

**At A Budget Work Session of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors  
Held on Thursday, April 10, 2014, 3pm  
Conference Room, 233 L South County Drive, Waverly VA**

**Board Members Present:**

Charlie E. Caple, Jr.  
C. Eric Fly, Sr.  
Robert E. Hamlin  
Alfred G. Futrell  
John A. Stringfield  
Raymond L. Warren

**Others Present:**

Thomas E. Harris, County Administrator  
Michael R. Packer, County Attorney  
Onnie L. Woodruff, Treasurer/Interim Director of Finance  
Raymond L. Bell, Sheriff  
Brenda H. Drew, Housing Programs Coordinator  
Deborah A. Davis, Acting Deputy County Administrator

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**Item 1. Call To Order [3:13:55 PM](#)**

The April 10, 2014 Board of Supervisors Budget Work Session was called to order by Vice Chairman Hamlin.

**Item 2. The Invocation [3:14:18 PM](#)**

The invocation was offered by Supervisor Stringfield.

**Item 3. Approval of Agenda**

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR STRINGFIELD, seconded by SUPERVISOR WARREN that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors approve the agenda of the April 10, 2014 budget work session.

A substitute motion was offered by Supervisor Futrell to recess today's meeting until Wednesday, April 23, 2014, 6:00 p.m, so that the citizens may have an opportunity to attend. He explained that a new Director of Finance will be on board on Monday, which will allow him a week to bring some things to order.

The substitute motion was seconded by Supervisor Stringfield.

Supervisor Warren advised that he is not available on April 23, 2014.  
Vice Chairman Hamlin asked Supervisor Futrell if his date is flexible.

Supervisor Futrell advised that the date is flexible.

Supervisor Warren asked why the Board cannot do what needs to be done today to get the budget process started. Nothing will be done today that will be set in stone, except get facts. This meeting is supposed to be to get information together, discussing what is proposed and checking out line items.

Onnie Woodruff, Treasurer/Interim County Administrator stated that the communications has been dead. There have been no recommendations, met one time for fifteen minutes and it was chaos. He stated that he is here to work, to see what the Board wants to fund and how it will be funded.

Chairman Fly requested that the Board approved the agenda, and if they don't want to work on the budget, at least work out a budget schedule, so that Mr. Woodruff knows how long he is going to be employed. Chairman Fly commented and asked that this statement be put on record: "This is absolute horse crap that here we are at the meeting; there was plenty of notice to talk to the Chair; there was plenty of notice to talk to the County Administrator that certain members of this Board were not ready to have this meeting. If you are not ready to have the meeting, that's fine, but don't show up at the meeting, when the meeting is getting ready to start, decide you don't want to have the damn meeting. That's not how you run a County. Now you can postpone the thing if you want to, I've got no problem with that. I came back from Richmond, took off a half day of work to get a budget for this County. We're here. If you don't want to do it, that's fine. I've got no problem with it, but to sit here and entertain a motion, a substitute motion while we're here. Why wasn't this brought up Monday? Tuesday? Wednesday? Thursday? We could have cancelled this meeting at anytime, if we didn't want to have a meeting. I don't comprehend this at all. If this Board is going to run this County, the games have got to stop."

Supervisor Futrell stated that it's no game in this.

Vice Chairman Hamlin asked the Deputy Clerk to call for the roll for the vote on the substitute motion.

County Attorney Packer requested that the substitute motion be repeated.

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR FUTRELL, seconded by SUPERVISOR STRINGFIELD and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby recess this budget meeting on Thursday, April 17, 2014, beginning at 4:00 p.m. so that the public can attend and the new Director of Finance can also be in attendance

Voting aye: Supervisors Caple, Futrell, Hamlin, Stringfield

Voting nay: Supervisor Fly, Warren