



**Vote DOUG HOLROYD
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Residents and Homeowner Associations are encouraged to share these updates within their communities. I welcome your comments and questions.

2024 Fiscal Year Budget for York County

York County Fiscal Year 2024 budget was approved by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday May 2nd. There was very little discussion, and no changes to what was presented by the County Administrator, Neil Morgan.

Am I surprised? No, quite the opposite. I expected the Board to approve the Administrator's budget with minimal debate. Mr. Shepperd repeated his promise that public input will be sought earlier in the 2025 budget process. But how did the Board do in responding to the comments received from the public this year? We won't fully know, as comments expressed by the citizens via phone and email to the Board, are not openly shared.

Three citizens did provide input at the public forum in April. Eight recommendations were made, but the Board did not incorporate any of these recommendations in the budget.

Did we make any impact? Judging by the fact that both Real Estate and Personal Property Tax rates were lowered from last year's rate, I conclude that citizen input did make a difference. I specifically recommended to the Board, at numerous public hearings, that they reduce taxes based on the enormous surplus generated last year (over \$16 Million).

As a result, the Board approved the following reductions versus the previous year:

Personal property tax was reduced by 10 cents from the previous tax rate of \$4.00 per \$100 of assessment value. Other municipalities such as Hampton Roads reduced the levy by the equivalent of 30 cents. The County will by my review, generate a surplus in excess of \$2 Million in the current year as a result.

The real estate property tax rate was reduced again this year by 1 cent from the previous tax rate of \$0.78 per \$100 of assessment value. This fell short of the proposed tax rate cut of 1-1/2 cents. The County will by my review, generate a surplus of \$2 Million over the next 12 months based on this tax rate.

If elected, I will work on your behalf to establish tax rates more in line with a budget that meets the citizen's needs and desires for York County. It's not fair to the citizens of this County that we pay surplus taxes and fail to receive a rebate.

Voter Registration

For voter registration, there isn't a guide for it, but the state does have some information, including forms and a link to register online, on their website. The page to start at is:

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/how-to-register/>

For early voting, all the voter has to do is show up at the Registrar's office and vote just like they would have done on Election Day.

The Registrar's office for the Upper District is on Mooretown Road in the Home Depot plaza.

Address: 6614 Mooretown Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23188

It's open every Tuesday from 8:30-5:00 throughout the year.

During early voting (which starts this year on Friday, September 22), it's open Monday through Friday, 8:30-5:00. It is also open the last two Saturdays before Election Day on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.