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Fauquier County Board of Supervisors Adopts FY 2020 Budget, Calendar Year 2019 Tax Rates, and FY 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Program

Warrenton, Virginia – The Fauquier County Board of Supervisors adopted the Fiscal Year 2020 budget, Calendar Year 2019 tax rates, and Fiscal Years 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) on March 21, 2019.

The FY 2019 adopted budget totals \$330.8 million beginning July 1, 2019. General Fund expenditures total \$189.35 million, an increase of \$5.3 million or 2.86% over the FY 2019 adopted budget. This increase includes an additional \$3.84 million in local support to the School Division. As the second year of a two-year budget process, the FY 2020 adopted budget includes only a limited set of adjustments as a result of changes in revenue projections, state or federal mandates, or other significant events constituting an emergency that required additional budgetary consideration.

The adopted budget, consistent with the Board's approved draft plan for the second year of the biennial budget, includes only an increase in the fire and rescue levy of 1.2 cents for an overall real estate tax rate of \$0.994 per \$100 of assessed value. The adopted Calendar Year 2019 overall real estate tax rate of \$0.994 would increase the average homeowner's tax bill by \$45 per year.

The FY 2020 adopted budget includes \$8.1 million in capital projects funding including \$200,000 for ball field, trails, and playground renovations/upgrades, \$200,000 Rappahannock Station park project, \$828,000 for Environmental Services projects, \$5.7 million for utility and infrastructure projects including \$4.0 million for the broadband infrastructure project, \$40,000 as local grant matching funds for the Warrenton-Fauquier Airport expansion/improvement projects, and \$1 million for the Cedar Lee Middle School renovation/expansion project.

Information about the FY 2020 budget process, the proposed budget document, and a summary of the FY 2020 adopted budget are available on the Fauquier County website at <http://www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments-h-z/management-and-budget>. The detailed FY 2020 adopted budget will be posted on the Fauquier County website in June 2019.

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