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**Virginia:**

AT A CONTINUED MEETING of the Nelson County Board of Supervisors at 2:00 p.m. in the General District Courtroom located on the third floor of the Nelson County Courthouse, in Lovingston Virginia.

Present: Allen M. Hale, East District Supervisor  
Constance Brennan, Central District Supervisor  
Thomas H. Bruguere, Jr. West District Supervisor – Vice Chair  
Larry D. Saunders, South District Supervisor  
Thomas D. Harvey, North District Supervisor – Chair  
Stephen A. Carter, County Administrator  
Candice W. McGarry, Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk  
Debra K. McCann, Director of Finance and Human Resources

Absent: None

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Harvey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, with all four (4) Supervisors present to establish a quorum and Mr. Bruguere joining the meeting shortly thereafter.

**I. Public Hearings**

**A. FY18-FY23 SSYP and 2018 Rural Rustic Priority List**

The Board and VDOT will receive public comment on the proposed Secondary Six-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2018 through 2023 and on the proposed Secondary Road System Improvement Priority List for Fiscal Year 2018.

Mr. Don Austin of VDOT noted that the Six Year plan was the use of projected funds on secondary routes. He noted that Telefees from utility taxes were returned to counties, were unpaved road funds, and in 2021, the County would have district grant unpaved road funds; which was the same funding under a new name for unpaved road funds.

Mr. Don Austin of VDOT presented the following information:

**PUBLIC HEARING MAY 25, 2017 – 7 PM  
NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS & VDOT**

**2018-2023 SECONDARY SIX-YEAR ROAD PLAN  
AND CONSTRUCTION PRIORITY LIST FOR NELSON COUNTY**

**Authorization:** Section 33.2-331 of the Code of Virginia

**Public Notice:** Nelson County Times May 11<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>

Posted at the Front Door of the Courthouse May 10<sup>th</sup>

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
**NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS & VDOT**  
**2018-2023 SECONDARY SIX-YEAR ROAD PLAN**  
**AND CONSTRUCTION PRIORITY LIST**  
**FOR NELSON COUNTY**

The Virginia Department of Transportation and the Board of Supervisors of Nelson County, in accordance with Section 33.2-331 of the Code of Virginia, will conduct a joint public hearing in the General District Courtroom of the Nelson County Courthouse, 84 Courthouse Square, Lovingson, Virginia at **7:00 pm on Thursday, May 25, 2017**. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed Secondary Six-Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2018 through 2023 and on the proposed Secondary Road System Improvement Priority List for Fiscal Year 2018.

All projects in the Secondary Six-Year Plan that are eligible for federal funds will be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and are programmed based on Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) priorities. Total Telefee Funds available for distribution are estimated to be approximately **\$307,482** for FY18-FY23, total State CTB Formula Unpaved Road Funds available are estimated to be approximately **\$1,211,346**, and District Grant for Unpaved roads is estimated to be **\$1,455,347** for the six year plan period.

Secondary Road Improvement Priorities for Fiscal Year 2018 are proposed as follows:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Route # and Name</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Mileage</u>
1	756 Wright's Ln.	Rte. 623 to Dead End	0.90 Mi.
2	634 Old Robert's Rd.	Rte. 619 to Rte. 754	1.70 Mi.
3	654 Cedar Creek Rd.	1.0 mi W Rte. 655 to 2.0 Mi. W Rte. 655	1.00 Mi.
4	680 Cub Creek Rd.	0.51 W Rte. 699 to 2.99 Mi. W Rte. 699	2.48 Mi.
5	654 Falling Rock Dr.	1.0 Mi. E Rte. 657 to Rte. 661	1.90 Mi.
6	814 Campbell's Mtn. Rd.	0.99 Mi. N. Rte. 56 to 1.99 Mi. N. Rte. 56	1.00 Mi.
7	617 Buck Creek Rd.	0.23 Mi. N Rte. 29 to Dead End	1.40 Mi.
8	625 Perry Ln.	Rte. 623 to Dead End	2.00 Mi.
9	653 Wilson Rd.	Rte. 655 to Rte.710	2.83 Mi.
10	645 Aerial Dr.	Rte. 646 E to Rte. 646 W	0.20 Mi.
11	721 Greenfield Dr.	Rte. 626 to 0.50 Mi. N Rte. 626	0.50 Mi.

Copies of the proposed Plan and Budget and the Secondary Road Improvement Priority List may be reviewed at the Nelson County Administrator's Office located at 84 Courthouse Square, Lovingson, VA 22949, and at the Appomattox VDOT Residency Office located at 331 Ferguson St. Appomattox, VA 24522.

Persons requiring special assistance to attend or participate in this hearing should contact the Nelson County Administrator's Office at (434) 263-7000.

By Authority of Nelson County Board of Supervisors and the Virginia Dept. of Transportation

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Secondary System Nelson County Construction Program  
Estimated Allocations

Fund	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	Total
CTB Formula - Unpaved State	\$372,055	\$427,989	\$411,332	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,211,376
Secondary Unpaved Roads	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TeleFee	\$51,247	\$51,247	\$51,247	\$51,247	\$51,247	\$51,247	\$307,482
Residue Parcels	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
STP Converted from IM	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal STP - Bond Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Formula STP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
MG Formula	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
BR Formula	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other State Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal STP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
District Grant - Unpaved	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$577,543	\$375,326	\$502,478	\$1,455,347
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$423,302</b>	<b>\$479,236</b>	<b>\$462,579</b>	<b>\$628,790</b>	<b>\$426,573</b>	<b>\$553,725</b>	<b>\$2,974,205</b>

NELSON COUNTY  
RURAL RUSTIC PRIORITY LIST - FY17/18 -FY 22/23

PRIORIT	ROUTE	NAME	FROM	TO	LENGTH	TC - VPD	NOTES
1	756	WRIGHTS LANE	RTE 623	DEAD END	0.90 Mi.	116	FUNDED FY16/17 \$180,000
2	634	OLD ROBERTS	RTE 619	RTE 754	1.70 Mi.	110	FUNDED FY 17/18 \$340,000
3	654	CEDAR CREEK	1.0 Mi. W.	2.0 Mi. W RTE	1.00 Mi.	120	FUNDED FY 17/18 \$340,000
4	680	CUB CREEK RD	0.51 W RTE	2.990 Mi. W	2.48 Mi.	71	FUNDED FY 17/18 \$496,000
5	654	FALLING ROCK	1.0 MILE. RTE	RTE 661	1.90 Mi.	127	FUNDED FY 19/20 \$380,000
6	814	CAMPBELL'S MT	0.99 Mi. N.	1.99 Mi. N. RTE	1.00 Mi.	109	FUNDED FY 20/21 \$200,000
7	617	BUCK CREEK RD	0.23 Mi. N	DEAD END	1.40 Mi.	140	FUNDED FY 20/21 \$280,000
8	625	PERRY LANE	ROUTE 623	DEAD END	2.00 Mi.	118	FUNDED FY 21/22 \$400,000
9	653	WILSON RD	RTE 655	RTE 710	2.83 Mi.	60	FUNDED FY \$461,675
10	645	AERIAL DR	RTE 646 E	RTE 646 W	0.20 Mi.	55	FUNDED FY 22/23 \$40,000
11	721	GREENFIELD DR	RTE 626	0.50 Mi. N RTE	0.50 mi.	51	FUNDED FY22/23 \$100,000

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Estimated cost /mile \$ 175,000 - \$225,000 Six Year Plan Estimated Unpaved Road Allocation - \$2,681.985

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Potential Additions To  
Nelson County Unpaved Road Priority List

- Route 666, Jack's Hill Road  
From: Route 829 Perkins Mill Road To: 0.75 mile East of  
Route 829, Perkins Mill Road Length- 0.75 mile
- Route 634, Old Robert's Mountain Road From: Route  
756, Thurston Hollow Road To: Route 616, Hickory  
Creek Road Length- 1.4 mile
- Route 814, Campbell's Mountain Road  
From: 1.58 miles South of Blue Ridge Parkway To: Blue  
Ridge Parkway Length- 1.58 mile
- Route 654, Cedar Creek Road  
From: 2.0 mile West of Route 655, Variety Mill Road To: 3.0 mile  
West of Route 655, Variety Mill Road Length – 1.0 mile
- Route 687 North Fork Road  
From: Route 56, Crabtree Falls Hwy.  
To: 1.25 miles North of Route 56 Crabtree Falls Hwy. Length – 1.25 mile

Mr. Harvey then opened the public hearing and the following persons were recognized:

1. Glen Wayne Campbell, Jacks Hill Rd. Roseland VA

Mr. Campbell noted living on Jack's Hill Road since 1979 which he noted was a dirt road then and still was now. He noted that he had tried to get the road surface treated for years and at one time it was on the priority list; however now it was not. He noted that seven (7) families lived on the first half mile of the road and he would like to see that section surface treated. He added that the road was always a problem and he had called in five (5) conditions this year and VDOT had been good about addressing the issues. He added that dust was also a problem for him as the road surrounded his home on three sides and there was no dust control.

In response to questions, Mr. Austin noted this was Route #666 and he believed the section in question was the one on the list of potential additions. Mr. Bruguire noted that section was an excellent one to do a spot treatment on and that would keep VDOT from coming over there so often to do maintenance.

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2. Mary Phillips, Barn Hill Lane Lovington

Ms. Phillips noted she was speaking to Route 756, Wright's Lane. She noted this route to be on the priority list; however she wanted to advise that there were two very dangerous parts of the road where the banks had washed away and two cars had gone off into a creek. She added that the road was narrow in places and it was hard to pass and sometimes one had to back up; which was bad. She noted that VDOT had replaced a pipe going across Davis Creek there and there was a drop off on each side and no rail. She noted that in winter one could not tell where the pipe ends were. She then asked if these issues would be addressed if the road were paved. She noted that in the past, VDOT had advised her that they could address those issues when they improved the road. Mr. Austin confirmed the area was in the .9 miles they were talking about paving. Ms. Phillips noted that past the first driveway on the right, the bank was gone and washed out.

Mr. Harvey asked Mr. Austin to speak with Ms. Phillips afterwards to further discuss her concerns.

There being no other persons wishing to be recognized, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Austin then noted that VDOT may be able to take care of some of Ms. Phillip's concerns even though with Rural Rustic funds, there were generally no new right of ways funded; however they would do what they could.

Mr. Austin then advised that the Board could decide if they wanted to add any of the proposed list and designate their funding priority. Mr. Harvey suggested they add the five (5) roads proposed by VDOT to the end of the list. He proposed that they make Jack's Hill Road #12 and so on.

Mr. Bruguere mentioned that on Carter Hill Road, Billy Hill had given VDOT some land there and he was promised that they would pave that section of road. Mr. Austin advised that the traffic counts there were below 50 cars per day and he was not sure why that was promised. Mr. Bruguere added that he had church members asking about that too. Mr. Austin then noted that in 2014, the traffic count was 40 cars per day. Mr. Bruguere noted the section he was speaking of was Cub Creek to Parrish Lane and Mr. Austin suggested that new counts may need to be requested on some of the roads that were close to 50 cars per day, as the counts may have increased since 2014. Mr. Bruguere added that there was a size-able orchard there also that would benefit from that too.

Mr. Austin then noted traffic counts for the roads on the list as follows:

1. Route 666, Jack's Hill Road - 80
2. Route 634, Old Robert's Mountain Road -60
3. Route 814, Campbell's Mountain Road -110
4. Route 654, Cedar Creek Road -100

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5. Route 687 North Fork Road -110

Mr. Hale suggested making Jack's Hill Road #12, Carter Hill Road #13, and then he would like to check on Aerial Drive. Ms. McGarry noted that Aerial Drive was located off of Route 722, Glade Road.

Mr. Bruguere then asked about VDOT using calcium chloride to treat dust. Mr. Austin noted that funds for that would come out of maintenance; however they did not have enough to treat everywhere. He noted that they had used some at the end of snow season and would get more at the end of June. He added that prices for that had sky-rocketed.

Mr. Carter then asked if the Board wanted to finalize this in June and Mr. Harvey stated they could vote on what was there for funding and he asked for a motion. Mr. Carter advised that a resolution of approval had been prepared and provided.

Mr. Hale then moved to approve resolution **R2017-30** Approval of FY18-FY23 Secondary Six-Year Road Plan and FY 17/18 Construction Priority List based upon the list provided by Don Austin with the addition of priority #12, Jack's Hill Road and Ms. Brennan seconded the motion.

Mr. Austin noted that there would be lines with future projects on the list and no funding.

There being no further discussion, Supervisors voted unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote to approve the motion and the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION R2017-30**  
**NELSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**APPROVAL OF FY18-FY23 SECONDARY SIX-YEAR ROAD PLAN**  
**AND FY17/18 CONSTRUCTION PRIORITY LIST**

**WHEREAS**, Sections 33.2-331 and 33.2-332 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, provides the opportunity for each county to work with the Virginia Department of Transportation in developing a Secondary Six-Year Road Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, this Board had previously agreed to assist in the preparation of this Plan, in accordance with the Virginia Department of Transportation policies and procedures, and participated in a public hearing on the proposed Plan (2017/18 through 2022/23) as well as the Construction Priority List (2017/18) on May 25, 2017 after duly advertised so that all citizens of the County had the opportunity to participate in said hearing and to make comments and recommendations concerning the proposed Plan and Priority List, and

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**WHEREAS**, Don Austin, Virginia Department of Transportation, appeared before the Board and recommended approval of the Six-Year Plan for Secondary Roads (2017/18 through 2022/23) and the Construction Priority List (2017/18) for Nelson County,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that since said Plan appears to be in the best interests of the Secondary Road System in Nelson County and of the citizens residing on the Secondary System, said Secondary Six-Year Plan (2017/18 through 2022/23) and Construction Priority List (2017/18) are hereby approved, as amended adding as priority #12: Route 666, Jack's Hill Road, From Route 829 Perkins Mill Road To 0.75 mile East of Route 829, Perkins Mill Road, Length- 0.75 miles.

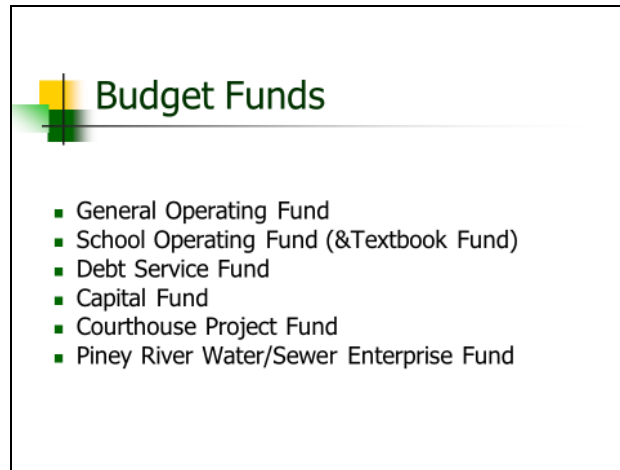
**B. FY17-18 Budget Public Hearing**

The Board will receive public comment on the proposed budgets for FY17-18 as follows: general fund budget, the debt service fund budget, the capital fund budget, the school division's budget, the textbook fund budget, the Piney River water/sewer budget, and the courthouse project fund budget.

Ms. McCann gave the following presentation:



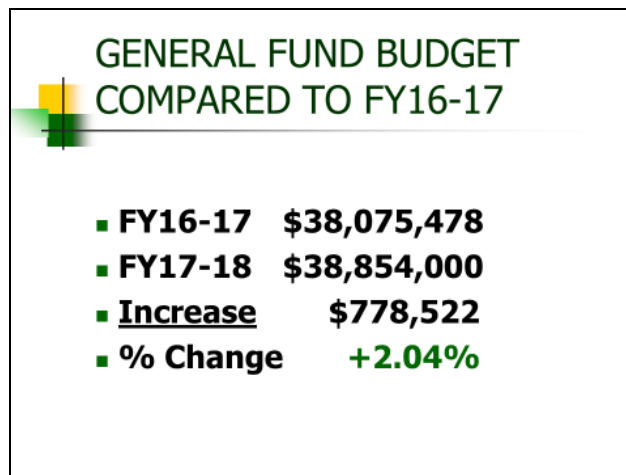




**Budget Funds**

- General Operating Fund
- School Operating Fund (&Textbook Fund)
- Debt Service Fund
- Capital Fund
- Courthouse Project Fund
- Piney River Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund


Ms. McCann noted that the County utilized a fund accounting system for tracking budgetary and financial activity. She noted that the Board was considering the proposed budgets for each of those seven funds. She added that she would briefly overview the two largest funds... the General fund and the School Fund. She noted that the General Fund often supported other funds as was the case with the School Fund and the Debt Service Fund.



**GENERAL FUND BUDGET  
COMPARED TO FY16-17**

- **FY16-17 \$38,075,478**
- **FY17-18 \$38,854,000**
- **Increase \$778,522**
- **% Change +2.04%**


Ms. McCann noted that compared to the current year budget as amended, the proposed General Fund budget reflected an increase of approximately \$778,522 – a 2% increase. She added that the increase could be attributed primarily to the Crozet Tunnel project which was fully funded with grants.



### 2017 Tax Rates

- No change in tax rates.
- All tax rates are levied per \$100 of assessed value
- **Real Estate and Mobile Home** tax rate \$0.72
- **Personal Property** tax rate \$3.45
- **Machinery & Tools** tax rate \$1.25


Ms. McCann noted that the proposed budget was based on no change in the tax rates.



### Significant Revenue Factors

- **General Property Taxes** reflect a budgetary increase of \$116,155 in FY18.
- **Lodging Tax** is expected to increase from current budget amounts by \$30,000.
- **Interest Earnings** are also expected to increase by \$30,000.
- **Court Fines** is expected to decrease by \$143,850.


Ms. McCann reported that other revenue factors that impacted the proposed budget included General Property Taxes which reflected a budgetary increase of \$116,000, primarily due to Real Estate tax collections. She noted that secondly, Lodging Tax was expected to grow by about \$30,000, interest earnings were also expected to grow in the next year after several years of reduced earnings, and Court Fines had decreased significantly in the current year and the trend would likely continue.



### Significant Revenue Factors

- **State Revenue** is anticipated to increase by \$1,048,818 primarily due to grant funding for the Crozet Tunnel project.
- **Federal Revenue** reflects a budgetary increase of \$321,129 in FY18 due to an upcoming grant of \$250,000 for the tunnel project and increases in funding for public assistance and welfare.

Ms. McCann noted that other revenue factors that impacted the proposed budget included: State Revenues that were expected to increase by approximately \$1 million primarily due to new funding to support the Crozet Tunnel restoration project. She noted that Federal Revenue reflected a budgetary increase of about \$321,000 reflective of an upcoming grant for the tunnel project and increased funding for welfare assistance programs administered by the Department of Social Services. She noted that overall, budgetary revenues had increased by \$778,522 which was primarily due to the items noted as well as a reduction from FY17 to FY18 in the use of prior year fund balance.



### Local Revenue

■ FY17 Budget	\$30,295,326
■ FY18 Projections	<u>\$30,310,193</u>
■ Overall Increase	\$14,867
■ Percent Change	+0.05%

Ms. McCann noted that FY18 local revenue made up about 78% of the total General Fund budget. She noted that the primary source of local revenue was general property taxes (\$24,268,531) which accounted for 80% of all local revenue. She added that the FY18 budget reflected a 0.05% budgetary increase primarily due to increases in real estate, public service, and lodging tax collections offset by a reduction in court fines and forfeitures.

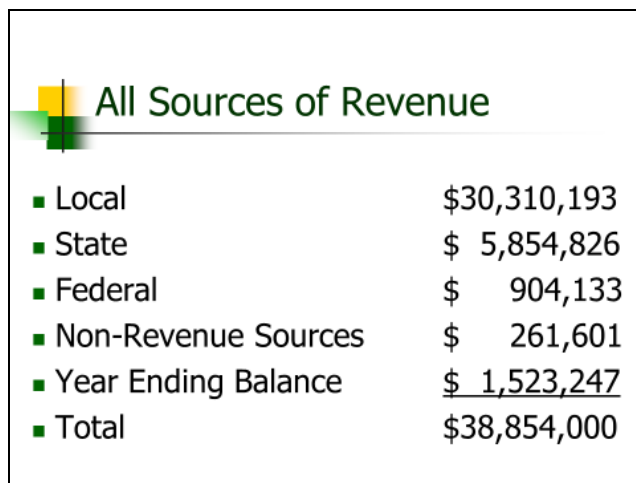
State Revenue	
■ FY17 Budget	\$4,789,086
■ FY18 Projections	<u>\$5,854,826</u>
■ Overall Increase	+ \$1,065,740
■ Percent Change	+22.25%

Ms. McCann noted that State revenue made up 15.1% of the total General Fund budget in FY18 as compared to 12.6% in FY17. She noted that the largest sources of state funding within the General Fund included Compensation Board funding for Constitutional Offices and state support of public assistance and social services programs. She added that in FY18, the County expected to receive approximately \$2.5 million for the Crozet Tunnel restoration project and next year's budget reflected an overall increase of approximately \$1 million or 22%. She reiterated that increase of \$1,048,818 was attributable to the increase in grant funds for the Crozet Tunnel project.

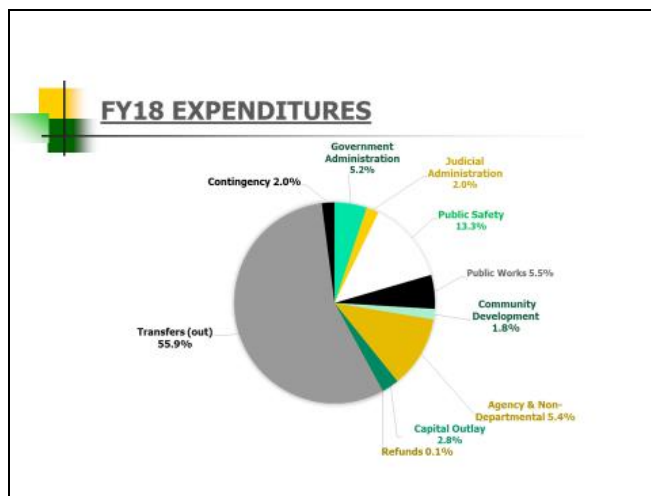
Federal Revenue	
■ FY17 Budget	\$ 583,004
■ FY18 Projections	<u>\$ 904,133</u>
■ Overall Increase	\$ 321,129
■ Percent Change	+55.08%

Ms. McCann reported that Federal revenue made up 2.3% of the total General Fund budget and noted that generally, federal sources included: social services funding, the payment in lieu of taxes relative to national forests located in Nelson, and various federal grants. She noted that the increase reflected was due to an additional federal grant for the Crozet Tunnel project of \$250,000

from the Recreational Trails Program Dept. of Conservation and Recreation and an increase of \$72,000 in federal public assistance funding for the Department of Social Services.




Ms. McCann reported that the year ending fund balance reflected carryover funds that remained unexpended in FY17.



Ms. McCann noted that the largest category of expenditures was shown as Transfers Out; which reflected funds moved to various other accounting funds. She noted this included funding for the school division which represented 47% of the overall General Fund budget. She added that the next largest component was Debt, inclusive of school debt, which accounted for about 8.3 % of the overall budget.


She then noted that the third largest category of expenditures was Public Safety at 13.3% of the budget followed by Public Works at 5.5%.



**Expenditure Highlights:**

- Proposed 2% employee salary increase
- 2 Part-time positions made full time
- Equipment Replacement (phones/server)
- Emergency Vehicles
- 4 Police Vehicles
- E911 Equipment

Ms. McCann noted the expenditure highlights and stated that the proposed budget provided for a 2% salary adjustment for employees, funding for several part-time positions to be made full time, funding to replace phone and network server equipment, and partial funding to support the purchase of a fire truck and a rescue vehicle for volunteer agencies. She added that additionally, funding was included to purchase four (4) police vehicles and the cost to upgrade the current 911 call handling equipment; which will be offset by grant funds awarded to the County.



**Other Highlights:**

- Reassessment (2018 Tax Year)
- Blue Ridge Tunnel Restoration Project
- Library improvements

Ms. McCann noted that the field work relative to the 2018 reassessment began in the current year and would be completed by the end of 2017. She noted that Phase 2 & 3 of the Blue Ridge or

Claudius Crozet Tunnel Restoration project had been bid and work was anticipated to begin this summer. She reiterated that the County has currently been awarded Transportation Alternative Funding as well as a Recreational Trails grant to complete this project. She added that the proposed budget also included approximately \$127,000 for library maintenance and improvements.

Local Contribution to Schools	
■ School Nursing Program	\$235,000
■ School Operations	\$15,370,887
■ School Buses	\$162,000
■ Capital	\$400,000
<b>■ Total Contribution</b>	<b>\$ 16,167,887</b>
<b>■ Total Debt</b>	<b><u>2,183,256</u></b>
	<b>\$ 18,351,143</b>

Ms. McCann reiterated that a significant portion—about 61% or 47% of the General Fund budget – a 5% increase from last year of local funds within the general fund budget were allocated to schools. She noted that operational funding for Schools including the nursing program was proposed at approximately \$15.6 million (\$15,370,887 operations , \$235,000 nursing,) and also funded was \$162,000 for the purchase of two (2) buses and \$400,000 for capital improvements. She noted that the overall increase in the local contribution to schools was \$432,000. Ms. McCann then noted that in addition to that support, the County funded \$2.2 million for school related debt.

SCHOOL FUND BUDGET COMPARED TO FY16-17	
<b>FY16-17</b>	<b>\$26,797,174</b>
<b>FY17-18</b>	<b>\$27,421,717</b>
<b><u>Increase</u></b>	<b>\$ 624,543</b>
<b>% Change</b>	<b>+2.33%</b>
<small>*Operations Budget only (excludes debt)</small>	

Ms. McCann noted that the School Fund budget compared to the current year as revised reflected an overall increase of \$624,000 or a 2.33% increase. She noted that Local funding provided an overall increase of \$432,000 comprised of \$385,000 operational and a \$75,000 increase for capital improvements, less a reduction for school buses of \$28,000. Ms. McCann explained that the reduction for school buses was due to a lower per bus cost of \$81,000 this year as compared to \$92,000 last year. She added that the proposed school budget anticipated an increase of \$280,728 over the amount of state revenue received in the current year, Federal revenues were anticipated to decline by \$54,814 primarily due to a reduction in the amount of carryover funds from the prior year, and other sources of revenue were expected to decrease by \$33,371. Ms. McCann advised that overall division revenues outside of the General Fund were expected to increase by \$192,543. Ms. McCann noted that the Capital budget amendment for carryover of capital funding of \$258,386 was excluded here.

Summary By Fund	
■ General Fund	\$38,854,000
■ School Fund	\$27,421,717
■ Textbook Fund	\$665,473
■ Debt Service Fund	\$3,233,819
■ Capital Fund	\$898,251
■ Courthouse Project	\$406,270
■ Piney River Water/Sewer	\$218,336

Ms. McCann noted in conclusion, all the funds that make up the County budget totaled \$71,697,866.

She then noted that additional information regarding each fund had been provided in the handouts and she offered to answer questions or provide further information.

Mr. Hale then referenced the pie chart of expenses and asked where debt was shown. Ms. McCann noted that debt was included in the Transfers Out portion of the pie since those funds were transferred from the General Fund to the Debt Service Fund. She noted that Debt Service was 8.3% of the overall budget and the County would pay about \$3.2 Million for debt this year including the schools. She added that it also included the Courthouse project which was finishing up.



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There being no further questions from the Board, Mr. Harvey opened the public hearing and the following persons were recognized:

1. Marcia McDuffie, Roseland resident and Nelson Trustee for Jefferson Madison Regional Library

Ms. McDuffie thanked the Board for their support of the library. She then noted the request submitted by the library for increased hours during the week. She noted that the requested \$10,000 would increase their service by four (4) hours per week and the Board had already provided funding for half of that. She then noted that they were able to come up with an amount of \$2,582 that would allow them to put in the extra two (2) hours per week into the library. Ms. McDuffie then noted that library staff wanted them to understand how important the extended hours were for those using their other services. She described people sitting in their cars so they could use the Wi-Fi; which she noted was not safe all of the time. She noted that their other services allowed those people who were not computer literate to have support from library staff to complete job applications etc. She added that they provided Notary services there also and she urged the Board to see if they could find the \$2,600 in the budget to support the extra two hours per week.

2. Dr. Jeff Comer, School Superintendent

Dr. Comer noted that he appreciated the Board's support, noting that the schools was the largest County expenditure and it was a huge investment. He thanked them for valuing education in Nelson County through their monetary and other support. He added that he knew they had to make tough decisions because the County had many needs. He noted that they looked at school needs seriously and supported them completely in most cases; which he very much appreciated.

There being no other persons wishing to be recognized, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Harvey inquired as to the Board's options if they wanted to include the Library's request and Mr. Carter advised that they could add it now or adjust the budget later. Mr. Hale stated he would like to see it included now and Ms. Brennan noted she supported that.

Mr. Hale then moved to increase the funding allocation to the library by an additional \$2,582; which would allow a total of four (4) additional hours per week. Mr. Bruguere seconded the motion and there being no further discussion, Supervisors voted unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote to approve the motion.

Mr. Harvey then noted that the Board had asked the Schools to provide the results of the cuts made given the original amount of funding from the Board. He noted that the Ag programs would have suffered, they had discussed it, and he hoped everyone agreed to return that funding; which was between \$50,000 and \$75,000. He added that he would like to propose to add \$65,000 to the

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School budget in order to take care of the Ag program and the two positions that were taken out. He added that Dr. Comer had advised him that they would be making changes to the bus routes and Dr. Comer confirmed that a study would be done in the fall, the results discussed in December, which would affect routing for the following school year.

Mr. Saunders noted he was not in favor of increasing the school budget with an additional \$65,000 when the Board had already increased it. He noted that no changes or cuts had been made on their part and they always asked for more. He added that he thought they could find the money to cover \$65,000 in their budget. He further noted that at some point, the schools would have to start working with what they were given. He noted that next year would require a tax increase and the schools had declining enrollment and a school that was not accredited for three (3) years now. He concluded by stating that it was not fair to have taxpayers cover it, Dr. Comer had stated that the schools could live with what they had gotten, and he was against giving more.

Mr. Harvey noted that yes they could live within the current budget; however he was not willing to accept the changes they had made to programs. Mr. Saunders countered that if those programs were a priority for them, then they could find the funding. He added that the Board got a padded budget from them every year and they could find \$65,000 out of a \$27 million budget.

Mr. Harvey stated that the Board was not used to getting a budget that was bare bones and Dr. Comer was the first Superintendent to return money back to the County. Mr. Saunders noted that last year the Board gave them another \$80,000 over what they asked for and now this year \$65,000. Mr. Harvey pointed out that they had cut two (2) teaching positions out.

Mr. Saunders stated he was not against education and he supported the schools; however every year they wanted more. He noted that most people he meets criticize how much goes into the school system and the majority of citizens did not have kids in the school system anymore.

Mr. Harvey then asked for a motion to give the schools an additional \$65,000.

Ms. Brennan then moved to give \$65,000 more dollars to the school system and Mr. Hale seconded the motion.

Ms. Brennan then asked if the School Nursing program was going to be completely covered and Dr. Comer noted that they had asked for an additional \$29,000 and his understanding was that their new employees needed to take health insurance. He noted that he thought that they could work with them on it to cover their personnel costs. He added that at this point, the School Nursing program was expecting \$0 from them and they would have to cut personnel. He reiterated that he thought they could cover their personnel costs.

Ms. Brennan then asked if they received funding from the State for School Nursing and Dr. Comer confirmed that they did. She then stated that the school nursing program was a high

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priority for her and she asked that they work with them to fully cover their request. Mr. Harvey then confirmed that they had requested an additional \$29,000, but that was not covered. He added that he hoped they could address some of that with the additional funds.

Mr. Hale noted that he thought Mr. Saunders had made some important points; that the trend followed was not sustainable without increasing revenue and he would not be happy to see the same increase in local funding requested next year. Mr. Hale then noted that the eighth grade graduation that he went to was widely attended and funding schools was the most important part of the money they spent. He added he did not like the enormous increases every year; however he wanted to do what they could; however they could not keep up the same level next year. Mr. Hale then concluded by noting he was in favor of the additional funding; however Mr. Saunders made excellent points. He added that he did not want to figure out their budget but he had concerns.

Ms. Brennan then thanked the School Board and Dr. Comer for excellence in the school system noting it was money very well spent. She acknowledged that Tye River Elementary School had problems due to the kids that went there. She added that she hoped Nelson could have the CHIP program in the future which may help to bring students up.

Mr. Bruguere questioned the amount and noted that he thought \$50,000 was on the table at one time.

Mr. Saunders stated that the County gave them more than \$5 Million than what was required and he wondered what was being done with it. He added that somewhere they did have to learn to make cuts as the County could not keep giving more. Mr. Saunders noted that Mr. Hale had given the same speech the previous year; however they were doing it again.

There being no further discussion, Supervisors voted (4-1) by roll call vote to approve the motion with Mr. Saunders voting No.

## **II. Closed Session as permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A) (7): Consultation with legal counsel regarding the Circuit Courtroom balcony inscription.**

Mr. Hale moved that the Nelson County Board of Supervisors convene in closed session to discuss the following as permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A) (7): Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding the Circuit Courtroom balcony inscription requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

Mr. Bruguere seconded the motion and Supervisors voted unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote to approve the motion.

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Supervisors then conducted the closed session and upon its conclusion, Ms. Brennan moved to reconvene in public session. Mr. Hale seconded the motion and Supervisors voted unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote to approve the motion.

Upon reconvening in public session, Mr. Hale moved that the Nelson County Board of Supervisors certify that, in the closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter or matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed session and (2) lawfully permitted to be discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information act cited in that motion.

Ms. Brennan seconded the motion and Supervisors voted unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote to approve the motion.

Mr. Harvey then reported that no action was taken by the Board.

### **III. Other Business (As May Be Presented)**

There was no other business considered by the Board.

### **IV. Adjournment**

Mr. Carter advised that there was no need to continue the meeting for the budget as they could approve and appropriate the FY18 budget at the June meeting. It was noted that the Board had to wait seven (7) days from the date of the public hearing to do that.

At 8:35 PM, Ms. Brennan moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Bruguiera seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Supervisors voted unanimously (5-0) by roll call vote to approve the motion and the meeting adjourned.