WASHINGTON COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA - TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026

Board of Supervisors - Special Called Meeting **6:00 PM**

Board of Supervisors Auditorium
County Government Building
1 Government Center Place,
Abingdon, VA 24210

Dwayne Ball**, Chairman**
Randy Pennington**, Vice Chairman**
Lee Brannon**, Board Member**
Charlie Hargis Jr.**, Board Member**
Saul A Hernandez**, Board Member**
David Matlock**, Board Member**
Phillip B McCall**, Board Member**
Jason Berry**, County Administrator**
Brandon Snodgrass**, County Attorney**
Tammy Sturgill**, Director of Budget & Finance**
Alicia Roland**, Executive Assistant**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
   Dwayne Ball

3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**
   A. **Consideration for Approval of Meeting Agenda**

4. **PRESENTATIONS**
   A. **Dr. Keith Perrigan will present a School Board Resolution approved on June 25, 2026; supporting a 1% Sales Tax Referendum for this November Election. If Referendum were approved by the voters, the 1% sales tax can only be used for School Construction and Capital Improvement Projects.**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
   A. **Public Comments**

6. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

7. **ADJOURN OR RECESS**
   A. **ADJOURN OR RECESS THE MEETING**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3.A

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE:	July 7, 2026
SUBMITTED BY:	Alicia Roland , Administrative Assistant
ITEM TYPE:	Action Item
AGENDA SECTION:	APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA
SUBJECT:	Consideration for Approval of Meeting Agenda
SUGGESTED MOTION:	The Board is asked their Consideration for the Approval of the Meeting Agenda.
BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:	
ATTACHMENTS:	

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.A

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE:	July 7, 2026
SUBMITTED BY:	Jason Berry , County Administrator
ITEM TYPE:	Presentation
AGENDA SECTION:	PRESENTATIONS
SUBJECT:	Dr. Keith Perrigan will present a School Board Resolution approved on June 25, 2026; supporting a 1% Sales Tax Referendum for this November Election. If Referendum were approved by the voters, the 1% sales tax can only be used for School Construction and Capital Improvement Projects.
SUGGESTED MOTION:	Board Discretion/Approval to place on July 14, 2026 Agenda for a Public Hearing on School Construction Referendum
BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:	
ATTACHMENTS:	

RESOLUTION

OF THE

WASHINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD

SUPPORTING THE OPTION TO PLACE A 1% LOCAL SALES TAX REFERENDUM ON THE BALLOT FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Washington County School Board recognizes its responsibility to provide safe, modern, and effective learning environments for all students in Washington County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, many school facilities within the division require capital improvements, renovations, or replacement due to aging infrastructure, safety needs, capacity pressures, and evolving educational requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia has historically authorized only a limited number of localities to pursue a voter referendum for a one-percent (1%) local sales tax dedicated exclusively to public school capital projects; and

WHEREAS, recent actions by the Virginia General Assembly and the inclusion of a statewide local-option sales tax referendum mechanism in the proposed FY 2027–2028 biennial budget expand this authority to additional localities, including Washington County, pending final adoption; and

WHEREAS, under this legislation, any revenue generated from such a one-percent (1%) local sales tax increase must, by law, be strictly earmarked for public school construction, major renovation projects, or debt service related to those capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the tax increase requires direct voter approval through a referendum placed on the ballot during a general election, ensuring that the citizens of Washington County have the opportunity to determine whether this dedicated funding mechanism should be adopted; and

WHEREAS, Washington County's location along the Interstate 81 corridor, its border with Tennessee, and its proximity to North Carolina, Kentucky, and West Virginia generate substantial retail activity from non-residents whose purchases would contribute to school capital improvements through a local option sales tax; and

WHEREAS, a one-percent (1%) local sales tax is projected to generate approximately $11 million annually for school capital improvements, while producing an equivalent amount of revenue through local real estate taxes would require an estimated increase of approximately thirty-one cents ($0.31) per $100 of assessed value; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County School Board affirms that long-term, sustainable funding for capital improvements is essential to maintaining high-quality educational facilities and reducing the financial burden on local property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the authority for such a sales tax includes a sunset provision, ensuring that the tax is subject to future review and is not authorized in perpetuity without further action as provided by state law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County School Board formally supports granting Washington County the authority to place a one-percent (1%) local sales tax referendum on the ballot, as provided for in the proposed FY 2027–2028 Virginia state budget and related legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County School Board encourages the Washington County Board of Supervisors, upon authorization by the Commonwealth, to consider the potential benefits and opportunity costs of placing the referendum before the voters at the next eligible general election; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Washington County School Board reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that any revenue generated through this dedicated sales tax, if approved by voters, will be used solely for school construction, renovation, and capital improvement projects in accordance with state law; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Washington County Board of Supervisors, the County Administrator, and the Washington County delegation to the Virginia General Assembly.

Washington County Public Schools
June 25, 2026

Keith Perrigan, Ed. D.
Division Superintendent

Adam Wilson
School Board Chair

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.A

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE:	July 7, 2026
SUBMITTED BY:	Alicia Roland , Administrative Assistant
ITEM TYPE:	Information Item
AGENDA SECTION:	PUBLIC COMMENT
SUBJECT:	**Public Comments**
SUGGESTED MOTION:	**Chairman's Opening Statement For Public Comment Period:** "At this time, the Board will hear Public Comment from those registered to speak. Please come to the Podium as I call your name, and please restate your name, mailing address and any organization you represent. Each speaker will have five minutes for comments beginning with the green light on the Podium, with 1 minute remaining when the green light begins blinking and 30 seconds remaining to conclude when the yellow light appears. Speakers are reminded that Board members and staff will not address questions or otherwise engage speakers during the Public Comment period."

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

Rules Governing Public Comment Period:

The follow is excerpted from the By-Laws of the Washington County Board of Supervisors, Article 8, Conduct of Meetings of the Board of Supervisors):
8.9. A period for Public Comment shall be provided as part of the Agenda for the Board's regular monthly meetings. The Public Comment period is provided to permit Washington County residents or property owners an opportunity to address the Board on legitimate matters of county business. This period shall be governed by the following provisions:

8.9.1. The Public Comment period shall be strictly limited to five (5) minutes per speaker and restricted to residents of Washington County or owners of property located within Washington County. The matters on which speakers may address the Board shall be limited to legitimate matters of county business. No speaker shall engage in political statements, personal attacks upon members of the Board of Supervisors, county employees and officials, or any other person, nor are speakers entitled to use abusive language or discuss matters outside of the authority of the Board of Supervisors. Matters subject to a public hearing scheduled for the same meeting shall not be addressed during the Public Comment period. Violation of these rules shall enable the Chairman to rule the speaker out of order and by directive to have the speaker removed from the meeting, if necessary, and to take such other steps the Chairman deems appropriate, including bringing charges against the speaker in the name of the Board of Supervisors. Any speaker removed from the meeting once or ruled out of order twice within a twelve (12)-month period shall have their privilege to speak before the Board during Public Comment suspended for one (1) year. The Chairman's decision to remove or rule a speaker out of order shall be final and unappealable.

8.9.2. All persons wishing to speak during the Public Comment period must register to do so on a sign-up sheet available immediately prior to and during the period. Speakers shall address the Board from the Lectern upon recognition by the Chairman, whereupon they shall identify themselves, any title and organization they represent, and provide a mailing address. The Chairman at his discretion may provide a verbal advisory to a speaker at the Lectern after four (4) minutes and thirty (30) seconds have elapsed to conclude comments. A timing device may be used in addition to or in lieu of Chairman giving notice.

8.9.3. Board members, county employees and officials shall not respond to questions posed nor address or rebut speaker's statements made during the Public Comment period. Matters raised during the Public Comment period may be discussed during Board Member Reports and the Board at its discretion may direct that such matters be placed on the Agenda of a future meeting.

8.9.4. The provisions of this subsection shall be stated on the Public Comment sign-up sheet. Speakers shall acknowledge their understanding of and agreement to abide by these provisions by registering to speak.

ATTACHMENTS:

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.A

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DATE:	July 7, 2026
SUBMITTED BY:	Alicia Roland , Administrative Assistant
ITEM TYPE:	Action Item
AGENDA SECTION:	ADJOURN OR RECESS
SUBJECT:	ADJOURN OR RECESS THE MEETING
SUGGESTED MOTION:	Adjourn or Recess the Meeting
BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:	
ATTACHMENTS:	