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To: [Web Mailbox for BOS](#); [Conlee, Jenn](#); [Mewborn, JoAnn](#); [Copley, Drew](#); [Leonard, Michael](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: FY2026 Budget Question/Comment Form - Bernie Busonick
Date: Friday, April 11, 2025 2:19:20 PM



FY2026 Budget Question/Comment Form

What question(s) would you like to ask regarding the FY2025 Budget?

Why is there more fraud waste and abuse in this budget?

What comment(s) would you like to leave regarding the FY2026 Budget?

Yall need to reevaluate this budget. Not raise taxes and figure it out. This supervisor Board is full of pompous idiots who couldn't find their way out of a wet paper bag. Spending an obnoxious amount of our tax money on the williamsburg side of the county is a damn fraud. Nobody moves to york county to go to Bruton or any other school on that side. They go to the yorktown side for tabb Grafton and york. Yall also better stop giving out free loans like that shit show of a brewery you decided on or all that money into a sports complex nowhere near Yorktown!

Name: (Optional)

Bernie Busonick

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From: [D.Christopher](#)
To: [Web Mailbox for BOS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fund schools
Date: Sunday, April 13, 2025 10:24:08 PM

Mr. Sheppard,

I am a district 5 resident. I want to urge you to fully fund the schools of York county. The teachers of the schools here are one of the main draws of York county. I know many teachers who have moved districts to work with the students of York county. I also know of the staffing issues of other districts. The teachers deserve to be paid competitively above the surrounding areas. Having nationally recognized schools is not achievable if we do not have top notch teachers. It will be devastating if our schools are not fully funded. We are not able to depend on the federal government to assist our future generation. Hopefully we can count on our local government to care about them.

Please fund the school district fully.

Darcella Christopher

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From: [John P](#)
To: [Web Mailbox for BOS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 2026 BOS Budget
Date: Friday, April 11, 2025 8:54:21 PM

Hello,

I've sent this out seperately earlier this week but have only heard back from one supervisor. I the previous email I sent is long, but If you could please read through it and answer I'd greatly appreciate it.

And please consider hiring my company or another firm who has similar experience with proven results. I'm very confident in what I do so I offer a guaranteed return. This is life changing and life saving amounts of money you are in charge of. I've spent dozens of hours doing studies and polls to help give you an idea of what the public wants and how to better use the funds, specifically with the school boards requests, how much more efficient and affordable solar/battery systems are compared to geothermal, and how much more affordable and efficient mini split heat pumps are.

I have also completed a 10 year study which generates hundreds of millions of additional tax revenue, lowers taxes, increases pay for teacher/first responders, creates more jobs, improves the quality of life for 10s of thousands of poeple, and will save thousands of lives.

Please use our funds to help accomplish these goals. I am here to help if needed. I'll forward the email I sent earlier this week to this address.

Thank you again,
John

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From: [John P](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Budget Questions and Suggestions
Date: Friday, April 11, 2025 8:56:21 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **John P** <porterj@vt.edu>
Date: Tue, Apr 8, 2025, 12:57 AM
Subject: Budget Questions and Suggestions
To: Holroyd, Douglas <Douglas.Holroyd@yorkcounty.gov>

Thank you for having a second meeting at the Sherrifs office. This is a great step forward in hearing directly how the residents are feeling/thinking. That was a great turn out. And sorry you all have to be criticized harshly especially by people who haven't taken the time to look at the budget.

I did have a few more questions and recommendations. If you could reay to each like previously, I'd appreciate it.

I'm sorry again for the length of this email but if you could reply back with answers under each of the questions/suggestions, I'd greatly appreciate it.

This is life changing and life saving amount of money so I hope each dollar spent is analyzed for improving the quality of life(mental/physical /financial health) of people or saving lives. Almost everyday in our city, one person dies a preventable death and thousands suffer from ailments we could improve or prevent. More people who are healthy, alive and happy means more money they are spending.

Questions

*is there another public town hall meeting on April 15th similar to the one last night? Will it be at the Sherrifs office again?

*does the budget have to be approved by a specific date or can it be postponed for a later date?

*Fire and Rescue Apparatus: what would happen if we didn't get these items? What's wrong with the current ones? Who requested this?

*Building Maintenance & Repair: are things broken or just outdated? Is there an itemized list to see? Who requested this?

*Transportation Improvements: why is this needed and what will be done exactly and where? Who requested this?

*Water Street Improvements and Beautification:why is this needed. I've never heard anyone complain on how it looks. Who requested this?

*Building Renovation/Replacement Space Study: where can I see this study? What company did it? How many hours did they charge?

*Who requested the below projects and where can I see the information you all have to base your decisions by?

Building Renovation/Replacement Space Study:

Permanent Structure Riverwalk Stage Area:

Dockmaster and Waterfront Operations:

Yorktown Wayfinding/SignagePermanent Structure behind Freight Shed:

Trolley Replacement:

For reference, I'm building a 3k sf house for 300k. A 300k stage would have to be massive and state of the art and could cover the audience.

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Is it 7k per month per police camera or for all of them? If so, how many are there? What's the revenue per month now? Tom mentioned it was \$300k for the camera. Is that for one or all?

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Do you have the power to fire or remove local city workers? If not, who does?

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How many people involved with proposing budget projects have experience in running their own profitable businesses in any industry? How many have started profitable businesses in construction/renovations?

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If you say we need a 15% reduction in the budget, do the city employees have to listen to you?

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What are the improvements we've seen in crime rates from the years before the Sherrifs office was completed vs the years after?
Montgomery will not reply back to my emails.

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Tom mentioned there are surveys sent to residents about their satisfaction rates. Where can I view this data?

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Was last year the first time we've had meetings where the public can get feedback right away from the bos and other officials

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Is there a more simplified spreadsheet version of the budget with more details on exactly what will be done and the Roi for all the projects?

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When and where do you meet with the school board for their budget again? Can people ask questions

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Why couldn't the previous building by the beach just be modified or added onto? I was told the main reason what because of the dimensions/layout for wheelchair code.

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How many hours did the consulting firm bill for and what did they charge? Did they come up with any usable feedback or suggestions to lower the budget?

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How do I get a list of all employees including school employees and their pay? Names do not have to be included if it's a privacy issue. But their titles would be helpful.

*is there someone else I can speak to besides Kevin about the expenses and revenues for our libraries? I'm not sure if he's understanding what I'm asking for or if he's unable to pull the correct data.

Suggestions

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Have multiple these meetings like the town hall and go over all the expenses/projects and how this will directly improve the quality of life (mental/physical /finacial health) and have people vote on them.

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over the past few weeks I surveyed 287 people at the beach. 100% said they would not want their tax dollars used for the current building or the additional millions potentially planned for the beach area (showed them the budget). They're upset about the new building since there's no bathroom there now, have to walk in the street or around the construction, the noise, the dust.

Many comments were wanting

-Painted crosswalk and illuminated sign from parking lot beside restaurants like the pub.

-more parking closer to the beach

-cameras for safety

-the large hole/drain grate in grassy park area fenced off for safety

-the fishing pier updated with synthetic boards to eliminate the rotten wood, lose boards, rusty nails/screws

-a workout area in the grassy park area

-volleyball nets

-more free charging for the increase in electric vehicles

-fix huge pothole at intersection of cook Rd and [17.in](#) center of the road

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I also spoke with 14 police/fire rescue. 100% said they'd prefer a raise instead of having new vehicles or new buildings. I know these vehicles get a lot of miles but repairs will never exceed the cost of purchasing new ones. New engines and transmissions can be purchased and installed for under \$12k which are the two most expensive parts of car replacement. These vehicles are also meticulously maintained so engines should last well over 200k miles on each engine/transmission.

*Just because a building is 50 years old doesn't mean you have to knock it down or have to change massive structural parts. Even wood Frame buildings lasts hundreds of years with cheap water and termite prevention maintance. I've owned and remodeled properties as early as 1906 and only had to do renovations in the 10s of thousands for electrical, plumbing, interior and cosmetic updates. One property was 2800 sf, 3 stories, brick, built 1906, \$87k to contractor for all those updates including kitchens and baths and floors. \$31/sf for complete remodel during covids highest prices.

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HVAC Replacement: are these all over 20 years old? Why not just install mini Split heat pumps? Labor and material is only around \$1500/unit.

*

this is a company I've used before for solar and battery storage . They are the cheapest for high quality products and warranty lengths. In 25 years this will save over \$3M in electric and gas utilities. It will also be approximately \$35M cheaper than the geothermal proposal as it will not cost more than \$2M if you find a contractor to install at fair market value(if I remember correctly the geothermal project would cost \$37M over 25 year for installation and still paying utilities. I have contacts I can provide if needed. Solar will make net zero costs for electric and gas(if gas appliances are eliminated). This will also allow students and teachers and the public to charge cars for free with zero emissions since it's 100% renewable. Additionally, this can be completed in weeks rather than months and will have minimal disturbance to other activities. Paired with split unit heat pumps for heating and cooling , even more efficiency and savings can be had. One small outdoor unit can provide heat/ac to 5 rooms and only take hours to install. They last as long as traditional units and maintance is much cheaper and faster. Below are the links for the co. Any and one of the packages I've used and for the mini heat pump.

Solar example. Comes in different configurations. Larger orders low as 22 cents per kw
Signature Solar

Link-

https://signaturesolar.com/complete-off-grid-solar-kit-6000xp-8000w-pv-input-6000w-output-48v-120-240v-split-phase-6400-watts-of-solar-pv-kit-e0008/?fbclid=IwY2xjawJc7WRleHRuA2FlbQEwAGFkaWQBqxXKeOrJigEer84SQG8e35FAOhlmZemyVkDu9RY6cWEG3_jNWGIVXVzx-6n-2dgmhwQmk_M_aem_AWPdVyZB_FStNPc3ouy3xQ

Heat pump- come in different configurations

Senville LETO Series Mini Split Air Conditioner Heat Pump, 12000 BTU 110/120V, Inverter, Works with Alexa, SEER2 20.8, 1 Ton, White

Link-

<https://a.co/d/g9l7HMc>

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With my background in industrial psychology and industrial engineering and my passion for helping others, I've consulted across a wide range of industries — including federal government agencies, golf courses, bars, restaurants, dog groomers, construction firms, automotive businesses, hospitals, and warehouses. In addition, I've successfully operated profitable businesses in real estate, construction, landscaping, the restaurant industry, and financial consulting. I basically make things faster, cheaper, less expensive, safer, and higher quality.

Please consider hiring me — or someone like me — who specializes in deep analytics involving time, space, and financial efficiency, with a strong focus on real-world quality-of-life outcomes and someone who has a strong commitment to helping people. I typically charge based on the results I deliver, guaranteeing clients a minimum 200% return on investment: for every \$1 I'm paid, they net \$2.

I am prepared to pause other projects and medical procedures to dedicate myself fully to improving the efficiency of the city's budget and operations. I've already developed a 10-year plan that could:

Save 10,000 lives

Improve the lives of tens of thousands more

Return tens of thousands of quality hours back to citizens

Generate billions in additional taxable revenue — all while keeping projects revenue-neutral or even profitable.

For example, in one project, I reduced employee injury rates by over 30%, eliminated 500,000 miles of unnecessary walking, and saved the company \$3.6 million annually.

With the systems and practices I bring, I am confident we can:

Reduce taxes

Save lives

Dramatically improve mental, physical, and financial health for residents

Generate billions in additional revenue

Turn large-scale projects into financial assets instead of liabilities

Please strongly consider me for this opportunity. I'm ready to help and can start immediately to help before the duget is finalized.

Thank you again,
John

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From: [Rhyan Davis](#)
To: [Web Mailbox for BOS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] School Funding
Date: Monday, April 14, 2025 8:43:25 PM

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to let you know about my concern over the recent decision not to fund the school budget fully. As a former teacher, I know the amount of time and effort teachers put into their students and classrooms. Teachers often arrive early and stay late to make sure that they are prepared to offer their students the best education possible, and they often spend their own money to purchase supplies and resources.

As a parent, I see the result of the teacher's efforts in my child. My child is smart, thoughtful, and curious, and although I would like to take full credit for these characteristics, I know that his teachers have helped to foster these characteristics. All of his teachers have been excellent, fostering a love of learning for which I am extremely appreciative. I see their care when they respond to emails after hours, check in when my child has been sick, and when he tells me about what he is learning at school.

For all these reasons and more, I urge you to fully fund the school budget and pay both teachers and emergency responders their worth.

Sincerely,
Ms. Rhyan Davis

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Diggs, Victoria

From: chapman31@cox.net
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 4:17 PM
To: Web Mailbox for BOS
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Proposed FY 26 Budget

County Board of Supervisors

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New hires' I have not received a number or how many and where are the vacancies.

I hope some of this information or questions will be answered at tonight's meeting.

Thank you and Respectively

James Chapman

130 Yorkshire Dr.

757-291-6963

From: chapman31@cox.net <chapman31@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 6:07 PM
To: BOS@YorkCounty.gov
Subject: Proposed FY 26 Budget

James H Chapman

130 Yorkshire Dr

Yorktown 23693

1 Apr 25

York County Board of Supervisors

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The language or words are to preface the budget such as:" minmual revenue growth, sustained cost increases significant changes in tariffs, federal spending employment policies and economic impacts are significant

concerns". These are impact words used to influence and sway you. Don't let that happen. I would recommend and encourage you to ask the same questions or make that same points I do the following.

You need to decide if the "meat and potatoes of the soup" are included in the presentation. The County hopes they do to the tune of \$6.4 million increase.

For me to understand the request, I need to ask the County to provide some more backup information to support this increase.

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School budget. What has the country requested from the school to support their request for \$3.2 million.

The county says inflation is the driving force behind the proposed increase. and gives an example of the cost of police vehicles and software used by the county has gone up 76%. There is no explanation of the number of vehicles the county intends to purchase or what happened to existing vehicles? Are they hiring more police officers? Or is this just to influence by blowing smoke! What software requirements and systems have changed? Is this statement just smoke? Explanation please.

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From: LIZA ALFORD <LIZAALFORD@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2025 7:02 PM
To: Web Mailbox for BOS; Shepperd, Thomas
Cc: Noll, Sheila S.; Holroyd, Douglas
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Budget meeting feedback

Greetings York County Board of Supervisors

I attended a portion of the Yorktown budget meeting on Tuesday, but decided to leave a little after 8 pm, as I felt that it was not beneficial for the citizens. What I mean by not beneficial, is that it was mainly, and simply put, a death by power point, and a useless one way pleading/begging/venting session. The board members did not actually take the time to address or give a reply to individuals' concerns, but rather let them "get it out" of their system. This budget meeting in this format was useless from my citizen's point of view.

I appreciated the briefings, especially from our Sheriff department and applaud and salute their hard work. However a separate awards and decorations ceremony for the deputy Sheriff, would have been more appropriate to recognize decades of service to our county and citizens, then in the budget meeting, taking precious time from what could have been an actual questions and answers session with citizens.

Although not popular in this day and time, I would suggest that in order to effectively listen, but also have meaningful dialogues with constituents, district meetings should be held, to address concerns, prior to county meetings. If you have held district meetings in the past, a public announcement announcing dates, and times should be visible for all who would like to attend.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Liza Alford
District 5

Sent from my iPad

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