At a Budget Mark-Up meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, held in the Board Auditorium of the Government Center at Fairfax, Virginia, on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at 10:09 a.m., there were present:

- Chairman Sharon Bulova, presiding
- Supervisor John C. Cook, Braddock District
- Supervisor John W. Foust, Dranesville District
- Supervisor Penelope A. Gross, Mason District
- Supervisor Patrick S. Herrity, Springfield District
- Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins, Hunter Mill District
- Supervisor Jeffrey C. McKay, Lee District
- Supervisor Kathy L. Smith, Sully District
- Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth, Providence District
- Supervisor Daniel G. Storck, Mount Vernon District

Others present during the meeting were Edward L. Long Jr., County Executive; Elizabeth Teare, County Attorney; Catherine A. Chianese, Assistant County Executive and Clerk to the Board of Supervisors; Denise A. Long, Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors; and Ekua Brew-Ewoollo and Dianne E. Tomasek, Administrative Assistants, Office of Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.
BOARD MATTER

1. **MOMENT OF SILENCE** (10:10 a.m.)

Chairman Bulova asked everyone to keep in the thoughts the family of Mr. Delbert “Bill” Sheads, who died recently. He was a lifelong resident of Burke and had a tremendous memory of things that happened when he was a small child. Mr. Sheads was the 2012 At-Large Lord Fairfax honoree; a former Chief of the Burke Volunteer Fire Department; a lifelong member of the Freemasons of Virginia at Henry Lodge 57; and worked for the Virginia Department of Forestry, serving the County and Northern Virginia. He will be missed.

Supervisor Cook said Mr. Sheads was heroic during the Burke fire of 1940 in which he rescued some individuals and was a “D” day participant.

Supervisor L. Smyth asked everyone to keep in thoughts the family of Delegate Jim Scott, who died recently. He was a former Providence District Supervisor; a State Delegate; the government liaison for Inova for many years; a founding member of the Greater Merrifield Business Association; and a mentor to many. He was an advocate for fair and affordable housing. He left his imprint on the County and the Commonwealth.

Supervisor Hudgins shared a personal memory of Mr. Scott and his wife, Nancy.

AGENDA ITEMS

2. **10 A.M. – BOARD DECISION ON THE COUNTY AND SCHOOLS’ FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2017 THIRD QUARTER REVIEW**

AND

**BOARD MARKUP OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE’S FY 2018 ADVERTISED BUDGET PLAN AND THE FY 2018 ADD-ON PACKAGE**

(SARs) (FPR)

Following remarks by Chairman Bulova, she stated that Supervisor McKay, the Board’s Budget Chair, would move approval of separate motions for the FY 2017 Third Quarter Review and the FY 2018 Budget Mark-Up amendments that were discussed at the Budget Committee meeting last Friday.

Supervisor McKay said that the FY 2017 Third Quarter Review, as advertised, included a balance of $403,407 for additional one-time requirements during FY 2017.

In the FY 2018 Advertised Budget Plan, a reduction of $150,000 was included to reduce the Insight Memory Care Center (IMCC) contract by 50 percent. Based on
feedback from the community, one-time funding available at Third Quarter will be used to restore funding for FY 2018 to provide additional time for IMCC to modify and adapt its business model to improve fundraising capacities.

**FY 2017 Third Quarter Board Adjustments**

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<td>Restore Insight Memory Care Center Contract for One Year (FY 2018)</td>
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**FY 2017 Third Quarter Balance**  
$237,526

As a result of this adjustment and associated reserve adjustments, a balance of $237,526 is available for one-time spending requirements in the next fiscal year.

Therefore, Supervisor McKay moved approval of the *FY 2017 Third Quarter Review* including approval of Supplemental Appropriation Resolution (SAR) AS 16305 for FY 2016 adjustments to reflect the final audit as well as SAR AS 17190 and Amendment to the Fiscal Planning Resolution AS 17901 which include the revenue, expenditure and transfer adjustments, grant awards and adjustments, and associated reserve adjustments contained in the County and School’s Third Quarter Review dated March 14, 2017, as well as the adjustments listed above, resulting in an available balance of $237,526. Chairman Bulova seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion regarding the SAR number, the question was called on the motion and it carried by unanimous vote, Supervisor Cook, Supervisor Foust, Supervisor Gross, Supervisor Herrity, Supervisor Hudgins, Supervisor McKay, Supervisor K. Smith, Supervisor L. Smyth, Supervisor Storck, and Chairman Bulova voting “AYE.”

**FY 2018 Budget Mark-Up**

Supervisor McKay said this package starts with a balance of $3.68 million available after the adjustments included in the County Executive’s Add-On package of April 6, 2017. This balance is the result of the $1.99 million balance identified in the FY 2018 Advertised Budget Plan, an increase of $1.58 million in General Fund revenue based on final State budget actions, additional revenues generated in the Mosaic District, a new Circuit Court fee, and a net expenditure and reserve decrease of $0.11 million.
Add-On Adjustments

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<th>FY 2018 Advertised Balance</th>
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<td>Additional State Revenue</td>
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<td>Excess Mosaic Revenue to General Fund</td>
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<td>New $5 Circuit Court Fee per Paper-filed Document</td>
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<td>Circuit Court Clerk for New Judge</td>
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<td>Savings from Utilizing the Community Labor Force</td>
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<td>Eliminate Funding for the Infill Tree Sign Program</td>
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Balance as of Add-On

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Note: R = Recurring

It should be noted that the $0.58 million in additional State revenue for the County is in addition to the $4.2 million recognized by the Schools as a result of State action.

Adjustments Recommended by Board

Supervisor McKay stated that with only a small balance available to the Board after Add-On changes, there is limited flexibility to make adjustments. This package utilizes the balance in much the same manner as the original Advertised Budget – allocating proportional funding amounts to both School and County needs. On the County side, available funding is directed to one of the Board’s highest priorities – Diversion First. As a result, the second year of Diversion First is partially funded, including 18 new positions, to meet the next phase of requirements for this important initiative. Additionally, based on feedback received from the community, the proposed reduction to eliminate the Community Readiness and Support Program is restored. These two adjustments alone totaled almost two-thirds of the entire balance. Thus, to provide an equitable increase for the Schools, an additional reduction related to fuel expenses is included.

As a result, just over $1.7 million is available in additional support for Fairfax County Public Schools resulting in an operating transfer increase of 2.79 percent. The portion of General Fund disbursements remains at the advertised rate of
52.8 percent – slightly higher than in FY 2017 – and County and School disbursements in the General Fund both grow 2.49 percent. Based on final State budget actions and adjustments made in the Schools’ Third Quarter Review, the most recent projected budgetary shortfall for the Schools was $48.4 million. Even with the additional funding for Schools included in this package, to balance the FY 2018 budget, the Schools will likely be taking many of the same steps as taken on the County side this year including deferring or not funding important priorities and instituting reductions.

With revenues growing only 1.94 percent over FY 2017, and a myriad of needs facing the County, there were several important issues raised by Board Members that could not be accommodated within FY 2018 funding but for which the Board is committed to revisiting and has included in the Budget Guidance.

Funding Adjustments Recommended by Board

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<td><strong>Balance as of Add-On</strong></td>
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<td>Increase transfer to School Operating Fund (2.79 percent increase)</td>
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<td>County Adjustments</td>
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<td>Fund Second Year of Diversion First Initiative, including 18 positions</td>
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<td>Restore reduction to eliminate the Community Readiness and Support Program, including 4 positions</td>
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<td>Additional Fuel Expense Reduction</td>
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**Final Remaining Balance/(Shortfall)**

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*With these adjustments, the FY 2018 budget includes contributions of $9,408,234 to reserves (10 percent of the $94,082,344 increase in General Fund disbursements), including $5,221,570 to the Revenue Stabilization Fund and $4,186,664 to the Managed Reserve. Total FY 2018 reserves are estimated at 7.2 percent of General Fund disbursements.

R = Recurring

As a result of these changes, the FY 2018 budget is balanced and the FY 2019 projected budgetary shortfall is estimated at $95.7 million. In addition,
18 positions are added for Diversion First and 4 positions are restored for the Community Readiness and Support Program, for a total of 72 net new positions in the FY 2018 Budget.

Supervisor McKay said that this budget includes other tax and fee adjustments, including:

- An increase in Sewer Service Charges to $6.75 per 1,000 gallons. This is an increase from the FY 2017 service charge of $6.68 per 1,000 gallons.

- An increase in the Sewer Availability Charge from $7,750 to $8,100.

- An increase in the Sewer Service Base Charge from $24.68 per quarter to $27.62 per quarter.

- A decrease in the Leaf Collection Levy from $0.015 to $0.013 per $100 of assessed value.

- An increase in the Stormwater Services district tax rate from $0.0275 to $0.0300 per $100 of assessed value.

- A decrease in the Phase I Dulles Rail Transportation Improvement District tax rate from $0.17 to $0.15 per $100 of assessed value per the recommendation from the Phase I District Commission.

- Implementation of the Reston Transportation Service District with a tax rate of $0.021 per $100 of assessed value.

- Also, per the recommendation from the Tysons Service District Advisory Board, the Tysons Service District tax rate will remain at $0.05 per $100 of assessed value.

Other fee adjustments included in the budget proposal are increases for refuse disposal and increases included in the FY 2018 reductions package, including fees for laboratory and clinical services in the Health Department and parking garage fees. In addition, the implementation of a cost recovery charge in the Illegal Sign Program, an hourly fee for the rental of the Historic Courthouse for weddings, and the Circuit Court fee for paper-filed documents (as discussed in the Add-On package) are included.

Therefore, having provided public notice and conducted a public hearing as required by Virginia law, Supervisor McKay moved approval of the FY 2018 Budget as Advertised, with the changes as summarized, advertised changes to other taxes and fees, and required Managed Reserve and Revenue Stabilization adjustments. The tax and fee increases become effective on and after
July 1, 2017, unless otherwise noted. These actions result in a balanced budget for FY 2018. Chairman Bulova seconded the motion.

Supervisor L. Smyth moved to amend the motion to consider the Tysons Service District tax rate separately, which will remain at $0.05 per $100 of assessed value. Chairman Bulova seconded the motion and it CARRIED by a recorded vote of nine, Supervisor Cook, Supervisor Foust, Supervisor Gross, Supervisor Herrity, Supervisor Hudgins, Supervisor McKay, Supervisor K. Smith, Supervisor Storck, and Chairman Bulova voting “AYE,” Supervisor L. Smyth voting “NAY.”

Discussion continued with Board Members providing remarks and expressing their support/non-support of the main motion.

Supervisor K. Smith acknowledged the presence of former Supervisor Michael Frey in the Board Auditorium. The Board welcomed him.

Following further discussion, the question was called on the main motion, as amended, and it CARRIED by a recorded vote of eight, Supervisor Cook, Supervisor Foust, Supervisor Gross, Supervisor Herrity, Supervisor Hudgins, Supervisor McKay, Supervisor L. Smyth, and Chairman Bulova voting “AYE,” Supervisor K. Smith and Supervisor Storck voting “NAY.”

**Budget Guidance for FY 2018 and FY 2019**

Supervisor McKay outlined the Budget Guidance for the upcoming FYs 2018 and 2019.

**Schools Operating Support and Board of Supervisors/School Board Collaboration**

With limited projected revenue growth and an estimated budgetary shortfall of over $95 million in FY 2019, next year is shaping up to be another difficult budget year. The approach taken in the development of the FY 2018 budget was to focus on the needs of both the County and the Schools through continued collaboration between the two Boards and to provide equitable increases consistent with available resources. This approach should be continued in the formation of the FY 2019 budget. As in FY 2018, it is likely that many important priorities on both sides will not be able to be funded next year. However, it is important that work continue through the Joint Budget Development Workgroup and the Boards continue to hold more frequent discussions on budget issues, utilizing the joint budget development timeline presented to the Boards in February. For example, at the upcoming Public Safety Committee meeting in June, the Boards will have an opportunity to discuss the impact of gang violence in the community. As part of this discussion, the Board of Supervisors should consider funding a reserve for gang prevention using balances available at the FY 2017 Carryover Review. The Boards, as well as staff from both the County and
Schools, should also continue collaborative work regarding shared services, joint capital initiatives (and their impact on the Capital Improvement Program), early childhood development, the opioid use epidemic, and possible additional cost saving and space efficiency opportunities in the School-Age Child Care (SACC) program. This work includes the efforts of the Successful Children and Youth Policy Team (SCYPT). These discussions, as well as the presentation of updated revenue projections and forecasts in the fall, should help shape the joint list of County priorities and provide for a more well-informed backdrop as FY 2019 budget decisions are made.

Employee Pay

Based on funding for performance, merit, and longevity increases included in the FY 2018 budget, almost 80 percent of employees will receive a pay adjustment in the coming fiscal year. Due to constrained resources, however, the Market Rate Adjustment (MRA) could not be funded. The Board appreciates the hard work and dedication of all County employees and is concerned about the competitiveness of the County’s pay scales, which the MRA is designed to maintain. As part of the development of the FY 2019 Advertised budget, the County Executive is directed to prioritize employee pay in the context of impacts on employees and the market position of County pay scales.

Employee Pensions

In FY 2012, the County conducted a comprehensive study of the County’s three retirement systems and implemented benefit changes for new employees hired on or after January 1, 2013. As part of the FY 2016 Adopted Budget Plan, the Board adopted a multi-year strategy to increase contributions to the systems and to manage liability growth. Although these steps have been vital in strengthening the financial position of the retirement plans, it is important to continue examining the plans in light of changes in the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) and other local plans, a challenging investment environment, and evolving employee and retiree demographics.

As part of the Lines of Business (LOB) review, the Board received a presentation on employee pay and benefits, including retirement. Subsequent to that presentation, a thorough reexamination of the County’s systems was requested as a LOB Phase 2 project, directing staff to report to the Board with detailed information on hiring and retirement trends, the VRS mandate, and benefit levels. As part of this review, the Board will examine plan provisions and benefits such as the minimum retirement age, Rule-of-85, and a pre-Social Security supplement. A review of the County’s DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) will also be included in the analysis, including such items as the program’s utilization and effect on succession planning and the guaranteed interest rate given recent market conditions. The Board commits that any adjustments will apply only to new hires, except in the case of possible adjustments related to DROP.
The first discussion is expected to take place at an upcoming Personnel Committee meeting in June. Additional discussions should take place so that the Board’s review can be completed in time to make recommendations for inclusion in the FY 2019 Advertised Budget. Feedback from staff, employee groups, and residents will be considered as part of the Board’s deliberations.

**Length of Service Award Program for Volunteer Firefighters**

The Board is grateful for the support that the County receives from its volunteer firefighters, both in terms of funding and, most especially, the commitment of time from residents in the community. Ensuring that an appropriate volunteer force is maintained to augment career firefighters is important to providing adequate coverage across the County. Through the use of grant funding, the Fairfax County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association began funding a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) in 2014, providing a defined benefit pension plan to eligible volunteer firefighters. As part of the FY 2019 budget development, staff is directed to work with the Fire and Rescue Department and the Volunteer Association to determine how the County can assist in continuing the LOSAP program to help recruit and retain qualified volunteer firefighters. This work should include an analysis of the funding needs of the LOSAP program, investment options, and oversight structure, especially if County funds are required.

**Uniformed Police Pay and Staffing**

Based on Board guidance for FY 2016 and FY 2017, a comprehensive consultant analysis of the rank, organizational, and pay structure for the Police Department and Office of the Sheriff was completed last fall. Based on the scale of the overall study and estimated costs, recommendations resulting from the study were expected to be implemented in stages over multiple years. In line with study recommendations, additional Police positions were included in the FY 2018 budget, with more expected to be included in future budgets, to decrease the span of control for supervisory positions. For recommendations involving Police employee pay, the FY 2018 budget includes funding to standardize the uniformed Police (O-Scale) pay plan but defers funding related to increasing pay grades of specific job classes based on budgetary limitations. It is important to continue implementing the recommendations resulting from the analysis, particularly in regard to employee pay, to ensure that pay remains competitive in the region and the County continues to be able to recruit and retain highly skilled Police Officers. As part of the FY 2019 Advertised Budget Plan, the County Executive is directed to utilize updated market data to determine the appropriate pay grades for Police positions and to include the necessary funding to continue implementation of the study’s recommendations.
Recommendations of the Ad-Hoc Commission on Police Use of Force

The recommendations of the Ad-Hoc Commission on Police Use of Force recommended a number of items with significant financial costs, which have been endorsed by the Board. The Board was unable to fund most of the costs of these recommendations in the FY 2018 budget and, under current budget projections, will have significant difficulty funding all of these recommendations in the near future. Therefore, staff is directed to develop for the Board a five-year, fiscally-constrained plan for the implementation of the most important and beneficial recommendations of the Ad-Hoc Commission and to brief the Board on this revised plan by the end of the calendar year.

Fire and Rescue Compensation and Organization Study

Consistent with the comprehensive study recently conducted to review the rank, organizational, and pay structure of the Police Department and Office of the Sheriff, funding is included in the FY 2017 Third Quarter Review to conduct a similar study for the Fire and Rescue Department. This analysis should be completed by the fall to allow recommendations to be included in the County Executive’s FY 2019 Advertised Budget Plan.

Public Safety Staffing Plan

In 2014, County staff developed the Five-Year Public Safety Staffing Plan. Since its adoption by the Board, limited funding has been available to meet the priorities as originally identified. Since 2014, staff has had the opportunity to review the plan in light of evolving circumstances and is better able to prioritize programs and estimate costs. Therefore, staff is directed to develop a revised five-year, fiscally-constrained public safety staffing plan that is realistic in light of current budget projections and meets the most pressing public safety needs of the County, including a plan to fully staff the new South County Police Station by 2021.

Pre-Notification 9-1-1

The procurement and implementation of a pre-notification 9-1-1 data repository would allow residents to voluntarily log personal details into the 9-1-1 system prior to an emergency incident. These details would then be immediately available to first responders if and when a call is received from a registered phone number. Data such as any mental or physical limitations, required medications, and/or identifying characteristics of family members are among the numerous types of information that could be registered through a system of this nature. Staff is directed to continue to explore options related to this functionality as it relates to the next generation 9-1-1 system and opportunities for regional cooperation in procuring and implementing such a system. Staff should report to the Board at a future Public Safety Committee meeting as new information becomes available.
Diversion First

Diversion First is a key priority of the Board. However, given current revenue projections and competing priorities, it may be difficult for the Board to fund this program at the pace originally envisioned. As the program has developed staff is learning more about costs and priorities and is better able to estimate costs now than when the program originated. Therefore, staff is directed to develop a five-year, fiscally-constrained implementation plan for Diversion First that continues significant forward progress, while operating within realistic fiscal goals. Staff is directed to present this revised implementation plan to the Board by the end of this calendar year, so it may be included in the FY 2019 budget.

Employment and Day Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

During FY 2017, the Board directed the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) to analyze the resource and service impacts of the various Employment and Day Services options for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and return to the Health, Housing, and Human Services (HS) Committee with a recommendation creating an equitable and sustainable service model. Staff continues to evaluate the model presented at the February 21, 2017 HS Committee meeting in the context of experience to date and is directed to return to the Board with an update by the end of September 2017 so that the Board can provide direction on how to proceed with service delivery in FY 2019 to accommodate advance planning for June 2018 graduates and others in the community who come forward for service. The evaluation and implementation process should include continued collaboration and consultation with service providers, advocacy groups, and impacted residents. Additionally, the County Executive is directed to fully fund Employment and Day Services in the FY 2019 Advertised Budget consistent with the direction to be provided by the Board in the fall.

Tax Relief for Surviving Spouses of First Responders Killed in the Line of Duty

In November, Virginia voters approved a constitutional amendment which allows localities the option to grant real estate tax relief for surviving spouses of first responders killed in the line of duty. While it is difficult to estimate the potential revenue loss from implementing this change, it is important to recognize the potential financial difficulties suffered by those who lose a loved one in the course of protecting the community overall. Therefore, staff is directed to pursue implementation, developing a proposal for the Board’s approval, making the necessary system changes, and working to identify qualified residents in time for an effective implementation date of January 1, 2018. The estimated revenue impact should be included in the FY 2019 Advertised Budget Plan.
Inova Translational Medicine Institute

In FY 2015, the County entered into a partnership with Inova to support the Inova Translational Medicine Institute, providing $500,000 annually to advance research in the application of genomics in personalized health care. The Board believes that this investment will generate significant returns on investment both in terms of economic development in the County and improved health outcomes for residents and others. To ensure accountability and transparency of the use of County funding, staff is directed to continue to work with Inova to schedule an annual presentation before the Economic Advisory Commission to update the Board on the work being supported by County dollars, progress made in the Institute’s research programs, and the economic benefit of that work.

Visit Fairfax

The Board will be meeting with the Board of Visit Fairfax this fall. The tourism industry presents a significant opportunity for expanding a sector of the Fairfax County economy that is not dependent on the Federal government. Tourism growth is an important component of the County's Economic Success Plan. Opportunities for enhancing the tourism industry may require changes in State legislation and additional local funding, perhaps through means other than the General Fund. Staff is directed to work with the staff of Visit Fairfax to present the Board with options for growing the tourism industry.

Opioid Use Epidemic

As staff has reported previously to the Board, there are several efforts underway to combat the opioid epidemic including national, State, regional, and local initiatives. The summary, included in the recent Budget Q&A, indicated that due to the dynamic nature of the situation and ongoing efforts, these efforts would be subject to change. The Board directs that staff continue to provide ongoing updates of the work being done and any changes in the impact that the epidemic is having on the community. Staff is also directed, consistent with the recommendation of the Human Services Council, to continue to work with national, State, and regional partners on strategies to combat the epidemic and to identify funding needs that the Board should consider during FY 2018 as these updates and recommendations are provided. The Board will also consider a reserve at the FY 2017 Carryover Review to provide flexibility for these potential requirements.

Human Service System Resources

The needs assessment developed for the Human Service System last year is a roadmap for the system in the coming years. Using this roadmap the Board directs that staff and the Human Services Council identify priority funding needs over the next five years. The plan should recognize that the County will be fiscally constrained during this period. The plan should also take into account the
priorities already established by the Board and the Human Service System. At the same time the plan should be flexible enough to respond to changing priorities, the impact of changes in programming and County demographics, and shifts in Federal funding.

**Metro**

The level of ongoing commitment to funding Metro will be a significant policy discussion in future years. Historically, the County has relied on modest General Fund support, State aid and gas tax receipts, and General Obligation bonds to meet its share of operating and capital expenses for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). State aid and gas tax represent the County’s share of these revenues held on behalf of the County by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC). It is anticipated that FY 2019 and future years will require significant increases in County contributions which are not sustainable within existing revenue resources. The County’s growing and future transportation needs to support its economic growth will only be met by a safe and reliable Metro system. Given the urgency of Metro funding and need for reforms, staff is directed to continue to monitor this situation, participate in regional discussions on funding options to include Federal and State commitments to Metro funding, and brief the Board as necessary at upcoming Budget Committee and Transportation Committee meetings on the options available for future year funding decisions.

**Federal Budget Issues**

The potential impact of the Federal budget on the County is significant both in terms of the next round of sequestration that is looming in the fall and on long-term changes proposed to programs ranging from the environment to human services. The local economy is also going be affected as Federal employees are eliminated and funding for Federal contractors is reduced. The County does not have the ability to replace Federal funding given the size and scope of the impacts. Staff is therefore directed to monitor the Federal budget as it progresses through the process to ensure that the Board has a complete understanding of the impacts. The County strategy as it relates to lobbying Congress as well as to developing contingency plans for the reductions of the highest priority to the County can then be discussed by the Board. The Department of Housing and Community Development has already begun providing updates and other departments are directed to do the same as appropriate. Staff should recommend putting in place reserves as part of the FY 2017 Carryover Review based on the information available at the time and based on the successful use of reserves when the County was last faced with sequestration.

Therefore, Supervisor McKay moved the Budget Guidance just reviewed which will help direct the FY 2019 Budget process. Supervisor Gross and Supervisor Herrity jointly seconded the motion.
Following discussion, with Board Members providing comments regarding the Budget Guidance, Supervisor Gross asked unanimous consent that the Board direct staff to report with additional information regarding gang prevention funding in coordination with the discussion at the June 13 Public Safety Committee meeting. Without objection it was so ordered.

Supervisor Gross noted that additional Personnel Committee meetings will be needed and suggested that staff allocate time slots for those meetings.

Supervisor Foust, noting that a discussion was held at the Budget Committee meeting last Friday regarding employment and day services for individuals with developmental disabilities, suggested that staff provide funding level options for the Board to consider.

Following further discussion regarding the Budget Guidance, the question was called on the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

3. **10 A.M. – BOARD DECISION ON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FOR FISCAL YEARS (FYs) 2018–2022 (WITH FUTURE FYs TO 2027) (11:55 a.m.)**

Supervisor McKay moved approval of the FY 2018–FY 2022 Capital Improvement Program (with future fiscal years to 2027) with the following amendments:

- Direct County staff to work with the Board of Supervisors and Fairfax County Public Schools on CIP project scoping, planning, and shared space/multi-use facility opportunities, consistent with the Board of Supervisors/School Board Joint Work Plan and the focus on the provision of services in a more efficient and coordinated way.

- Change the future project list to include a Central Providence Area (Merrifield, Dunn Loring, MetroWest) Library and eliminate the reference to a future Mosaic Library.

- Direct County staff to support the strategic installation of traffic preemptive devices as a priority emergency management tool both during the development process, as recommended by the Planning Commission, and throughout the County as opportunities allow. The installation of these devices is necessitated by new development and transportation improvement projects and can improve fire and rescue response times while extending the life of existing fire stations and deferring the need for additional stations.

- For FY 2019, consider raising the annual bond sale limits above $275 million to help support the CIP program. This increase
should be subject to adherence of the County’s Ten Principles of Sound Financial Management and debt capacity ratios and have no negative impact on the County’s Triple-A Bond Rating.

- For FY 2019, consider establishing a section of the CIP that identifies and supports the ongoing major maintenance of all County infrastructure, including for all programs that maintain separate funding authority, such as the school system, utility services, and housing development. It is further recommended that consideration be given to devising a maintenance classification and prioritization system.

- Make all necessary adjustments to reflect actions taken during the Board’s decision on the FY 2018 Adopted Budget Plan that impact the CIP.

Supervisor Gross seconded the motion. Following a brief discussion regarding raising the annual bond sale limits, the question was called on the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

4. **BOARD ADJOURNMENT** (12:01 p.m.)

The Board adjourned.