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McCulla releases FY 2022 Proposed Budget

Warrenton, Virginia – County Administrator Paul S. McCulla today released to the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors his proposed budget for the Fauquier County government for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY 2022). The FY 2022 budget continues the Board of Supervisors' biennial budgeting process. While the Board of Supervisors approved a draft FY 2022 budget with the FY 2021 adopted budget, the Board of Supervisors must legally adopt a final FY 2022 budget and tax rates for Tax Year 2021 through the annual statutorily mandated process for adopting budgets and tax rates.

The FY 2022 proposed budget totals \$339.4 million, and is consistent with the Board's approved draft plan for the second year of the biennial budget. The proposed budget recommends no tax rate increase, maintaining the overall real estate tax rate of \$0.994. Under the recommended rate in the FY 2022 budget, the average homeowner's real estate tax remain approximately \$3,757 per year based on an average residential assessment of \$378,000. The proposed budget maintains all other current tax rates from Tax Year 2020.

In comparison to the FY 2022 projected budget, this is an overall increase of \$1.5 million consisting of a \$0.2 million decrease in the General Fund, a \$1.5 million decrease in School Division Funds primarily due to projected State revenue in the School Division Fund, an increase of \$4.1 million in all other funds, of which the Capital Improvement Fund increased by \$4.0 million and an \$0.9 million increase in offsetting transfers. Overall local tax funding would increase \$71,537 or 0.03% compared to the FY 2021 adopted budget and a decrease of \$67,525 compared to the FY 2022 projected budget.

The FY 2022 proposed General Fund budget includes an increase of \$0.75 million or 0.4%, a decrease of 0.2 million or 0.1% when compared to the FY 2022 projected budget increase. The increase in the General Fund is due primarily to providing additional costs associated with debt service payments in FY 2022, an increase of \$0.8 million when compared from FY 2021. The School Division operating local transfer remains at FY 2021 levels for a total of \$93.1 million.

The proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) totals \$137.7 million from FY 2022 through FY 2026, with an additional \$178.5 million designated for future fiscal years. Over the five-year planning period (FY 2022-FY 2026), \$9.9 million would be allocated for public safety and fire and rescue projects, \$5.4 million for parks and recreational projects, \$0.25 million for environmental services projects, \$5.0 million for utility and infrastructure projects including \$4.0 million for broadband development, \$0.12 million for Airport projects, and \$39.9 million for school division projects.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the FY 2022 proposed budget on March 16, 2021 beginning at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at the Fauquier High School Auditorium and aired virtually for the public at: http://fauquier-va.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=1. Those wishing to speak virtually may pre-register on the County website <https://www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/board-of-supervisors/speaker-card>. Residents may also provide their comments to the Board of Supervisors by email at BOS@fauquiercounty.gov. Information about the FY 2022 proposed budget and Board work sessions can be found on the Fauquier County website's at <http://www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments-h-z/management-and-budget>.

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