

**King and Queen County
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Monday, March 21, 2022**

6:00 P.M.

**Regular Meeting
King and Queen County Courts and Administration Building
Second Floor Conference Room**

Minutes of the Meeting

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Morris called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with member Jim Burns being absent.

APPROVAL OF WARRANT – LOWER FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE

Mr. Swartzwelder advised that the fire truck purchased for Lower Fire has been delivered and staff has signed off on acceptance. There are a few minor items remaining that are not in the contract but that the vendor has agreed to take care of them. Staff is requesting approval to go ahead and prepare the check so it will be available to send out once these items are complete.

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Bailey authorizing staff to process the payment in the amount of \$450,700.00 for the fire truck.

AYES: S.C. ALSOP, J.L. SIMPKINS, D.H. MORRIS, R.F. BAILEY
NAYS: NONE

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX/MOTOR VEHICLE DISCUSSION

Commissioner of the Revenue, Kelly Lumpkin, was present and presented additional data on the changes in value on used vehicles. She and the Director of Finance have worked together and provided several different assessment ratios that would lower the amount of tax on many vehicles but even with these changes many taxpayers could still see a significant increase, especially on SUVs, mid-sized cars and small trucks.

It was the consensus of the Board to leave the ratio unchanged for now and to advertise a .02 increase in the real estate tax rate. This would give the Board the opportunity to change the ratios at a later time if they choose to.

KING AND QUEEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUDGET

Mr. Swartzwelder advised that the most recent estimate received from the architect is still approximately \$25 million. This includes significant reductions and changes made by the school division for items they do not feel are necessary. Mr. Swartzwelder advised that the architect

needs a dollar figure to be placed in the contract for services in order to continue. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to place the project budget at \$22 million.

FY2023 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Tina Ammons, Director of Finance, advised that a consensus is needed tonight for what will be advertised for public hearing. She provided a handout that listed all of the increases and decreases that had been discussed at prior meetings as well as items that the Board had requested additional information on. The Board went through the items on the handout as well as other items brought forth by the County Administrator. It was the consensus to advertise the budget based on the items discussed and to include the .02 real estate tax rate increase.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD BE ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Ms. Alsop and seconded by Mr. Bailey to adjourn the meeting.

Doris H. Morris, Chairman

Clerk of the Board