

A PROPERLY ADVERTISED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEW KENT WAS HELD ON THE FOURTH DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING. THE CHAIRMAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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IN RE:                   FY 1989-90 COUNTY BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Chairman explained that the purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing on the FY 1989-90 County Budget and an ordinance which would set the tax rates for the 1989 Tax Year stating that the proposed budget called for a \$0.20 increase in real estate tax rates and a \$0.50 increase in personal property tax rates.

County Administrator, H. Garrett Hart, briefly reviewed the budget using charts and graphs which demonstrated that the majority of the increase was due to the opening of the new high school. Mr. Hart stated that 87.6% of every tax dollar collected in New Kent County was for educational expenses.

The Chairman then opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Edward Pollard complimented the Board on the preparation of the proposed budget under difficult circumstances. He asked that the line item for the transportation of the elderly in the budget not be reduced. Mr. Hart stated that this was not a reduction in services it was simply a more accurate depiction of actual expenditures.

Mr. Mike Cucci asked what affect the reassessment now underway in the County would have on this budget. The Chairman explained that although the County was currently being reassessed, the new assessments would not take effect during the upcoming fiscal year.

Dr. Brian Wright complimented the Board for holding the tax rates as low as possible as he understood that the new school would cause a tremendous strain on the County's finances. Dr. Wright then suggested that perhaps water rates could be increased to pay for increased storage which would provide better water pressure in certain subdivisions in the County. The Chairman stated that the Board would look into this possibility.

There being no further public comment, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

Mr. Robinson complimented the County Administrator on the new format of the budget and the fact that he kept the budget as low as possible. Mr. Ringley concurred with Mr. Robinson.

The Chairman announced that the Board's next regular meeting was on May 8, 1989 which would be followed by a budget work session. He also announced that the Board has scheduled a meeting on May 22, 1989 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of adopting the budget and setting the tax rates.

Motion was made by Mr. Robinson to adjourn the meeting and carried as follows:

Paul C. Robinson	Aye
E. David Ringley	Aye
Robert A. Boroughs	Aye
Richard S. Ellyson	Aye

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H. Garrett Hart, III  
County Administrator

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Richard S. Ellyson  
Chairman