



**AGENDA
FREDERICK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018
4:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.
WINCHESTER REGIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL CONFERENCE ROOM
491 AIRPORT ROAD, WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA**

4:30 P.M. - Call to Order

Welcome Visiting Legislative Representatives

DISCUSSION – 2019 Legislative Agenda (*See attached*)

5:30 P.M.* – Adjourn

*Note: **Community in Motion: Transportation Forum 2018**, the annual transportation forum, will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Airport Terminal Lobby.

2019 LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES
FREDERICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Priority Items:

1. **Reconsideration of SB 549 re Proffers** – Frederick County encourages the General Assembly to reconsider the provisions of SB 549, which enacted § 15.2-2303.4 as an amendment to the Code of Virginia, so that localities might have the flexibility to better work with the development community in order to address the increased demand for public facilities and services (e.g. schools, roads, parks, and public safety services) caused by increased residential growth. At a minimum, the legislation needs to provide guidelines for localities to follow for implementation. Further Frederick County supports consideration of legislation that would enable the capturing of capital costs relative to development through development impact fees or capital cost recovery.
2. **Tax Exemptions** – Frederick County supports reverting authority to the locality to continue existing tax exemptions previously granted by the General Assembly, prior to January 1, 2003.
3. **Local Taxing Authority** –Frederick County desires legislation to provide local specific taxing authority to increase taxes on meals and transient occupancy, without legislative imposition of mandatory specific uses of the realized gain in revenue.
4. **Equal Taxing Authority for Counties Eligible for City Status** - Frederick County supports legislation to provide equal taxing authority for Counties based on population density (i.e. Counties that already have the population density to be eligible for city status should also be recognized for needing additional taxing authority to address the impacts of urbanization and higher density, as currently defined in the State Code).
5. **Funding for Transportation Improvements** – Frederick County supports increased funding for local transportation improvements. Frederick County supports increased funding for revenue sharing projects and opposes decreased funding for this program. In addition to funding, Frederick County seeks support from the General Assembly to assist in lobbying the U.S. Congress to resume long range planning coupled with potential funding strategies for the Interstate 81 Corridor.
6. **Education Funding** – Frederick County calls upon the Governor and General Assembly to fully fund the Virginia Standards of Quality as recommended by the Board of Education and the Standards of Accreditation. Further, Frederick County supports the full reinstatement of the COCA (Cost of Competing Adjustment) for teachers and support staff. In addition, Frederick County supports the exclusive use of state lottery proceeds to fund public education.

Other Positions:

1. **Wireless Infrastructure Bill** - Frederick County opposes any bill which limits local control over review and regulation of wireless facilities and/or regulates the fees localities can charge for applications for approval of wireless facilities.
2. **Funding for Jails** – The state should fully fund any increased costs or operational issues faced by local or regional jails when a change to the definition of state-responsible prisoner or other term results in an increase.
3. **Additional Resources for Department of Corrections** – Frederick County encourages the General Assembly to provide sufficient resources to the Department of Corrections in order that they may comply with the Code of Virginia requirement that they take state responsible inmates within 60 days of being notified by the courts.

4. **Medicaid coverage for jail inmates.** – Frederick County supports legislation to eliminate the ineligibility of incarcerated inmates to receive Medicaid benefits. Currently state law requires that incarcerated individuals lose their Medicaid coverage while they are in jail. This negatively impacts the locality’s contribution to local or regional jail budgets, especially with the increasing numbers of chronically and mentally ill inmates on the rise. This proposed change would also allow state inmates to receive Medicaid benefits while incarcerated.
5. **Machinery and Tools/BPOL Taxes** – Frederick County opposes any efforts to restrict local government revenue sources.
6. **Unfunded Mandates** – Frederick County opposes the enactment of any new mandates on local governments or school systems unless state appropriations are made to fully fund those mandates.
7. **Tax Incentives for Land Conservation** – Frederick County supports increasing the tax incentives in order to encourage landowners to participate in land conservation programs.
8. **Medicaid Expansion** – Frederick County supports full reimbursement for the local share of the additional administrative costs associated with Medicaid expansion.