

Board of Supervisors

Lines of Business

LOB #1:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Purpose

The Board serves as Fairfax County's governing body, under the Urban County Executive form of government, to make policy for the administration of the County government within the framework of the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. As elected representatives of the people of the County, the members of the Board serve the public good and represent the interests of all citizens.

Description

The Board of Supervisors consists of nine members elected by district, plus a chairman elected at-large. Board members are elected for four-year terms. The Board establishes county government policy, passes resolutions and ordinances (within the limits of its authority established by the Virginia General Assembly), approves the budget, sets local tax rates, approves land use plans and makes appointments to various positions. These actions are conducted in open meetings, with the exception of discussion of issues exempt by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, such as legal or personnel issues.

The members each have staff to assist them in carrying out their duties.

Benefits

An elected body is critical to an effective democracy.

Mandates

By state law. See generally, Va. Code § 15.2

Trends and Challenges

- Representing an increasingly diverse population
- Encouraging and facilitating citizen participation in our government
- Finding ways to do more with less/funding constraints
- Keeping up with rapidly evolving technology & security needs of a world-class metropolitan area
- Staying ahead of evolving societal needs, concerns and expectations
- Attracting and retaining a talented workforce
- Balancing competing priorities
- Maintaining an exceptional School system
- Replacing aging infrastructure and building new facilities to meet demands
- Encouraging economic development and increasing the tax base
- Creating, maintaining and promoting a safe and caring community

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Resources

Category	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Adopted
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FUNDING			
<u>Expenditures:</u>			
Compensation	\$3,857,270	\$3,846,985	\$4,579,569
Operating Expenses	269,905	286,806	233,050
Total Expenditures	\$4,127,175	\$4,133,791	\$4,812,619
General Fund Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Cost/(Savings) to General Fund	\$4,127,175	\$4,133,791	\$4,812,619
POSITIONS			
<i>Authorized Positions/Full-Time Equivalent (FTEs)</i>			
<u>Positions:</u>			
Exempt	70 / 70	70 / 70	70 / 70
Total Positions	70 / 70	70 / 70	70 / 70

Metrics

Due to the overall policy nature of the Board, there are no specific metrics for this LOB.