

# Fauquier County FY 2026 Proposed Budget

## Budget Overview

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Proposed Budget totals \$441.5 million, a \$27.3 million increase compared to the FY 2025 Adopted Budget. The Proposed General Fund Budget totals \$234.7 million, a \$7.4 million increase compared to the FY 2025 Adopted Budget.

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Total Budget	\$419.7M	\$414.2M	\$441.5M
General Fund Budget	\$214.4M	\$227.3M	\$234.7M
Real Estate Taxes as Portion of GF Budget	52.9%	50.6%	51.6%

The FY 2026 Proposed Budget, while balancing modest revenue growth and inflation, addresses:

- School funding
- Workforce investment
- Capital priorities

**\*\* The Tax Year (TY) ties to the calendar year. TY 2025 runs from January to December 2025. Fauquier County's Fiscal Years (FY) run from July to June and are named for the calendar year in which they end. FY 2026 runs from July 2025 to June 2026. \*\***

The proposed tax increase is attributed to the School Division due to three main drivers: \$1.0 million in additional School capital improvement funds towards infrastructure and the Taylor Middle School project, \$1.4 million additional to the School Division Operating budget to support the Superintendent's Proposed Budget requests, and \$2.0 million in recurring funds to repair the School Division's health insurance shortage.

## Personnel

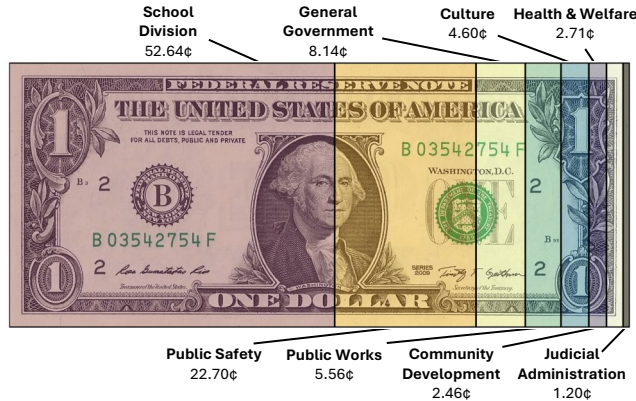
The FY 2026 Proposed Budget includes a 2.7% cost of living adjustment and an average of 2.0% merit increase for all General Government staff (not on a step scale), and a 1.5% increase to the step scale and a one-step increase for public safety and law enforcement staff (those on a step scale).

The FY 2026 Proposed Budget includes the following FTE adjustments:

- **The establishment of 3.0 new FTEs:**
  - Deputy Sheriff in the Sheriff's Office
  - Social Services Associate in Social Services
  - Deputy Treasurer I in the Treasurer's Office

**FY 2026 Total County FTEs: 846.13**

## Tax Dollar Breakdown



## School Division

The FY 2026 Proposed Budget transfer to the School Division totals \$106.1 million and all County support for schools totals \$127.4 million. Additional support includes \$8.6 million for debt service, \$11.7 million for consolidated services, and \$1.0 million for Capital Projects.

**FY 2026 Total School Division FTEs: 1,855.50**

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
County Transfer	\$95.8M	\$104.6M	\$106.1M
Debt Service	\$8.2M	\$8.3M	\$8.6M
Capital Projects	\$3.3M	\$1.1M	\$1.0M
Consolidated Services	\$10.9M	\$11.0M	\$11.7M
Total County Support	\$118.2M	\$125.0M	\$127.4M

## Fire Rescue Levy

The FY 2026 Proposed Fire Rescue Levy is \$0.180, remaining unchanged over the FY 2025 Adopted Budget. The Proposed Budget includes a 1.5% salary scale adjustment and a step increase for the Fire Rescue System. Volunteer station contributions are also increasing by an overall average of 3.0%. The Asset Replacement Fund includes replacements for one ambulance, as well as Public Safety Radios and SCBA.

## Tax Rate Comparison

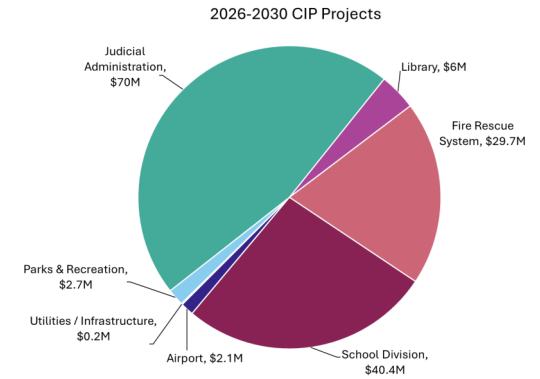
Tax / Fee		Tax Year 2024 Adopted Rate	Tax Year 2025 Proposed Rate	Change
Real Estate	General	\$0.759	\$0.789	\$0.03
	Fire Rescue Levy	\$0.180	\$0.180	-
	CESD Levy <sup>2</sup>	\$0.004	\$0.004	-
Personal Property	Vehicles	\$3.45	\$3.45	-
	Business	\$3.45	\$3.45	-
	Data Center Computer Equipment	\$4.15	\$4.15	-
Stormwater Fee <sup>1</sup>		\$13.64	\$13.64	-

<sup>1</sup>The Stormwater Management Fee is a County-wide special assessment on a per-parcel basis.

<sup>2</sup>Conservation Easement Service District Fund.

## Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

The FY 2026 — FY 2030 Proposed CIP totals \$151.1 million, with an additional \$153.0 million in future years.



### Major projects proposed for FY 2026:

- \$6.0 million for construction of a new library in Vint Hill
- \$16.1 million for Taylor Middle School renovation (tranche 2 of 3)
- \$1.8 million for design of a new Judicial Center

## FY 2026 Budget Calendar

### FY 2026 Proposed Budget & Tax Year 2025 Public Hearing

Date	Time	Location
March 20	7:00 p.m.	<b>Public Hearing</b> Fauquier High School Auditorium 705 Waterloo Road Warrenton, VA

### Budget Work Sessions

Date	Time	Location
March 4	2:00 p.m.	Warren Green Building 10 Hotel Street Warrenton, VA
March 13	1:30 p.m.	Town Hall 21 Main Street Warrenton, VA
March 25	2:00 p.m.	<b>Mark-up / Mark-down</b> Warren Green Building 10 Hotel Street Warrenton, VA

### Budget Adoption & Appropriation

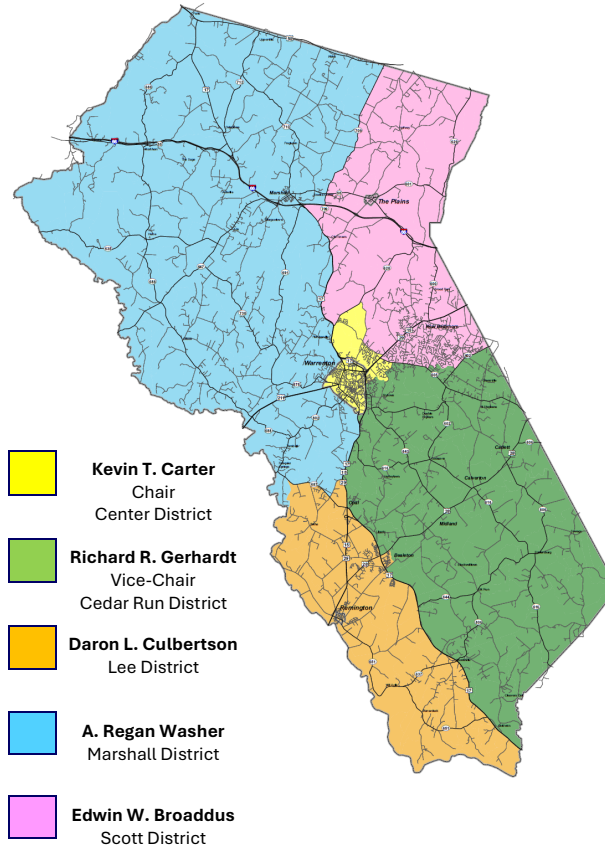
Date	Time	Location
March 28	10:00 a.m.	<b>Budget Adoption</b> Warren Green Building 10 Hotel Street Warrenton, VA

Please note that dates are subject to change.  
Please see [County Calendar](#) for updates.

## County Administration

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## Board of Supervisors

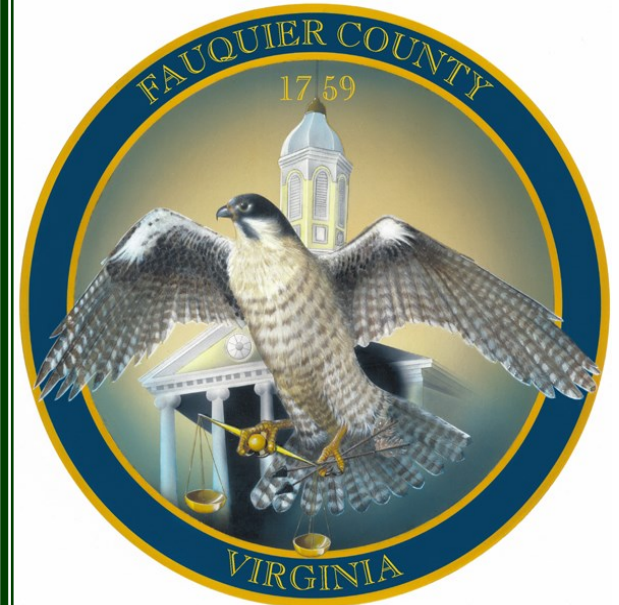


## For More Information

The Board of Supervisors will conduct work sessions on the Proposed Budget in March, with budget adoption scheduled for March 28, 2025. Members of the public are invited to speak at the Board of Supervisors' public hearing scheduled for March 20, 2025, or submit their comments by e-mail to: [bos@fauquiercounty.gov](mailto:bos@fauquiercounty.gov). The FY 2026 Proposed Budget is also available in the following locations:

- Fauquier County Office of Management & Budget
- Fauquier County Administrator's Office
- [Office of Management and Budget Website](#)

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## Budget-in-Brief

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