



# Resolution

17-08

## A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS public hearings have been held on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Bayside Elementary School, the Liberty Building, and Sudlersville Middle School, respectively;

BE IT RESOLVED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2017, by the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, that except as otherwise provided herein, a real estate tax rate for Fiscal Year 2018 of \$.8471 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which is .0083 cents above constant yield, be and is hereby adopted;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to Sections 5-22 et seq. of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County, Maryland that the tax rate for the municipality of Centreville shall be \$.7430 per \$100 of assessed valuation, the tax rate for the municipality of Millington shall be \$.7868 per \$100 of assessed valuation and the tax rate for the municipality of Sudlersville shall be \$.7709 per \$100 of assessed valuation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Utility Operating Property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2018 of \$2.1178 per \$100 of assessed valuation, be and is hereby adopted;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County income tax rate remain unchanged at 3.20%;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to the authority of Queen Anne's County Ordinance Number 92-11 providing for a Kent Narrows Commercial Management and Waterfront Improvement District, a supplemental real property tax at a rate of \$.06 per \$100 of assessed valuation be and is hereby adopted for Fiscal Year 2018. The tax shall be levied on those properties subject to such a tax under the provisions of Ordinance Number 92-11;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, effective July 1, 2016, funds generated by the recordation tax established under County Ordinance No. 08-17 shall be applied, apportioned and expended as follows:

- A. \$0.15 of the \$4.95 recordation tax rate shall be paid to the Critical Workforce Program administered by the Department of Housing and Community Services.
- B. The balance of the funds generated by the recordation tax shall be payable to the General Fund.

Effective July 1, 2016, County Ordinance 15-07 shall be null, void and of no further force or effect.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Other Post-Employment Benefits shall continue to be funded in accordance with the approved 10-year plan;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that financial status reports shall be provided to the Commissioners on a quarterly basis;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County will continue the implementation of a program of LEAN management; the goals of the program include increased efficiency, improved customer service, more efficient County processes, increased employee engagement, and reduction of waste in the workplace;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in FY2018 the Bay Bridge Airport shall continue repayment of the \$1,308,000 loan from the General Fund at 3 percent interest for a remaining term of 19 years;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Volunteer Fire Companies may carry forward their capital budget allocations for fire and station related equipment, from one fiscal year to the next, while they are still required to submit receipts and evidence of items purchased, and must maintain these capital funds in a separate account with no commingling of these funds with any other account;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education will be funded at Maintenance of Effort or \$1,307,968 above the FY2017 budget.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education budget is adopted by category, in accordance with the Maryland Annotated Code, Education Article, Section 5-101. Any transfers between categories must be approved by the County Commissioners (Section 5-105), including, within 30 days after the adoption of the budget, the changes to categories which reflect how the alterations to the budget approved by the County Commissioners will be implemented (Section 5-103).

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT executive staff from Chesapeake College shall provide regular reports to the County Commissioners concerning the status of their maintenance & repair activities and the funds appropriated for such activities.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County's Pay for Performance system will continue in FY2018 using the rating levels of 1, 2, and 3;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County has instituted an On the Spot Awards Program, providing a cash bonus for extraordinary performance such as completing a special project or implementing a new process. Cash bonus awards may be in the amounts of \$150-\$500 per award, total spending not to exceed \$25,000 in FY2018.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County has instituted an Early Retirement Option for FY2018. Employees eligible must be of age 55 with at least 15 years of eligible service.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any savings from capital projects shall be returned to the General Capital Projects Fund unless official approval for re-appropriation is obtained

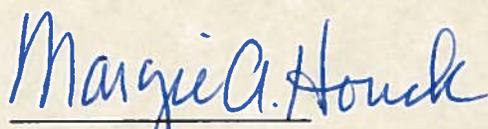
from the County Commissioners by the initially-funded department. Project funds must be expended within three years.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT as a condition of funding the design and engineering phase of the Kent Island Public Library Expansion project the Queen Anne's County Public Library will present three options for the renovation of the Kent Island Public Library Branch to the Commissioners before moving forward.

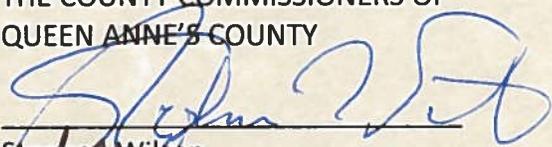
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed budgets for the General Fund, the Special Revenue Funds, the Enterprise Funds, and the Capital Projects funds for Fiscal Year 2018, copies of which are attached hereto, as a part hereof, be and are hereby adopted.

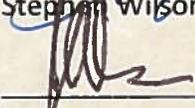
AS WITNESS the hands and seals of the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County, Maryland the day and year above written.

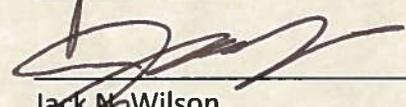
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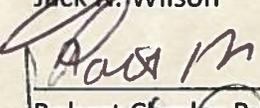
  
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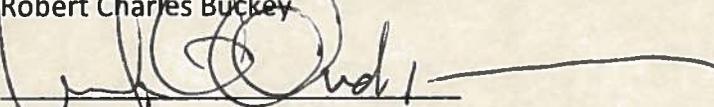
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