



Board Meeting Highlights: March 10, 2020

A Message from Kathy Smith

Below you will find information from the Board of Supervisors' meeting that took place on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. The full [meeting agenda and board package](#) are available online. You can also watch a [video](#) of the meeting online on the county's website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy".

Presentations



The Board of Supervisors designated **March 2020 as Developmental Disabilities Inclusion Month** in Fairfax County. Requested by Chairman McKay.

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The Board of Supervisors designated **March 2020 as Women's History Month** in Fairfax County. Requested by Chairman McKay.



The Board of Supervisors recognized the **Washington Nationals** for winning the 2019 World Series.

Video: Update on Coronavirus



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Fairfax County Health Director Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu and Director of Epidemiology Dr. Benjamin Schwartz provided an update on coronavirus (COVID-19) to the Board of Supervisors.



For more information about COVID-19, and the latest updates, [click here](#).

COVID 19
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, VA

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.** (Illustration of two people shaking hands with virus particles nearby)
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.** (Illustration of a person sneezing into a tissue)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.** (Illustration of a person touching their face with a red prohibition sign over the hand)
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.** (Illustration of hands being washed with soap)
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.** (Illustration of a house with a bed icon inside)
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.** (Illustration of hands being washed with soap and water)

For more information: go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health or email us at health@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Administrative Items

Supervisor Gross made a motion to approve Administrative Items 1-8, with Administrative 9 being voted on separately. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE - 1

Streets into the Secondary System (Sully District)

The Board of Supervisors approved the County Executive's recommendation to add the street listed below to the State Secondary System.

Subdivision: Chantilly Crossing and Southgate Center III

District: Sully

Street: Penrose Place

ADMINISTRATIVE - 9

Authorization to Advertise Publication of the FY 2021 Budget and Required Tax Rates, the FY 2021 Effective Tax Rate Increase, and the Advertised Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2021-2025 (With Future Fiscal Years to 2030)

Chairman McKay made a motion to authorize the advertisement of:

A brief summary of the FY 2021 Budget, including information as it relates to the impact of the [Personal Property Tax Relief Act \(PPTRA\)](#) on the percentage of state "Car Tax" subsidy on qualifying personal property tax levy

- Proposed Tax Rates for tax year 2020
- The effective tax rate notice required by Virginia Code Section 58.1-3321

Notice of public hearings on the FY 2021 - FY 2025 [Advertised Capital Improvement Program \(With Future Fiscal Years to 2030\)](#)

Supervisor Alcorn seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of nine to one, with Supervisor Herrity voting "NAY."

Background:

The [FY 2021 Advertised Budget Plan](#) is balanced based on a Real Estate Tax rate of \$1.18 per \$100 of assessed value, which is an increase of \$0.03 over the current rate for FY 2020. **Advertising an increase in the rate does not prevent the Board from lowering any advertised tax rate, but a higher tax rate cannot be imposed without having advertised the higher rate.**

In order to meet legal requirements and hold to the scheduled public hearing dates, the advertisement must be approved no later than March 10, 2020. This will permit the county to adhere to the following budget schedule:

- **April 14, 2020** - Public Hearing on the FY 2021 Effective Tax Rate
- **April 14-16, 2020** - Public Hearings on the FY 2021 Budget, the [FY 2021 - FY 2025 Advertised Capital Improvement Program \(With Future Fiscal Years to 2030\)](#), and proposed FY 2021 Tax Rates
- **April 14-16, 2020** - Public Hearings on the *FY 2020 Third Quarter Review*
- **April 28, 2020** - FY 2021 Budget Mark-up and Board Adoption of the *FY 2020 Third Quarter Review*

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- **May 5, 2020** - Board Adoption of Fiscal Plan, Tax Levies, and Appropriation Resolution
- School transfer set (required by May 15, 2020 or 30 days after the State approves aid to school).

For more information about the FY 2021 Advertised Budget Plan, [click here](#).

Action Items

ACTION - 5

Approval of the Disease Carrying Insects Program

Supervisor Gross made a motion to direct county staff to take the following actions concerning the Fairfax County's Disease Carrying Insects Program:

Mosquitoes (West Nile virus, Zika virus, and Other Mosquito-borne Diseases -

- Continue to test mosquitoes for West Nile virus, Zika virus, and other pathogens as necessary.
- Continue inspections and larviciding of mosquito breeding areas in the county using appropriate and approved larvicides according to established criteria in as many rounds during the mosquito season as necessary.
- Continue to conduct an aggressive community outreach and education program to increase county residents' awareness of mosquitoes, West Nile virus, Zika virus, and other mosquito-borne diseases, as well as personal protection and prevention methods.
- Continue to use adult mosquito control methods as necessary to protect public health.

Ticks (Lyme disease, and other Tick-borne Diseases) -

- Continue to conduct tick surveillance activities.
- Continue to test ticks for pathogens, including the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.
- Continue to conduct county-wide community outreach and education program to increase county residents' awareness of ticks, Lyme disease, and other tick-borne diseases, as well as personal protection and prevention methods.

Other Disease-transmitting Insects of Public Health Importance -

- Continue to work with Environmental Health staff to provide information on other disease-transmitting insects of public health importance.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Background:

The *Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia* requires the submission of the annual [Disease Carrying Insects Program](#) for Board of Supervisors' approval. The [Annual Report for the program \(begins on page 231\)](#) provides an overview of many program activities and highlights the importance of vector-borne disease prevention and control.

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ACTION - 6

Approval of the Calendar Year 2020 Forest Pest Management Program

Supervisor Gross made a motion to direct county staff to take the following actions concerning Fairfax County's Calendar Year 2020 Forest Pest Management Program:

Gypsy Moth -

- Continue a monitoring program for life stages of the gypsy moth in all areas of the county.
- Continue to conduct an outreach program targeting the tree care industry and residents of the county in monitoring of gypsy moth populations.

Fall Cankerworm -

- Continue a monitoring program for all life stages of the fall cankerworm in the county.
- Continue fall cankerworm spring defoliation surveys.
- Continue to conduct an outreach program to the public on the potential impacts of this pest.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) -

- Continue to inventory the county for ash resources as well as investigate new control methods for EAB, including the use of biological control.
- Continue a control program for this pest on high value ash trees on Fairfax County owned properties.
- Staff plans to use the trunk injected pesticide Mectinite® and basal bark trunk spray Safari 20 SG®.
- Monitor ash trees that were treated as part of the previous year's program to determine the effectiveness of the control.
- Monitor areas where EAB parasitoids were previously released to determine if parasitoids can be recovered. Investigate additional areas that are suitable for parasitoid release.
- Continue to implement an extensive outreach program targeting the tree care industry and residents of the county on EAB control methods and removal of dead ash trees.
- Coordinate the remediation of damage caused by EAB, including the removal of dead ash trees from county property.

Thousand Canker Disease of Walnut -

- Continue to explore the potential impact of this disease that is threatening black walnut.
- Continue to provide outreach opportunities for residents on methods for protecting black walnut trees on their property.
- Investigate new control methods for the walnut twig beetle, including the use of biological control.

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Sudden Oak Death Disease (SOD) -

- Continue to conduct a monitoring program in order to determine if SOD is present in the county.
- Continue to update a management plan in the event SOD is discovered in the county.

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) -

- Continue a control program in naturally occurring stands of eastern hemlock on county and Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority property. Staff plans to use the soil or trunk injected pesticides IMA-jet[®], Safari 20 SG[®], and CoreTect[®].
- Continue to evaluate hemlock trees that have been treated to determine treatment efficacy and tree health.
- Establish partnerships with other local and regional authorities to provide treatment for HWA.
- Investigate new control methods for HWA, including the use of biological control.

Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) -

- Continue to update the long-term management plan for ALB.
- Continue to conduct an outreach program in order to educate the public and private industry on the potential impacts of this pest.
- Continue to monitor in areas that have been identified as being at high risk for ALB introduction.

Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) -

- Continue to monitor scientific research for SLF to determine its impact on trees in the county should it arrive.
- Continue to survey all life stages in all areas of the county.
- Initiate a county inventory of tree of heaven. Trees found on county property may be treated with an herbicidal treatment of Arsenal, Garlon 3A or Garlon 4, Milestone, and Rodeo.
- Initiate a control program with Merit 2F and Safari 20 SG, systemic insecticides that deliver insecticides into host trees, or Botinigard, a contact insecticide, in the event SLF is discovered in the county.
- Develop a management plan in the event SLF is discovered in the county.
- Continue to conduct an outreach program targeting the tree care industry and residents of the county in monitoring SLF.

Beech Bark Disease (BBD) -

- Initiate a monitoring program for BBD in beech stands on county owned properties.

Beech Leaf Disease (BLD) -

- Petition the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to add BLD to the list of insects and diseases that can be controlled by local service districts.
- Initiate a monitoring program for BLD in beech stands on county-owned properties.

Forest Health Initiative -

- Continue to evaluate forest health using data from the e i-Tree™ survey conducted in 2017.
- Continue to evaluate the soil microbiota and its effects on forest health.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Background:

The *Code of the County of Fairfax, Virginia* requires the submission of the annual [Integrated Pest Management Program](#) proposal for Board of Supervisors' approval.