

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS FOR THE 2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WHEREAS, Fauquier County has a variety of issues and interests that require legislative action by the Virginia General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) has requested submission of such legislative proposals for consideration in the 2017 VACo Legislative Program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors this 8th day of September 2016, That the Board of Supervisors' 2017 Legislative Program be, and is hereby, adopted as follows:

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Revenue Impacts for Local Governments

Fauquier County urges the General Assembly to authorize counties to enact a meal tax of up to 8% without referendum or special approval from the General Assembly. Six counties in Virginia already have exemptions from the referendum requirement. By granting this authority to the rest of the counties within the Commonwealth, the General Assembly will help counties to achieve revenue parity with their surrounding cities and to generate capital revenue to fund needed county and school projects.

Fauquier County opposes the imposition of additional unfunded state mandates upon localities.

Fauquier County urges the General Assembly to return to paying \$14 per day for all state responsible inmates for whom they are now paying \$12 per day.

Social Services/Comprehensive Services

Fauquier County opposes any changes to CSA policy that would further shift costs from the State to localities.

Education Funding

Fauquier County encourages recognition by the Commonwealth that its current policy of using full assessed value in the calculation of the Composite Index penalizes localities that employ land use valuation, and is inconsistent with its land preservation goals and policies.

Fauquier County seeks continued and increased state funding to assist localities with school-related capital costs.

Land Use and Zoning Authority

Fauquier County opposes any measure that would eliminate or reduce any local government zoning, land use or revenue authority.

Fauquier County encourages the General Assembly to provide adequate authority for the Virginia Department of Health or localities to respond to, and find solutions for, failing Alternative On-Site Septic Systems—particularly in the case where the homeowners are low-income Virginians.

Fauquier County supports legislation to prohibit public utilities from establishing transmission corridors over developed growth areas.

Fauquier County supports legislation authorizing the regulation of Air B&B's at the local level, where their impact is most strongly felt.

Purchase of Development Rights and Conservation

Fauquier County supports increased State funding for the purchase of conservation easements and other land conservation needs.

Libraries

Fauquier County seeks an increase to the state aid formula for public libraries. Funding available for public libraries currently fall short of the amount needed to fully fund the formula as defined by the Code of Virginia. Funds are needed, as more and more Virginians turn to their public libraries to help bridge the gap between those with access to electronic resources and those without.

Chesapeake Bay Restoration

Fauquier County encourages the Commonwealth to work closely and collaboratively with localities, the Rappahannock River Basin Commission and the Potomac Watershed Roundtable in their endeavors to restore water quality.

Transportation Priorities

Fauquier County seeks support from the Virginia General Assembly to have the Commonwealth Transportation Board restore the \$1.069 million that was reduced from the preliminary engineering phase for the proposed interchange at Route and Business Route 15/17/29.

Fauquier County seeks support from the Virginia General Assembly to encourage the Virginia Department of Transportation to construct a traffic light at the intersection of Route 29 North and Mill Run Industrial Park.

Fauquier County requests support from the Virginia General Assembly for the Virginia Department of Transportation to accept the entry road into the Warrenton-Fauquier Airport as a publically maintained road (as per Code of Virginia § 33.1-221--Airport Access Program)

Fauquier County requests support for the County's FY 2017-2023 Smart Scale funding request for Intersection Safety Improvements along Route 28 (a contributing corridor of statewide significance) and its intersection with Bastable Mill Road (Route 603) and Bristersburg Road (Route 616).

Broadband

Fauquier County supports efforts to expand broadband capabilities in underserved and rural areas including protecting and enhancing local authority to deploy or partner with others, public or private, broadband in unserved and underserved areas.

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