

County Administrator's Update

ISLE CARES



April 27, 2018

Dear Citizens,

The FY2018-19 budget is nearing completion with the Board of Supervisors scheduled to vote to adopt the budget on May 10th. Highlights of the budget are as follows:

- No change in the real estate or personal property tax rates for 5th year in a row
- \$994,300 increase in School funding for operating costs
- \$1,770,000 in School capital funding for Roof and HVAC replacements
- \$625,000 for replacement of Rescue vehicle at Windsor VFD
- Construction of Route 10 water line to provide secondary source of water
- Completion of Nike Park Trail
- 2% general wage increase for employees plus up to 1% for merit increases
- Reduction of tipping fees for \$810,000 savings in Solid Waste disposal
- Continue replacement schedule of 8 Sheriff's Department vehicles
- Complete re-assessment of property throughout County with new values effective FY2020
- Completion of new E911 System
- \$2.16 million increase in debt service due to restructuring of debt in previous years

A public hearing was held on the proposed budget on April 19th and the last budget work session was held last night. I would like to thank the Board of Supervisors and all our County Staff for providing me with the guidance and information to put together a reasonable and conservative budget that will benefit the citizens of Isle of Wight County.

The Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on the proposed Boundary Line Adjustment for the Town of Smithfield at their meeting on April 19th. After hearing no comments, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Boundary Line Adjustment which has been years in the making. This change in the Town's boundary will allow them to include the Scott Farm in a comprehensive development that includes property already in the Town limits.

Randy R. Keaton, County Administrator
Isle of Wight County Virginia