildings are cramped and parking is often limited.

This hit home last year when new state regulations forced the Registrar's Office to find a new home to accommodate longer voting periods. Because there was no other county-owned office space, the county was forced to lease a space at a cost of tens of thousands of dollars.

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On February 3, 2021, Central Virginia Electric Cooperative ("CVEC" or "Cooperative") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for approval and certification of electric transmission facilities in Nelson and Appomattox Counties, Virginia ("Application"). CVEC filed the Application pursuant to § 56-46.1 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and the Utility Facilities Act, Code § 56-265.1 et seq.

CVEC states that its existing transmission system in the project area receives service by a 46 kilovolt ("kV") transmission line from Appalachian Power Company ("APCo"), an affiliate of American Electric Power ("AEP"). According to the Cooperative, as part of PJM Interconnection, LLC's ongoing Regional Transmission Expansion Plan study process, AEP identified thermal and voltage violations of AEP transmission reliability criteria on several 46 kV sub-transmission facilities. To address the thermal and voltage violations, AEP proposes transmission improvement projects, which include the retiring of the existing 46 kV transmission line currently serving CVEC, and construction of a new 138 kV transmission line to the Cooperative's Gladstone substation delivery point. APCo filed a separate application with the Commission seeking approval of these improvement projects in Case No. PUR-2021-00001.

Through its Application, CVEC seeks to make certain upgrades to its transmission system to take delivery from AEP's upgraded 138 kV line. CVEC also seeks to rebuild the Gladstone to Tower Hill transmission line, which is at the end of its service life, and upgrade it from 46 kV to 138 kV. In addition, CVEC seeks perform minor upgrades to its Gladstone and Tower Hill substations (collectively, the "Rebuild Project").

The Cooperative states that the proposed in-service date for the Rebuild Project is no later than December 2025, because the Rebuild Project must accept delivery from the 138 kV line when the proposed AEP transmission line upgrade is complete and energized. The Cooperative represents that the estimated conceptual cost of the Rebuild Project (in 2021 dollars) is approximately \$8,790,000, which includes approximately \$5,170,000 for transmission-related work and \$3,620,000 million for substation-related work.

According to CVEC, given that the existing right-of-way ("ROW") is adequate to construct the Rebuild Project, the Cooperative considered no alternate routes requiring new ROW for the Rebuild Project.

Description of the Project

The proposed work on the transmission line begins at Gladstone substation, near the intersection of Spring Lane (Hwy 622) and Hwy 60. The line runs generally southeast, crossing the James River, to Tower Hill substation, near the intersection of Hwy 60 and Watt Abbitt Road (Hwy 654), approximately 6.33 miles.

The Rebuild Project includes the replacement of existing wood single pole structures, currently ranging in height from 25'-0" to 56'-6," with an average height of 44'-6". As proposed, the new steel or ductile iron single pole structures for the Rebuild Project would range from 52'-0" to 101'-6," with an average height of 70'-11."

All distances, heights, and directions are approximate. A sketch map of the proposal accompanies this notice. A more detailed map may be viewed on the Commission's website: scc.virginia. gov/pages/Transmission-Line-Projects.

The Commission may consider a route not significantly different from the routes described in this notice without additional notice to the public.

A more complete description of the Rebuild Project may be found in the Cooperative's Application.

The Commission has taken judicial notice of the ongoing public health emergency related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19, and the declarations of emergency issued at both the state and federal levels. In accordance therewith, all pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter shall be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by 5 VAC 5-20-150, Copies and format, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"). Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, Confidential information, of the Rules of Practice. For the duration of the COVID-19 emergency, any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery. Please note that submissions to the Commission's Clerk's Office via U.S. Mail or commercial mail equivalents may not be processed for an indefinite period of time due to the COVID-19 emergency.

Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, Filing and service, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission has directed that service on parties and the Commission's Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Please refer to the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing or subsequent Hearing Examiner's Ruling for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled public hearings on CVEC's Application. On July 26, 2021, at 10 a.m., the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing, with no witness present in the Commission's courtroom, for the sole purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On July 22, 2021, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting; (ii) by email to SCCInfo@ scc.virginia.gov; or (iii) by calling 804 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting.

On July 27, 2021, at 10 a.m., either in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or by electronic means, the Commission will convene a hearing to receive testimony and evidence related to the Application from the Cooperative, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff. Further details on this hearing will be provided by subsequent Commission Order or Hearing Examiner's Ruling.

Copies of the Application and other supporting materials also may be inspected at: http://www.mycvec.com. An electronic copy of the Cooperative's Application also may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Cooperative, Andrea D. Gardner, Esquire, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or agardner@huntonak.com.

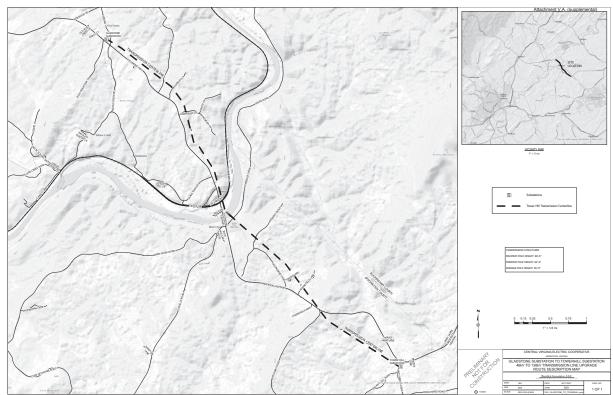
On or before July 22, 2021, any interested person may file comments on the Application electronically by following the instructions on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. All comments shall refer to Case No.

Any person or entity may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing, on or before June 1, 2021, a notice of participation. Notices of participation shall include the email addresses of the party or its counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Cooperative. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, Participation as a respondent, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, Counsel, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2021-00016. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, Copies and format, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The Cooperative's Application, the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in the case may be viewed on the Commission's website at: scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

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RUDY TALKS TAXES

BY RUDY GARCIA, OWNER, RIVANNA WOODS FINANCIAL / TAX SERVICES

ALERT! 2020 Tax Date Delay AND Unemployment Income Now Tax Free

What you need to know



Individual tax filing deadline extended to May 17th, 2021! First \$10,000 in unemployment compensation may be tax free!

A surprise tax break for 2020 was passed into law in March of 2021. This late, late, late law change is creating havoc within the system. So much so that the individual tax filing due date AND payment of tax is delayed from April, 15 to May 17, 2021. Furthermore, unemployment income received by millions of taxpayers in 2020 may now be tax free! Here is what you need to know.

Background

Unemployment compensation was received by millions of Americans during the pandemic. While it's welcome income during a tough time if you've lost your job, it's classified as taxable income to be reported on your tax return.

The recently passed American Rescue Plan now makes part of your unemployment benefits free from federal taxation. Specifically, the first \$10,200 of 2020 unemployment compensation or as much as \$20,400 if your spouse also received unemployment is now tax free. The benefit is for households with adjusted gross income under \$150,000. Depending on your tax bracket, this tax break could mean \$1,200 or more in taxes saved on your 2020 return.

The problem

The legislation which contains this tax break didn't become law until March of 2021, three months after the end of the tax year and after millions of Americans already filed their 2020 tax return! And to make matters worse, the IRS has no time to figure out how this tax break will be reported on your 2020 tax return. And Congress also passed legislation that requires the IRS to send millions more economic recovery payments PLUS develop a system to be in place immediately to send monthly enhanced child tax credit payments to families starting in July!

The net result is an overwhelming of the Treasury Department and the IRS, who are already buried because of the pandemic and other prior programs passed into law. The result

Tax filing delay. You now have until May 17, 2021 to file your 2020 individual tax return and pay the tax. This move from the traditional April 15 filing deadline DOES NOT impact first quarter estimated tax payments or extended filing due dates in . September and October 2021.

Tax-free unemployment income. If you received unemployment compensation in 2020, here's what you need to know:

- If you've already filed your 2020 tax return: Wait for further instructions. Lawmakers are currently asking the IRS if it's possible to automatically make adjust-ments and issue a refund if you've already filed your 2020 return. Issuing an automatic refund will avoid the need to file an amended tax return. So there is no need to call, we can only wait for clarification.
- If you HAVE NOT filed your 2020 tax return: Filing your tax return will be delayed until guidance is received from the IRS and it is deployed into tax filing software. The IRS is changing one of its schedules and then providing the information to software companies. Once this guidance is received, delayed tax filings can proceed. In the meantime, DO NOT delay turning in your tax information as returns can still be prepared and be ready to be filed once IRS guidance is received.

While this legislation is creating chaos in preparing tax returns, rest assured every effort will be made to get your tax return filed as soon as possible. So, if you have not already done so, please continue to send in your information so your return can be filed as soon as is possible. Don't wait to get your appointment scheduled! Time is still of the essence. Call 434-442-4044 today to make sure you meet the new deadlines!

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Ruthann Carr, Office Manager, Fluvanna County Chamber of Commerce



We had a beauti-ful day March 22 to celebrate "Your Fluvanna Women in Business'" first anniversary with a ribbon cutting on The Pub patio.

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Chamber to set it up. We'll help market it, invite all Chamber contacts, bring the ribbon and gigantic scissors! It's always a good time with lots of photo and networking opportunities.

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For more information on joining the Fluvanna Chamber of Commerce for just \$50, having a ribbon cutting or to sign up for an event, go to www.fluvannachamber.org.

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tion building near the Fluvanna County Library and the sheriff's office, but the cost was seen as prohibitive.

Borrowing money would allow the county to build new county offices and space for the Department of Social Services and renovate the old county buildings either for use by other departments or for sale. It would also allow upgrades to Pleasant Grove, a set of new buses for the school system, and other projects on departmental wish-lists.

"I think it's an awful lot of money," said Supervisor Patricia Eager (Palmyra), "and we already have a really high tax rate, so I'm not pleased with this."

"It seems like we want everything," she added. "We do," replied Supervisors Mozell Booker (Fork Union).

"No ma'am," said Chair Mike Sheridan (Columbia). "If we wanted everything, it'd be about a \$40 million price tag."

Supervisor Don Weaver (Cunningham) generally agreed with the idea of taking on debt,

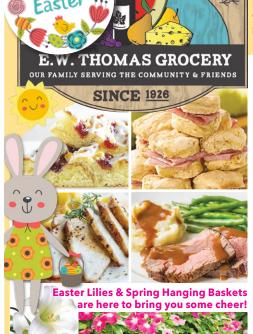
Obituary

Roy Alan, "Rocky" Lucado



Roy Alan, "Rocky" Lucado, age 66, of Palmyra, VA, passed away peacefully at Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital on Monday, March 22, 2021 with family at his side. Rocky was born on June 25, 1954 in Princeton, WV to the late Virgil Walter Lucado and Mildred Wiley Lucado. He was a graduate of Princeton Senior High School in 1972 and went on to attend Concord University, where he received a degree in Business Administration and was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. Rocky worked

for years in the automotive industry and retired from Weber City BP in Fork Union, Virginia. He surely loved his customers. Rocky brought laughter wherever he went and will be missed by many. He is survived by his daughter, Morgan Lucado Belcher, her husband Brandon, and two grand-dogs Ellie and Shade of Culloden, West Virginia; brother, Jerry Lucado and his wife Debbie of Palmyra, Virginia; brother, Barry Lucado of Rustburg, Virginia; brother, Gene Lucado and his wife Angela of Hardy, Virginia; sister-in-law, Lisa White Lucado of Charleston, South Carolina; along with many extended family members and beloved friends. Rocky was preceded in his death by his parents Virgil and Mildred, and his brother Virgil "Lucky" Lucado Jr. Rocky's family will announce a celebration of life at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of Rocky to Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital, c/o Martha Jefferson Hospital Foundation, 500 Martha Jefferson Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22911 or online at: https://www.mjhfoundation.org/ Honor-Memorial-Donation. Contributions will be directed to cancer care. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.seaverfuneralservice. com. Seaver Funeral Home in Princeton is serving the Lucado family.



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Supervisor Tony O'Brien (Rivanna), who has been perhaps the strongest proponent of borrowing for CIP projects, said he believed when all the numbers were in, this would turn out to be a "neutral proposition," costing nothing to taxpayers and adding minimally to the debt balance because interest rates were so low.

By their March 17 meeting, county staff has assembled the costs of each major project, potential interest rates, and what the county would have to pay in debt service over the coming years.

The estimated total came to \$23,833,000. This would fund a new office complex (\$16.5 million), repairs to the S.E. Abrams school building (\$1.25 million), ten new school busses (\$1.1 million), replacement fire trucks (\$1.75 million), new vehicles for the sheriff's office and other departments (\$955,000), and a host of other projects.

Dahl said their preliminary estimates indicated loans could range from 7-30 year terms at interest rates of between 2.50 and 3.40 percent annually. Estimated debt service on the total \$23.8 million package would be around \$1.6

This would be offset by \$1.6 million in current debt service on existing loans scheduled to be paid off within the next three years.

The county could also see \$2 million in reimbursements from the state for moving the Department of Social Services to the new office space, and eliminate the lease for the Registrar's Office. New vehicles and busses would also cut down on annual repair costs and get the school system on a predictable 15-year bus replace-

"Frankly, whether it's \$21 million or \$22 million or \$23 million, people are either going to like it or they're not going to like it," said O'Brien. With inflation on the rise and interest rates inevitably to follow, delaying expenditures would only make them more costly down the road.

After debating a few line items, supervisors were about to bring the work session to a close when John Lye, chief of the Lake Monticello Water Rescue Squad, reminded supervisors that one of fire & rescue's ladder trucks needed to be replaced within the new two or three years. He said prices for the vehicles were climbing by about five percent annually.

The replacement cost of the truck was estimated at about \$1.3 million. When added to the original total, that brought the total CIP tab to \$25,158,000.

The public will be able to participate in a public hearing on the FY22 budget, advertised tax rates, and the CIP budget scheduled for April 14 at 7 p.m. The vote on the finalized budget is currently scheduled to take place on April 21 at





Letter to the editor

School choice movement growing

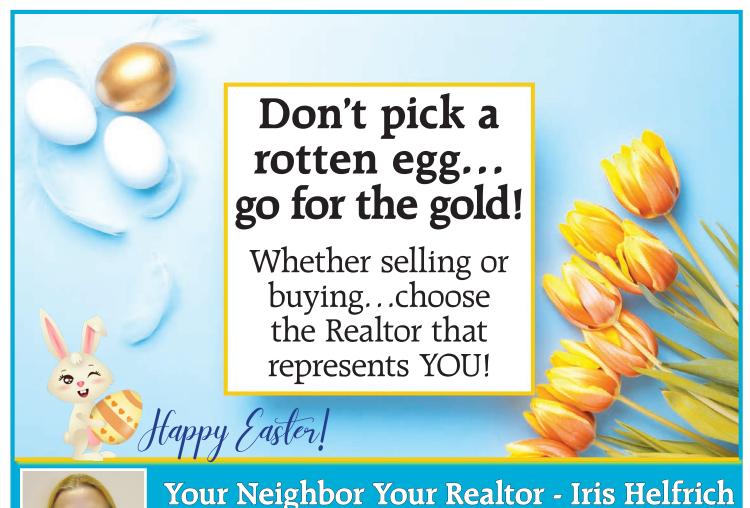
Within the pages of the Fluvanna Review dated March 18, 2021, there appeared two somewhat opposing viewpoints. The first viewpoint was that of parents wanting to open the public schools now as depicted in the news article by correspondent Ruthann Carr. In a statement that reflected the wishes of parents who attended the recent Fluvanna School Board meeting, Carr reported, "Before a mostly 'open the schools' crowd." The second viewpoint was in the Letters to the Editor section, where a public school teacher expressed dismay at the prospect of returning to work four days a week now.

Some facts may be helpful here to enlighten our readers to the seemingly disparate views:

- Public school teachers are government employees of Fluvanna County. They receive their salaries from the federal, state, and local taxes collected from their neighbors.
- Hence, like all government employees, they work for us, the taxpayers.
- Beginning in March, 2020, hundreds of thousands of employees in the private, nongovernment sector, took a reduction in pay, lost jobs entirely, and/or lost all or some of their benefits.
- The Fluvanna County public school teachers, however, were given a 5 percent pay raise.

As parents are becoming increasingly more favorable to the idea of school choice (where education tax dollars are given to parents as a voucher to choose their children's place of education), it seems to me that public school teachers would gratefully and graciously return to a normal, five day a week, in person job starting tomorrow. By belittling School Board members and expressing angst at actually being required to show up for work, these teachers simply add fuel to the fire of the ever-growing school choice movement.

-Bonnie Mackey, Lake Monticello



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Fluco football team stung by Orange County Hornets 52-20

BY DUNCAN NIXON **CORRESPONDENT**

It was not a happy night for the Fluvanna County High School football team on Friday, March 26. Orange County had six possessions in the first half and scored a touchdown on five of them. The Fluco offense was not bad as it scored twice in the first half, but the half time score was a one-sided 33-14. The Flucos scored first in the second half to cut the Hornets lead to 13. Unfortunately, Orange County scored three more touchdowns in the third quarter to take a devastating 52-20 lead. The fourth quarter was scoreless, as both coaches got to look at some of their reserves in action.

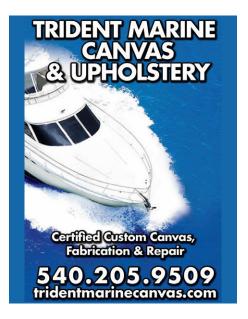
The game started badly for Fluvanna. Orange took the opening kick-off and quickly scored on a 39-yard quarterback keeper. The Flucos went three and out on their first possession and the snap to the punter sailed high over his head and the Hornets took over on downs at the 14. On the Hornets first play, Fluco senior defensive back A. J. Wyche intercepted at the two yard line. The Flucos recorded a first down on a strong run by sophomore Bradley Cox, but then had to punt. Unfortunately, the Hornets then went 59 yards in three plays for their second touchdown. A two-point PAT try was good and the Flucos trailed 15-0, with just under five minutes to go in the first quarter.

The Flucos moved the ball down the field and on the first play of the second quarter, a 36-yard field goal try by sophomore place kicker Will Davis was just short. On this possession. Orange took seven plays to put the ball into the end zone for a third touchdown. The PAT was blocked by the Flucos making the score 21-0 with 10:09 left in the half. On the Flucos second play, junior quarterback Kobe Edmonds threw a short sidelines pass to sophomore wide receiver Jaden Ferguson. Ferguson broke a tackle and avoided being knocked out of bounds, he then streaked down the sidelines for a 69-vard touchdown. A two-point conversion was good and the score was 21-8. The Flucos tried an on-side kick and almost got control, but instead Orange took over with a short field.

The Hornets quickly put up their fourth touchdown. A two-point PAT (points after touchdown) try was thwarted by the Flucos and the score was 27-8. On the

Flucos' next possession, senior running back Xavier Copland had two strong runs, one was for 34 yards. Senior running back Jamorris lewis also had a strong run and the Flucos scored on a quarterback sneak by Edmonds. A two-point conversion try was foiled and the score was 27-14 with seven minutes left in the half. Orange started at its own 30 and took the ball straight down the field for a fifth touchdown and a 33-14 half time lead

The Flucos started the second half strong. They took the ball 55 yards for a touchdown, relying mainly on powerful runs by Copeland, one of which was for 31 yards. A two PAT try was no good and the score was back to a two-touchdown gap at 33-20. The Hornets, however, had a running back just as powerful as Copeland and he quickly ran it in for another Orange County touchdown. Edmonds was intercepted on a long pass on the Flucos ensuing possession and the Hornets quickly scored again to effectively end any hopes that the Flucos might have had. The Flucos are now 1-4 on the year, after losing three home games in a row. The Flucos next play at Monticello High on April 2.





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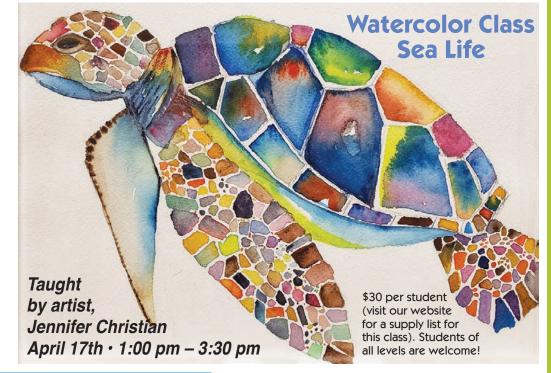
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the purpose of hearing complaints of inequalities including errors in acreage. Upon hearing such complaints, either oral or written, the Board will give consideration and INCREASE, DECREASE OR AFFIRM such real estate assessments. Before a change can be granted, the taxpayer or his agent must overcome a clear presumption in favor of the assessment. The taxpayer or agent must provide a preponderance of the evidence that the assessment of the property is not uniform with the assessments of other similar properties or that the property is assessed in excess of its fair market value.

Appointments will be scheduled every 20 minutes to minimize waiting. To appear before the Board of Equalization, please call 434-591-1903, from 8:00am to 5:00pm or email at boe@fluvannacounty.org.

Due to the continuing Public Health Emergency, Board of Equalization Meetings will meet with modifications. Meetings of the Board to hear objections will be held remotely via Zoom and conference call, or in person at the Morris Room in the Fluvanna County Administration Building, 132 Main Street, Palmyra, VA 22963.

The date(s) and time(s) are: Tuesday, April 6th, 2021. 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Thursday, April 8th, 2021. 1:00pm to 4:00pm Tuesday, May 4th, 2021. 1:00pm to 4:00pm Tuesday, May 18th, 2021. 1:00pm to 4:00pm Tuesday, June 15th, 2021. 1:00pm to 4:00pm Tuesday, June 29th, 2021. 1:00pm to 4:00pm

(Additional dates and times will be scheduled if necessary and advertised)

By order of the Fluvanna County Board of Equalization



PUBLIC HEARING Fluvanna County Planning Commission

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2204, two public hearings will be held at the Fluvanna County Library, located at 214 Commons Boulevard in Palmyra, Virginia for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to join virtually and be heard by the Planning Commission on the following requests:

SUP 21:02 Amy and Joshua Bower - A Special Use Permit request in the A-1 Agricultural, General District to permit an Agricultural Enterprise (winery) on 42.9 +/- acres known as Tax Map 48 Section 1 Parcel 3. The property is located on the north line of West River Road (Route 6) and 0.9 miles west of Hardware Road. The subject parcel is located within the Scottsville Community Planning Area and the Cunningham Election District.

ZTA 21:01 An Ordinance to Amend Zoning Ordinance Sections 22-17-8A, 22-18-1, 22-18-2, 22-18-3, 22-18-4, and 22-18-7 of The Fluvanna County Code to Conform the Sections to Amendments to the Enabling Legislation relative to the Board of Zoning Appeals regulations.

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held virtually due to the Public Health Emergency and physical, in-person access to meetings has been suspended. Instructions for public participation during the meeting will be made available on the Fluvanna County website: https://www.fluvannacounty.org Interested persons may submit written comments prior to the scheduled meeting to dmiles@fluvannacounty.org and any questions may be directed to Douglas Miles, Community Development Director at 434-591-1910, between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, M-F.

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FLUVANNA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to Virginia Code Sec. 15.2-2506 a public hearing on the proposed FY 2022 County of Fluvanna budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Fluvanna County Library, Palmyra, Virginia, at which time citizens of the County will be given an opportunity to appear before, and be heard by the Board of Supervisors on the subject of the FY 2022 Budget and FY 2023-2026 CIP.

The budget totals \$111,465,979 in revenues and expenditures, which represents a 39.7% increase from FY 2021. This budget total includes a \$25,000,000 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) debt issuance for multiple County and School projects. The proposed budget includes the following tax rates that would be effective for the tax year 2021.

2021 PROPOSED TAX RATES

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Real Property	\$ 0.925	\$0.884
Mobile Homes	\$ 0.925	\$0.884
Personal Property (Residential)	\$ 4.35	\$4.35
Personal Property (Business & Public Utilities)	\$ 2.90	\$2.90
Machinery and Tools	\$ 1.90	\$1.90

All levies above are per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.

Anyone needing special assistance or accommodations due to a disability in order to attend the hearing should contact the County Administrator's office, at (434) 591-1910, not later than 5 p.m. on April 7, 2021. Additional information about the budget, proposed tax rates, or CIP can be obtained by calling the County Administrator's office at (434) 591-1910. A copy of the Proposed Budget and CIP is available in the County Administrator's Office, the Fluvanna County Library and on the County website at www.fluvannacounty.org.get and CIP is available in the County Administrator's Office, the Fluvanna County Library and on the County website at www.fluvannacounty.org.



Fluvanna County, Virginia **Proposed Budget for the Year Beginning** July 1, 2021

GOVERNMENTAL REVENUES		Adopted Budget FY21		Proposed Budget FY22		Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change
Local	ċ	43,997,495	\$	47,407,608		3,410,113	7.8%
State	\$ \$	30,625,343	۶ \$	32,625,456		2,000,113	6.5%
Federal		2,740,142	۶ \$	4,156,442		1,416,300	51.7%
SUBTOTAL GOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	\$ \$	77,362,980	۶ \$	84,189,506	\$	6,826,526	8.8%
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General Government Administration	\$	3,119,909	\$	3,036,447		(83,462)	-2.7%
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Public Safety	\$	8,886,942	\$	9,507,089		620,147	7.0%
Public Works	\$	2,679,516	\$	2,686,841		7,325	0.3%
Health and Welfare	\$	6,516,833	\$	6,724,865		208,032	3.2%
Education	\$	42,410,257	\$	45,813,630		3,403,373	8.0%
Parks and Recreation and Library	\$	1,035,330	\$	1,084,623		49,293	4.8%
Community Development	\$	1,229,998	\$	1,227,394		(2,604)	-0.2%
Nondepartmental	\$	84,943	\$	888,265		803,322	945.7%
Debt Service	\$	8,961,242	\$	10,608,096		1,646,854	18.4%
SUBTOTAL GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	76,152,662	\$	82,811,426	\$	6,658,764	8.7%
CAPITAL FUND REVENUES							
Fund Balance Appropriation	\$	_	\$	_		_	0.0%
Grants	\$	113,000	\$	100,000		(13,000)	0.0%
Proceeds from Indebtedness	\$	113,000	ς ς	25,000,000		25,000,000	0.0%
SUBTOTAL CAPITAL REVENUES*	\$	113,000	\$	25,100,000		24,987,000	22112.4%
CAPITAL FUND EXPENDITURES	\$	513,000	\$	25,500,000		24,987,000	4870.8%
ENTERPRISE FUND REVENUES							
Fork Union Sanitary District	\$	416,324	\$	408,645		(7,679)	-1.8%
Palmyra Sewer Fund*	\$	25,000	\$	25,000		-	0.0%
Zion Crossroads Water and Sewer Fund*	\$		\$	145,782			
School Food Service		1,597,046		1,597,046		_	0.0%
SUBTOTAL ENTERPRISE REVENUES	\$ \$	2,311,261		2,176,473		(134,788)	-5.8%
ENTERPRISE FUND EXPENDITURES							
Fork Union Sanitary District	\$	416,324	\$	408,645		(7,679)	-1.8%
Palmyra Sewer Fund	\$	249,831		266,992		17,161	6.9%
Zion Crossroads Water and Sewer Fund	\$ \$	858,378	-	881,870		23,492	0.9%
School Food Service	\$	1,597,046		1,597,046		23,432	0.0%
SUBTOTAL ENTERPRISE EXPENDITURES	\$	3,121,579		3,154,553		32,974	1.1%
GRAND TOTAL REVENUES	¢	79,787,241	ċ	111,465,979		31,678,738	39.7%
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^{*}Revenues are supplemented by transfers from the General Fund

County staff will also provide an informational briefing on the budget and contemplated FY22 expenditures for the Capital Improvements Program.

A copy of the Board of Supervisors proposed budget is on file in the office of the County Administrator, the Fluvanna County Library and www.fluvannacounty.org. Comments will be taken at the public hearing and written comments may be directed to the County Administrator, P.O. Box 540, Palmyra, VA 22963. Anyone needing special assistance or accommodation due to a disability in order to attend the hearing should contact the County Administrator's Office at (434) 591-1910, not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 7, 2021.

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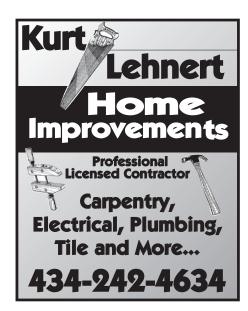
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Peggy Kirk Bell Commonwealth tournament comes to Lake Monticello

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Macy Johnson 4th place, Alina Ho, second place, Alice Zou, first place and Angelina Tolentino, third place.

Alice Zou a high school junior from Potomac, MD brought the Lake Monticello course to its knees on Sunday March 2, when she carded a three under par 69. This very impressive score gave Zou a two-day total of 146, which was good enough for a two stroke win in the Annual Commonwealth Classic, which was played over the Lake Monticello course for the third year in a row.

The Peggy Kirk Bell (PKB) tour is named after a former prominent Ladies Professional Golfers Association (LPGA) touring pro. The tour now holds multiple tournaments all over the

country for aspiring young female golfers. The Commonwealth Classic has been held in central Virginia for a number of years. It previously was played at Birdwood Golf course, home of the University of Virginia golf team. The PKB officials moved the tournament to Lake Monticello three years ago when the Birdwood course was being overhauled. The Birdwood course is now back in play but the PKB officials are apparently quite happy with the reception they have received from the Lake Monticello golfing community and the event has remained at the Like Monticello course.

This year, 83 young women competed over the course, playing in two divisions. The Bell National Division is for the strongest players. They played a layout of 5,800 yards, a real test over a tough course. These young women up to the challenge though as an average score of 80 or below is a requirement to qualify. The second division for the players with a still developing game is called the Futures National division.

In the Bell National division, the second and third place finishers were both high school freshmen. Finishing in second place, with consistent rounds of 73 and 75 was Alina Ho of Great Falls.

In third place was Angelina Tolentina of Mount Laurel, who shot an impressive one under par 71 on Saturday for the first round lead. On Sunday, she slipped a little for a 78 to finish five over par. The fourth-place medal went to Macy Johnson from Salem. She tied

with three other young women at seven over par, but she was declared the fourth place winner based on the established tie breaker procedure. The three others to finish at seven over were, Emily Gresham of Binghamton, NY, Jade Gu of Yardley, PA and Ruiying Liu of North Potomac, MD.

Lake Monticello golfer Alan Stewart was in charge of coordinating the large number of volunteers who acted as spotters and shuttle cart drivers. The young golfers are required to walk the course, but they are allowed to be shuttled on carts when there is a long walk from a green to the next tee, which is the case in several places on the Lake Monticello course.

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