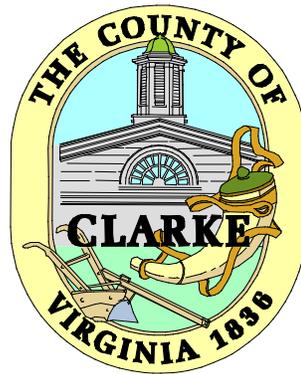


# Clarke County Board of Supervisors



## Budget and Tax Rate Public Hearing Packet

April 2, 2019



# Clarke County Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Agenda

Main Meeting Room Berryville / Clarke County Government Center  
101 Chalmers Court, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Berryville, Virginia

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# Clarke County Board of Supervisors

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## Call to Order

# Clarke County Board of Supervisors

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## Adoption of Agenda

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE (PH 19-04)**  
**CLARKE COUNTY PROPOSED BUDGET**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020**

The Clarke County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm , or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Berryville Clarke County Government Center Main Meeting Room, 101 Chalmers Court, 2nd Floor, Berryville, VA, to consider the following matter:

This budget has been prepared on the basis of the estimates and requests submitted to the Board of Supervisors by the several officers and department heads of this County including the Clarke County Public Schools. Any citizen of the County shall have the right to attend said hearing and comment on the budget. Written copies of statements made at public hearings are requested but not required. Information relative to the complete budget is available for public inspection in the Office of the Clarke County Administrator during regular working hours, and at [www.clarkecounty.gov](http://www.clarkecounty.gov).

This budget is prepared and published for informative and fiscal planning purposes only. The inclusion in the budget of any item does not constitute an obligation or commitment on the part of the Board of Supervisors of this County to appropriate any funds for that item.

	FY18 Original Budget	FY18 Audited Actual	FY19 Adopted Budget	FY19 Revised Budget	FY20 Proposed Budget	Variance 20 Proposed- 19 Adopted
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Board of Supervisors	57,265	52,915	58,459	58,549	58,805	346
County Administrator	313,136	371,608	378,976	409,309	448,880	69,904
Public Information Services		7,927	-	52,765	57,316	57,316
Legal Services	35,000	20,596	35,000	35,000	30,000	(5,000)
Commissioner of Revenue	205,595	227,620	210,490	210,490	206,718	(3,772)
Assessor	3,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	-
Equalization Board	-	-	-	-	5,250	5,250
Treasurer	283,229	292,793	302,167	302,167	312,712	10,545
Information Technology	296,879	286,948	305,152	305,152	335,422	30,270
Electoral Board	44,003	33,590	44,503	44,503	56,974	12,471
General Registrar	78,482	78,629	82,638	82,638	87,449	4,811
Circuit Court	12,680	13,621	13,680	13,680	14,580	900
General District Court	4,420	3,774	4,320	4,320	4,320	-
Magistrate	100	-	40	40	50	10
Juvenile & Domestic Court	3,500	2,524	2,900	2,900	2,850	(50)
Clerk of the Circuit Court	254,374	267,044	264,897	264,897	258,857	(6,040)
Victim/Witness Coordinator	72,385	67,485	71,897	71,897	74,066	2,169
Blue Ridge Legal Services	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
Regional Court Services	6,179	6,179	6,500	6,500	6,180	(320)
Commonwealth Attorney	362,747	360,875	377,070	377,070	357,850	(19,220)
Sheriff	2,311,661	2,368,411	2,477,880	2,586,285	2,672,042	194,162

	FY18 Original Budget	FY18 Audited Actual	FY19 Adopted Budget	FY19 Revised Budget	FY20 Proposed Budget	Variance 20 Proposed- 19 Adopted
Criminal Justice Training Center	20,000	18,720	19,593	19,593	19,593	-
Drug Task Force	12,500	10,499	12,500	12,500	12,500	-
Fire and Rescue Services	804,646	850,075	993,830	995,830	1,145,364	151,534
Volunteer Fire Companies	118,153	155,778	172,200	172,200	188,155	15,955
Blue Ridge Volunteer Fire	51,200	51,177	66,250	66,250	66,236	(14)
Boyce Volunteer Fire	51,600	51,570	66,700	66,700	66,648	(52)
Enders Volunteer Fire	77,800	77,747	93,300	93,300	92,884	(416)
Lord Fairfax Emergency Medical	6,282	6,282	6,262	6,262	6,262	-
Forestry Service	2,712	2,712	2,874	2,874	2,874	-
Regional Jail	551,259	551,262	547,984	547,984	479,467	(68,517)
Juvenile Detention Service	16,254	16,093	13,179	13,179	17,219	4,040
Probation Office	800	48	500	500	400	(100)
Building Inspections	211,515	192,149	203,704	203,704	216,194	12,490
Animal Control	118,496	109,811	112,695	112,695	115,837	3,142
Medical Examiner & Indigent Burial	500	1,040	200	200	200	-
Refuse Disposal	162,000	141,202	150,000	150,000	150,000	-
Convenience Center	50,000	-	100,000	61,104	82,835	(17,165)
Litter Control	5,310	5,298	5,310	5,310	6,207	897
Sanitation	240,750	235,781	242,000	242,000	235,000	(7,000)
Buildings & Grounds	853,854	730,414	880,222	880,222	854,279	(25,943)
Local Health Department	221,909	221,909	154,126	191,362	192,623	38,497
Our Health	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	-
N Shen Valley Subst Abuse Coal	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
Northwestern Community Services	90,000	90,000	92,000	92,000	94,000	2,000
Concern Hotline	750	750	750	750	1,000	250
NW Works (Disabilities)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,500	500
Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	-
Virginia Regional Transit	19,302	19,302	19,302	19,302	19,302	-
FISH (human services)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Laurel Center (Women's Shelter)	2,500	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,500	500
Access Independence (Disabilities)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Tax Relief for the Elderly	212,501	151,384	213,396	213,396	225,000	11,604
Lord Fairfax Community College	15,788	15,788	18,441	18,441	17,796	(645)
Parks Administration	440,606	420,431	449,034	457,533	463,993	14,959
Recreation Center	109,130	100,548	114,384	114,384	118,025	3,641
Swimming Pool	84,214	58,573	84,934	87,858	85,509	575
Concession Stand	15,330	13,541	16,130	16,130	16,436	306
Parks Programs	241,427	190,202	244,301	244,301	248,684	4,383

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Barns of Rose Hill (arts)	5,000	5,000	5,000	10,000	6,750	1,750
Virginia Commission for Arts	10,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	-
Regional Library	223,757	223,757	232,000	232,000	241,150	9,150
Planning Administration	398,684	420,417	426,498	452,856	445,404	18,906
Housing Services	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	-
Board of Zoning Appeals	3,519	6,434	3,520	3,520	3,519	(1)
Office of Economic Development	61,575	47,104	64,100	64,100	68,100	4,000
Berryville Development Authority	2,300	150	900	900	900	-
Small Business Development Center	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
Berryville Main Street	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	-
Blandy Experimental Farm	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
Planning Commission	14,388	10,422	14,389	14,389	14,388	(1)
Board of Septic Appeals	1,565	812	1,566	1,566	1,565	(1)
Historic Preservation Commission	7,900	7,633	9,900	10,900	29,150	19,250
NSV Regional Planning District Commission	10,273	10,273	10,273	10,273	10,776	503
Regional Airport	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	-
Friends of the Shenandoah	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	8,000	5,000
Water Quality Management	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	-
Soil & Water Conservation	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Biosolids Application	6,990	1,231	1,001	1,001	1,168	167
Cooperative Extension	43,712	39,996	50,443	50,443	52,011	1,568
Northern Virginia 4-H Center	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	-
Non-Departmental Contingency	112,000	22,980	138,000	66,728	78,000	(60,000)
Social Services	1,613,733	1,472,905	1,555,824	1,555,824	1,672,332	116,508
School Operations	22,535,741	21,843,312	23,270,676	23,323,689	23,833,352	562,676
School Food Service Fund	832,408	799,629	844,773	844,773	811,452	(33,321)
Comprehensive Services Act	478,689	361,895	269,499	269,499	303,818	34,319
Public Safety Fund	-	42,580	-	-	-	-
Conservation Easement	45,000	64,442	45,000	422,625	45,000	-
General Capital Improvements	947,589	737,190	597,000	2,287,714	1,120,537	523,537
School Capital Improvements	842,000	2,913,217	732,000	2,449,989	676,750	(55,250)
General Debt Service	251,700	251,700	251,700	251,700	251,700	-
School Debt Service	2,972,014	2,972,089	2,942,715	2,942,715	2,519,632	(423,083)
Joint Administrative Services	619,461	618,343	793,131	793,131	805,385	12,254
Unemployment Compensation	13,000	6,359	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	41,325,521	41,966,796	42,137,378	46,141,161	43,374,482	1,237,104
<i>Local Funds for Schools</i>	<i>15,886,734</i>	<i>17,838,510</i>	<i>16,439,311</i>	<i>18,134,751</i>	<i>16,184,838</i>	<i>(254,473)</i>

	FY18 Original Budget	FY18 Audited Actual	FY19 Adopted Budget	FY19 Revised Budget	FY20 Proposed Budget	Variance 20 Proposed- 19 Adopted
ESTIMATED REVENUE						
LOCAL REVENUE						
Current Real Estate Taxes	14,693,827	14,569,498	14,854,902	14,854,902	14,712,603	(142,299)
Delinquent Real Estate Taxes	42,639	133,360	114,041	114,041	94,028	(20,013)
Public Service Corporation Real Estate	475,887	496,356	496,356	496,356	492,984	(3,372)
Current Personal Property Taxes	4,610,712	4,807,321	4,823,300	4,823,300	5,189,685	366,385
Delinquent Personal Property Taxes	15,430	90,960	105,966	105,966	50,000	(55,966)
Mobile Home Taxes	1,183	991	1,131	1,131	1,172	41
Machinery and Tools Taxes	220,167	167,647	166,593	166,593	185,912	19,319
Penalties (All Property Taxes)	134,147	164,753	140,576	140,576	141,324	748
Interest (All Property Taxes)	133,477	122,298	147,371	147,371	133,859	(13,512)
Administrative Costs Delinq	11,406	13,809	11,406	11,406	11,494	88
DMV Stop Fee	2,340	8,129	3,460	3,460	8,129	4,669
Credit Card Fees	11,364	13,207	11,916	11,916	18,000	6,084
Sales and Use Taxes	959,874	899,776	950,000	950,000	936,127	(13,873)
Consumer's Utility Taxes	340,856	352,974	346,094	346,094	346,094	-
Consumption Tax	35,165	36,269	34,516	34,516	34,516	-
Business License Tax	25,172	22,290	25,172	25,172	30,886	5,714
Motor Vehicle Licenses	301,924	355,922	325,439	325,439	355,923	30,484
Recordation Taxes	262,385	268,288	291,749	291,749	291,749	-
Taxes on Wills	4,053	6,984	6,775	6,775	6,775	-
Transient Occupancy Tax	23,564	16,882	23,564	23,564	23,564	-
Animal Licenses	8,440	6,960	8,440	8,440	8,440	-
Animal Shelter Fees - Dogs & Cats	8,525	8,360	8,525	8,525	8,525	-
Dangerous Dog Registration	200	245	200	200	200	-
Land Use Application Fees Penalties	3,450	4,600	3,450	3,450	5,450	2,000
Land Use Application Fees	400	200	300	300	250	(50)
Transfer Fees	461	541	485	485	485	-
Zoning and Subdivision Permits	90,490	104,551	90,490	90,490	89,960	(531)
Building Permits	200,000	191,084	196,245	196,245	196,245	-
Sign Permits and Inspection Fees	488	120	1,927	1,927	1,807	(120)
Weapons Permits	5,959	8,075	7,000	7,000	7,000	-
New Dwelling Address Fee	3,380	3,250	3,055	3,055	3,575	520
Other permits, fees, and licenses	1,300	175	1,075	1,075	938	(138)

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Court Fines and Forfeitures	310,095	356,594	310,095	310,095	356,594	46,499
Parking Fines		660	-	-	660	660
Courthouse Security Fees	41,285	57,572	47,088	47,088	57,000	9,912
E-Ticket Fee	25,000	28,421	30,000	30,000	30,000	-
Interest on Bank Deposits	20,071	40,449	78,808	78,808	62,924	(15,884)
Rental of Property	55,947	53,209	61,000	61,000	61,000	-
Sheriff's Fees	796	1,592	796	796	796	-
DNA Fees - Blood Test	235	245	235	235	235	-
Commonwealth's Attorney Fees	1,776	1,792	1,749	1,749	1,749	-
Court Appointed Attorney	1,032	319	947	947	802	(145)
Central Alarm - Berryville	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	5,000	3,000
Fees for Ambulance & Rescue Services	354,920	403,976	447,911	447,911	432,500	(15,411)
Jail Processing Fee	1,825	1,072	1,825	1,825	1,342	(483)
Revenue from Shared Costs - Berryville	33,000	33,000	16,500	16,500	8,250	(8,250)
Wireless E-911	42,038	44,366	44,700	44,700	47,400	2,700
Humane Foundation Contribution	20,000	-	20,000	20,000	15,000	(5,000)
Recycling Rebate	21,311	22,109	22,109	22,109	23,858	1,749
Recreation Center Fees	33,931	41,306	36,500	36,500	37,000	500
Swimming Pool Fees	83,963	74,486	82,519	82,519	72,280	(10,239)
Concession Stand Revenue	14,336	14,869	16,500	16,500	14,500	(2,000)
Parks Programs Fees	277,140	274,926	265,000	265,000	270,000	5,000
Sale of Publications	35	20	35	35	40	5
Mapping Fee	450	300	205	205	210	5
Engineer's Fees	10,000	13,078	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Biosolids Application Fees	6,882	1,168	1,000	1,000	1,168	168
Payments in Lieu of Tax	-	-	48,722	48,722	48,722	-
Rebates & Refunds	21,992	48,948	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	5,174	42,048	12,571	12,571	12,571	-
Gifts & Donations in Lieu of Taxes	31,645	46,235	2,750	6,383	7,000	4,250
Sale of Salvage & Surplus Property	3,680	51	3,697	3,697	2,775	(922)
Sale of Vehicles	4,433	696	4,433	4,433	4,433	-
Insurance Adjustments	7,016	-	7,016	7,016	7,016	-
Cancelled Cks/NSF Fees	-	1,370	1,189	1,189	1,280	91
Firehouse Gallery Loan Repayment	3,495	3,495	3,495	3,495	3,495	-
Insurance Recovery	13,002	20,625	13,002	13,002	13,002	-

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Welfare - Various	-	17,469	-	-	5,000	5,000
School Operations - Various	423,766	411,439	374,506	374,506	392,726	18,220
School Food Service Fund - Various	542,661	495,943	536,758	536,758	496,454	(40,304)
Public Safety Fund - Various	-	6,363	-	-	-	-
Conservation Easement Fund - Various	-	46,641	-	-	-	-
General Capital Projects - Various	-	4,955	-	-	-	-
Parks Construction Fund - Donations	-	1,258	-	-	-	-
School Debt Service - Interest	104,231	104,231	107,731	107,731	98,035	(9,696)
Joint Administrative Services - Refunds	2,000	3,635	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
LOCAL REVENUE	25,149,828	25,599,408	25,821,911	25,825,544	25,997,514	175,603
COMMONWEALTH REVENUE						
Motor Vehicles Carrier's Taxes	24,138	22,545	25,047	25,047	25,000	(47)
Tax on Deeds (Grantor's Tax)	66,820	58,528	55,440	55,440	66,820	11,380
Quarterly Rental Tax	2,796	1,129	2,404	2,404	1,129	(1,275)
Personal Property Tax Relief	2,483,842	2,483,842	2,483,842	2,483,842	2,483,842	-
Communications Tax	415,390	392,631	415,390	415,390	411,650	(3,740)
Commonwealth's Attorney	195,575	192,834	194,140	194,140	199,967	5,827
Sheriff	771,856	779,609	782,973	814,300	806,538	23,565
Commissioner of Revenue	77,529	78,504	78,658	78,658	81,236	2,578
Treasurer	94,888	94,707	96,457	96,457	99,608	3,151
Registrar	36,601	37,399	37,700	37,700	39,433	1,733
Clerk of the Circuit Court	157,091	168,467	159,249	159,249	163,797	4,548
Spay & Neuter Fund Distribution	99	14	24	24	14	(10)
Fire Programs Fund	47,153	48,103	46,142	46,142	49,198	3,056
Litter Control	5,310	5,222	4,500	4,500	6,207	1,707
Virginia Commission for the Arts	5,000	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	-
Other Categorical Aid	-	10,519	973	18,558	973	-
Welfare - Various	1,072,068	288,377	970,388	970,388	1,065,369	94,981
School Operations - Various	8,939,299	8,661,929	9,107,288	9,160,301	9,166,087	58,799
School Lunch Program - State Match	10,862	12,121	12,015	12,015	14,998	2,983
Comprehensive Services Act - Various	239,688	140,586	138,977	138,977	156,675	17,698

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Public Safety - Asset Forfeiture	-	7,935	-	-	-	-
Conservation Easement - Grants	30,000	36,968	12,000	371,687	30,000	18,000
General Capital Projects - Various	147,792	86,809	-	31,380	241,452	241,452
School Capital Projects - Technology Bond	154,000	-	154,000	176,549	154,000	-
COMMONWEALTH REVENUE	14,977,797	13,613,278	14,782,107	15,297,648	15,268,492	486,385
FEDERAL REVENUE						
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	6,464	6,342	6,697	6,697	6,697	-
State Criminal Alien Assistance Program	775	-	775	775	650	(125)
Crime Victims Assistance	70,775	67,260	72,191	72,191	72,191	-
Violence Against Women Grants	28,053	28,635	28,053	28,053	28,053	-
DMV Alcohol Enforcement	11,859	8,575	10,000	10,000	9,625	(375)
DMV Speed Enforcement	5,005	4,281	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force	4,000	-	4,000	4,000	4,000	-
Dept of Historic Resources	-	-	-	-	11,500	11,500
DOJ Vest Grant	-	-	500	500	4,000	3,500
ARRA Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	-	998	-	-	-	-
DOJ Local Law Enforcement Grant	1,118	2,590	500	500	500	-
Fire & Emergency Response Grants	-	32,882	7,500	7,500	7,500	-
Comprehensive Services Act	-	4,239	-	-	-	-
School Operations - Various	723,071	587,690	649,259	649,259	919,611	270,352
School Food Service Fund - NSLP	278,885	300,056	296,000	296,000	300,000	4,000
General Capital Projects - Various	-	848	-	-	34,000	34,000
Sch Debt Svc - Build America Bond Subsidy	118,654	116,328	113,296	113,296	114,437	1,141
FEDERAL REVENUE	1,248,659	1,160,724	1,193,771	1,193,771	1,517,764	323,993
BUDGET BALANCE PROCEDURE						
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	41,325,521	41,966,797	42,137,378	46,141,161	43,374,482	1,237,104
TOTAL REVENUE	41,376,285	40,373,410	41,797,789	42,316,964	42,783,771	985,981
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	50,764	(1,593,386)	(339,589)	(3,824,197)	(590,712)	(251,123)
FROM (TO) FUND BALANCE	(50,764)	1,593,386	339,589	3,824,197	590,712	251,123
NET	-	-	-	-	-	-

PAY-AS-YOU-GO (PYG) CAPITAL  
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) NET OF PYG

606,000  
15,288

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE (PH-19-05)**

**CLARKE COUNTY TAX RATES  
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019**

The Clarke County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm , or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Berryville Clarke County Government Center Main Meeting Room, 101 Chalmers Court, 2nd Floor, Berryville, VA, to consider the following matter:

This public hearing is held for the purpose of hearing citizens who wish to comment on the proposed local tax levy for the year beginning January 1, 2019 in accordance with Section 58.1-3007 et. seq. of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended:

**ALL TAX RATES ARE BASED ON EACH \$100  
OF ASSESSED VALUATION**

	2019	
	Current	Proposed
1. Tangible personal property except machinery and tools and qualified Fire and Rescue Vehicles	\$ 4.496	\$ 4.496
2. Tangible Machinery and tools	\$ 1.250	\$ 1.250
3. Tangible personal property of qualified Fire & Rescue Vehicles	\$ 2.248	\$ 2.248
4. Real Estate, including the real estate of public service corporations**	\$ 0.710	\$ 0.710

\*\* Mobile Homes will be assessed as personal property, but taxed at the same rate as real estate.

It should be noted that no tax rate for the current year has been adopted by the Board of Supervisors at this time. The rates listed above reflect the rates that would be necessary to raise the required revenue if the budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020 should be adopted as advertised.

Personal Property Tax Relief by the Commonwealth of Virginia for vehicles valued between \$1,001 and \$20,000 will decrease from a discount of 47.0% to 43.77%.

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**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CLARKE COUNTY  
BY: DAVID L. ASH, County Administrator**

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# Clarke County Board of Supervisors

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## Adjournment

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

April 2, 2019

**Please Sign Below ONLY if you wish to SPEAK at the Public Hearing**

- 1) PH 19-04 FY2020 Proposed Budget Public Hearing
- 2) PH 19-05 CY2019 Tax Rates Public Hearing

Name (Please Print)	Address	Hearing No.
1. David PRATT	700 Smithfield Ln Boyce	
2. George Archibald	27 West Main Street Berryville, VA 22611-1380	1
3. Robine Bouffant	Boyce, VA	1
4. Amade Kelly	135 Hickory Ln Blument VA	1
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**If you are representing an Organization: Rules of Procedure - Section 6-5. – Organizational Representation**

Any person speaking at any portion of a meeting designated for public comment, who represents himself as being an officer or representative of an organization, group, association, corporation, or other entity, shall, upon request of a member of the Board, disclose for the organization, group, association, corporation, or other entity, the history, size, dues, structure, date of creation, requirements for membership, tax status; and shall reveal the organizations method of determining its official position and the speaker's authority to represent the organization. Unreasonable failure to provide this information to the satisfaction of the Board of Supervisors shall bar the speaker from speaking on behalf of the organization.

## FY 20 Public Hearing Notes

- I. **Budget Public Hearing.** Budget variances over \$100K.
  - a. Expenditure
    - i. Sheriff +194,162. Salary increase, health insurance, Communications Specialist, SRO.
    - ii. Fire/EMS/EM +151,534. Salary increase, health insurance, Additional 1.5 EMT.
    - iii. Social Services +\$116,508. Salary increase, health insurance, Medicaid position.
    - iv. School Operations +562,676. Salary increase, health insurance, NOAA position.
    - v. General Capital Improvements +523,537. Communications project=522,085. Next Gen E911 = 209,858.
    - vi. School Debt Service -423,083. 1998 Johnson Williams Renovation paid off.
  - b. Revenue
    - i. Real Estate Taxes -142,299. Reduced rate of increase, not a decrease in actual collection.
    - ii. Personal Property Taxes +366,385. More vehicles, average vehicle more expensive.
    - iii. Commonwealth Revenue for Government Capital +241,452. Next Gen E911, and Phone System Recorder/EMD.
    - iv. Federal Revenue for School Operations +270,352. Utilize excess grant authority.
- II. **Tax Rates Public Hearing.** No change.

Good Evening. My name is Robina Rich Bouffault from Boyce

In 1964, the singer Bob Dylan had a famous song “The Times They are A Changin’”. I’ll spare your ears from hearing me try to sing it – but my message today is the same.

As you know, I have been perturbed by discovering the extent of the automatic school capital fund carry-overs that have been the practice for a number of years now. While this could be justified when the schools had a number of true capital projects, today that is no longer the case.

As you can see in this chart, the school population has been declining for a long time now, with one school closing – while their operating costs continue to soar, and with no true capital “projects” left.

Clarke’s School Board is doing what all of Virginia’s school boards continually do every year, which is to demand ever more money, pointing to their neighbors as an excuse. However, contrary to our neighbors, our school population is shrinking. The neighboring localities’ supervisors have received their school boards’ proposed budgets, and have done a serious job of trimming them down, in light of their other needs. Both Frederick county and Winchester have cut several hundred thousand dollars off of their schools’ proposed budgets.

In Clarke, unfortunately, you have not touched the schools’ budget – even though it represents fully 66% of our total county budget – while it serves only 13% of its population – and a declining population at that.

The only real trimming down you’ve done this year is to the remaining third of the budget that represents all of our other county services that serve 100% of our population, not just 13%. And you have systemically squeezed their budgets, even though their needs continue to increase.

In view of the \$78,000 STEM luncheon computer glitch that went unnoticed, it’s pretty obvious that none of the five school board members ever even glance at their accounts, and continue to blindly follow anything their administrators propose. Their board’s financial oversight is non-existent.

On the other hand, your Supervisors’ responsibilities require you to maintain 100% oversight of our entire county budget, not just part of it. You have the legal responsibility for ensuring that our tax money is equitably and transparently allocated in a manner that reflects and takes care of the changing needs of our entire community.

Saying that “we’ve always done it this way” is not a valid excuse – and the total lack of any mention in the schools’ current proposed budget of the existing almost \$2 million dollars capital fund is, in my view, deceptive – full accountability requires both the school board and the supervisors to fully account for and justify the need for this money every year, and have the existing capital fund details included right along with the remainder of the budget, not hidden away out of sight.

Having a mid-year Finance Committee recommendation for “adjustments” that involve several million dollars being carried over with no mention of what it’s for, other than a comment by Mr. Judge that the schools are “shifting their funds around”, is totally unacceptable. It doesn’t pass the legal smell test of either transparency or accountability.

First of all, this should not be a Finance Committee item. It needs to be brought before the entire board for full disclosure and discussion – and deliberation as to whether any or all of the carry-over amounts requested by the school board – whether capital or operating – should be carried over for another year. It cannot be based on a recommendation made by only two supervisors in committee.

Mr. Chairman, you spoke of the public not liking acrimony – that's true.

When the public has the perception that they are not being told the truth, and that there is a lack of transparency in what their elected officials are doing, there will indeed be mistrust and acrimony.

As this public hearing is a pure formality with the budget already set in stone, I recommend that when October rolls around this year, your board place on your regular meeting agenda any and all carry-over requests made, for detailed discussion and deliberation by your full board in public before voting on anything – and if the amounts are above 1% of the budget, a public hearing should be set.

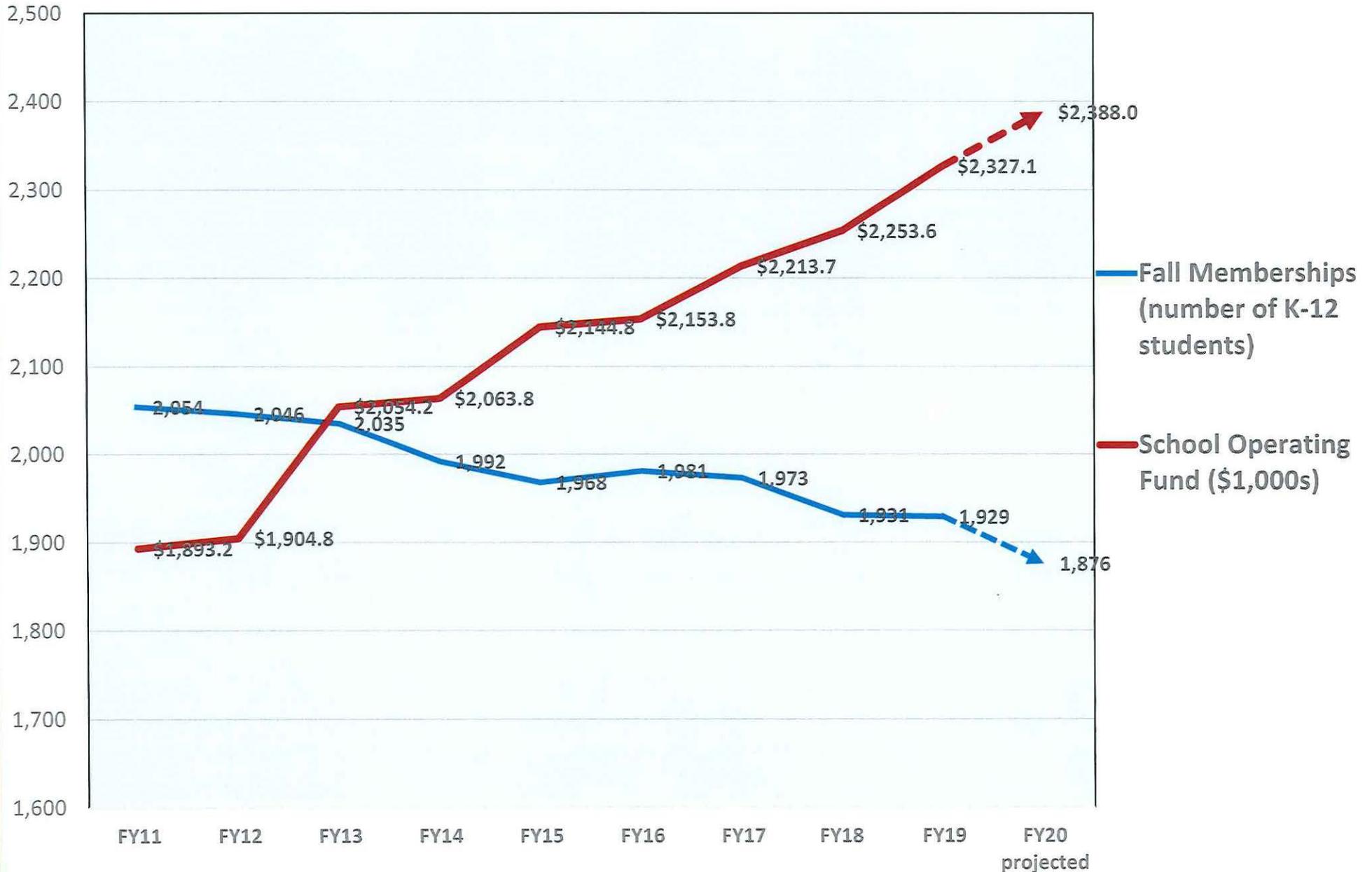
Automatic carry-overs need to become a thing of the past. -- The times they are indeed a changin', and your two boards need to change with them.

Thank you.

# CCPS - FY11-FY20 proj.

Pupil Populations and Operating Funding (\$1,000s) =

**9% decrease** in students and a **26% increase** in operating costs



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**Fwd: George Archibald Statement Before Clarke County Board of Supervisors,  
Tuesday, April 2, 2019**

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**From :** Tom Judge <tjudge@clarkecounty.gov> Tue, Apr 02, 2019 02:33 PM  
**Subject :** Fwd: George Archibald Statement Before Clarke County Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, April 2, 2019  1 attachment  
**To :** Lora Walburn <lwalburn@clarkecounty.gov>

FYI

Thomas J. Judge, Director of Joint Administrative Services, Clarke County, 540-955-6172

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**From:** "George Archibald" <archibaldgeorge65@gmail.com>  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 2, 2019 2:17:50 PM  
**Subject:** George Archibald Statement Before Clarke County Board of Supervisors,  
Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Dear Tom,

Here attached for your advance review my prepared statement for this evening's budget hearing, with recommendations for proposed recommendations to help clarify policy items regarding the AT&T 2001 lease renewal issue and the School Division's support for the Career-Technical Education program. Hope you find this helpful.

Best regards, George

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 **George Archibald Statement Before Clarke County Board of Supervisors,  
Tuesday, April 2, 2019 (with Attachments, 9 pages).pdf**  
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Tuesday, April 2, 2019

**Statement before Clarke County Board of Supervisors Public Hearing 19-04  
on Proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget and Policies Related Thereto**

Chairman Weiss, Clarke County Supervisors, and Government Officers:—

This hearing is appropriate time to express gratitude for all dedication, ability, and extensive time-consuming experienced service to our community of such excellent people as Directors Thomas J. Judge, Brandon Stidham, Gordon Russell, payroll director Sally Sheckels, County Administrator David Ash, and School Superintendent Dr. Chuck Bishop, who provide essential continuing services to our community with their capable staffs. Many thanks to all.

The objective now is to urge your serious attention to repeat renewal of telecommunications leases going back to 2001, other contracts, and franchises that no longer fit our needs nor meet your own objectives as previously stated in public actions.

Take for example the results of your own July 2016 telecommunications engineering study as summarized in *The Winchester Star* story last September 26, 2018 attached to this written statement for the record. That story said in its second paragraph:

"For more than three years, the County's Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, county staff members and an appointed Broadband Implementation Committee studies telecommunications needs with a goal of making it easier for service providers to install their infrastructure countywide."

But just last month, when Berryville Council continued third-time renewal of AT&T Corporation's old 2001 lease for water tower radio heads, they rebuffed my public hearing plea March 12 to step back and seek competitive bid proposals from other Mobile Virtual Network Operators (MVNO) as well under formal Request for Proposals (RFP) in order to get a better array of telephone and internet services for all our residents and businesses.

I spoke about this to Chairman Weiss at Long Branch after Pete Dunning's funeral service last week, who urged me not to file lawsuit against the town council after obtaining 15 years worth of AT&T contract documentation under the Freedom of Information Act.

So I am here today with recommended legislative language to accompany your budget resolution, after writing to the Board, which I urge be adopted to endorse a policy of seeking competitive private sector proposals from as many MVNO companies as possible for necessary radio heads to be placed along with AT&T's on our three municipal water towers.

This would bring in more county revenue, as well as greatly expand available broadband and satellite telephone and internet services.

Moreover, according to the Berryville Council's packet for its March regular meeting, the simple discretionary electric generator and installation project approved for AT&T alone was to be a sole-source procurement from small out-of-state contractor named Ramaker and Associates in Saulk City, Wisconsin, which disrespects every local vendor shut out of the procurement in this region, as well as local taxpayers who will pay the cost.

This only helps perpetuate growing corporate tyranny, the basic fuel of leftist political direction in this country.

So please enact the following FY 2020 Legislative Priority and Position for Clarke County, to complement your prior action found on Page 13 of 232 of your Regular Meeting Packet for October 16, 2018 (attached):

**"Issue: Broadband** Clarke County endorses and supports action to encourage and widen the number of mobile virtual network operators (MVNO) in our communities through Requests for Proposals (RFP) from the wide array of companies that lease wireless telephone and data service. The array of companies is ever changing beyond major host carriers AT&T Mobility, Sprint Corporation, T-Mobile US, Verizon Wireless, and regional carriers such as United States Cellular Corporation, with MVNOs serving about 36-million subscribers nationwide in 2016. It is therefore required that competitive bidding be implemented for placement of any commercial antenna tower on public ground and leased space on any municipal water tower in Clarke County."

Also, in order to revitalize our School Division's Career and Technical Education (CTE) program, it is requested that you also enact the following 2020 Legislative Priority and Position for Clarke County:

**"Issue: Career and Technical Education** Clarke County Public Schools must foster a vibrant Career and Technical Education (CTE) program to prepare students for advantages of farm and vocational trades as positive alternative to four-year college higher education following high school. The school division will report to this Board its compliance with this mandate by Oct. 1, 2019.

Thank you for your consideration of these two proposed legislative policy priority positions for your adopted resolution to accompany enactment of the county's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

I hope you agree that this affirmation of stronger competitive procurement, and revigoration of the school division's CTE program much as former School Board Chairlady and Planning Commission member Robina Bouffault had long championed for our benefit, are helpful actions for public confidence in your oversight and the county's policy agenda moving forward.

Attached to this statement are proposed motions for enactment of each item, which I hope Supervisor Daniel might be willing to offer as a courtesy to her constituent.

If not, I ask that someone else might make the requisite motions along with seconds in order to achieve a vote on what is proposed herein. Many thanks for your consideration and courtesy.

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## Wireless internet providers seek places in Clarke to locate equipment

By Mickey Powell,  
**The Winchester Star**  
September 26, 2018

**BERRYVILLE** — Clarke County officials are asking residents to work with them and some interested telecommunications companies to expand wireless, high-speed internet in parts of the county where service is unreliable.

For more than three years, the county's Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, county staff members and an appointed Broadband Implementation Committee studied telecommunications needs, with a goal of making it easier for service providers to install their infrastructures countywide.

That would enable residents and businesses to receive fast, reliable cellphone and wireless internet service from companies they select.

Although they sometimes are used interchangeably, the terms "broadband" and "internet access" technically are not the same. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) defines "broadband" as a specific standard of high-speed access.

Currently, the standard is a downloading speed of at least 25 megabits per second and an uploading speed of at least three megabits per second.

Standards have evolved as internet technology has changed over the years. In less populated areas outside the county's incorporated towns of Berryville and Boyce, people mostly have been depending on Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) service, commonly known as "dial-up," which is delivered through telephone lines.

As more and more services are being provided online, though, many people are finding out that "DSL doesn't stack up anymore," said county Planning Director Brandon Stidham. It's not fast enough for popular modern uses such as gaming and Netflix, he said.

And people moving to Clarke County from other localities have been surprised to find out that the mostly rural county does not have access to as much wireless, high-speed internet as they are accustomed, Stidham said.

Broadband companies are working with county officials to identify water towers and other places where they can install equipment.

At a meeting in June [2018], representatives of the companies also said they want to talk with property owners who have farm silos or elevated land with clear sight distances, as well as people living in clusters of homes suitable for hosting wireless internet service provider (WISP) broadband equipment.

Residents may be able to negotiate free or reduced-price services for the use of silos for antennas or small plots of land that can accommodate towers, according to county officials.

Stidham noted that customers of WISPs must have a direct line of sight to the antennas providing their services.

Other factors that can affect the quality of wireless internet service include the types of materials that homes and buildings are constructed from and large objects, such as buildings and trees, that are between a customer and transmission sites.

These WISP companies have shown interest in establishing internet connections in Clarke County and talking with property owners:

Clarke County cannot be involved in negotiations between residents and broadband companies, officials said, although county officials can help residents try to find ways to improve their internet links.

In July 2016, the county hired a third-party telecommunications engineering consultant to determine locations where new towers can be placed and determine appropriate heights and designs for towers and other antenna support structures.

A year later, county supervisors adopted revised telecommunications zoning rules designed to provide flexibility in the siting and construction of towers. The county has developed a website, <[clarkeconnect.org](http://clarkeconnect.org)>, as a resource for residents, businesses and broadband providers.

As technology rapidly changes, consumers should frequently review their service options, even if they have been told they cannot get broadband service, said county spokeswoman Cathy Kuehner.



## 2018 Legislative Priorities and Positions for Clarke County

11/21/2017 Revision

### Issue: Broadband

Clarke County urges the Commonwealth and Federal Government to assist communities in their efforts to deploy universal, affordable access to broadband for all areas, particularly in under-served and rural areas. Additionally, Clarke County opposes mandates that limit or restrict local use authority for the siting of telecommunications infrastructure or result in a negative fiscal impact to county budgets.

### Issue: Drug Courts, Treatment, and Substance Abuse Assistance

Clarke County urges the General Assembly to continue and expand the use of Drug Courts, treatment, and substance abuse assistance in an effort to provide a more complete and less costly alternative to employing only the criminal justice system to resolve the issues surrounding substance abuse.

### Issue: Education

Clarke County supports full funding of Virginia's Standards of Quality as recommended by the Board of Education. The Commonwealth should fund its share of the true cost of K-12 public education without reducing other parts of the budget affecting local government or shifting costs from the Commonwealth to localities.

In addition to meeting its obligations to fund fully instructional staff, Clarke County believes the Commonwealth should meet its obligation to fund fully the support side of K-12. Full restoration should be made of the cuts made in since 2009 in areas related to support staff funding including the elimination of the funding cap on support positions, reinstatement of the Cost of Competing funds for support staff, etc.

Clarke County supports legislation to adjust the calculation of the local Composite Index to base its Real Estate value calculations on use-value instead of true value in localities that have adopted use-value taxation.

### Issue: Ethics Rules

Clarke welcomes a review of the Commonwealth's Ethics Rules but believes that the rules that affect local jurisdictions and their Boards, Commissions, Authorities and Committees are strong enough today. Clarke cautions that any increase to the ethics rules affecting localities could prove detrimental to getting people to serve in local government positions. On the State level, Clarke supports the idea of recording the votes of individual members of the General Assembly at all subcommittee meetings.

### Issue: Funding for State Mandated Positions and Jails

Clarke County urges the Commonwealth to meet its full funding obligations for Constitutional Officers and their state mandated positions. In addition, Clarke requests that the state budget be amended to fund local and regional jails

## MOTION

I move as part of the Resolution to enact the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget approval of proposed FY 2020 Legislative Priority and Position for Clarke County, "Issue: Broadband," as follows:

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