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From: Jotform <noreply@jotform.com>
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2026 4:19 PM
To: Web Mailbox for BOS; Conlee, Jenn; Mewborn, JoAnn; Copley, Drew; Leonard, Michael; BudgetOffice; Tatum, Kelli
Subject: Re: FY2027 Budget Question/Comment Form -



FY2027 Budget Question/Comment Form

What comment(s) would you like to leave regarding the FY2027 Budget? Do not raise the real estate tax rate.....people on fixed incomes cannot keep up with the constant price increases....Assessments go up every two years and some times by a large amount.....

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From: - Revenue, Commissioner's Ofc
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2026 11:19 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Web Mailbox for BOS
Subject: FW: Property Tax Assessment

Dear Mr. Hyjek:

Thank you for contacting the York County Commissioner of the Revenue's Office. We acknowledge your concerns. To better assist you with voicing your perspective, this email has been forwarded to the York County Board of Supervisors. You may contact them by mail, email, or phone call at your convenience. Contact details may be found on the Board of Supervisors webpage located at www.yorkcounty.gov/101/Board-of-Supervisors.

Thank you and have a great day!

Sincerely,

Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue
County of York, Virginia
P. O. Box 189, Yorktown, VA 23690-0189
Phone: 757-890-3383 / Fax: 757-890-3380
Email: revofc@yorkcounty.gov / Web: www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue
Please visit this link to provide comments on our service. Thank you.
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6ZM7GPJ>



From: Hyjek, Jeremy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2026 5:05 PM
To: - Revenue, Commissioner's Ofc <revofc@yorkcounty.gov>
Subject: Property Tax Assessment

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Good afternoon,

My name is Jeremy Hyjek. Located at [REDACTED] in Williamsburg, VA.

I am a concerned York County resident that would like to simply voice my frustration regarding the 50% increase in property tax assessed values over the past 3 years. Additionally, the tax rate has not decreased to offset the rising assessments.

My personal conclusion is that York County over this period has seen a 50% increase in property tax revenue or more. Considering the large number of new homes and business being built at least in the upper end of the county I think the increase is greater than 50%.

Considering the items listed above, personally I have not seen increased services or benefits as a County resident. For example, the road I live on has not received increased mowing, been repaved, ditches have not been cleaned. I do not see local law enforcement in the area, we do not have County provided water or septic.

Can you provide some logic and understanding other than everything costs more. Yes, we all know that. But, not 50% over 3 years.

The taxes were once very reasonable, however, should the cost continue to rise at similar rates, I would consider relocation.

Concerned resident and tax payer,
Jeremy Hyjek



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FY2027 Budget Question/Comment Form

What comment(s) would you like to leave regarding the FY2027 Budget? Extend the sidewalk behind Coventry Elementary school—that connects to Richter Lane to the Coventry elementary all purpose field— to the sidewalk connecting Owen Davis Drive to Coventry elementary school Owens Davis. This would allow for safer movement of children attending Coventry elementary school and Coventry residents improved walking routes.

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Subject: Re: FY2027 Budget Question/Comment Form - Jennifer Charles



FY2027 Budget Question/Comment Form

What question(s) would you like to ask regarding the FY2025 Budget? Why doesn't York county offer a year round public pool facility?

What comment(s) would you like to leave regarding the FY2027 Budget? Please consider putting in sidewalks along hwy 17.

Name: (Optional) Jennifer Charles

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

Name one program upgrade or project York County has said no to in the last 20 Years?

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20% in one whack. Its criminal!

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What comment(s) would you like to leave regarding the FY2027 Budget? If an increase in funding for a full-time 4-H Agent is not in the budget, please consider adding the funding.

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To: Randy Yokum; Drewry, M. Wayne; Roane, Stephen; Noll, Sheila S.; Shepperd, Thomas
Cc: Web Mailbox for BOS
Subject: Re: Open Letter and Challenge

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Best regards,
Doug Holroyd

From: Randy Yokum <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Saturday, January 17, 2026 4:58 PM

To: Drewry, M. Wayne <Wayne.Drewry@yorkcounty.gov>; Roane, Stephen <Stephen.Roane@yorkcounty.gov>; Holroyd, Douglas <Douglas.Holroyd@yorkcounty.gov>; Noll, Sheila S. <noll@yorkcounty.gov>; Shepperd, Thomas <shepperd@yorkcounty.gov>

Subject: Open Letter and Challenge

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Sincerely,
Randall Yokum

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From: Robin Custer <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2026 9:13 AM
To: Web Mailbox for BOS
Subject: Correction: FY27 Budget Comments

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I am resending to correct and make sure it is known that my email pertains to the FY27 budget discussion, specifically the 2026 tax rate. Just didn't want my below email to be overlooked because I titled it wrong.

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Robin Custer <[REDACTED]>
Date: January 19, 2026 at 8:49:26 AM EST
To: bos@yorkcounty.gov
Subject: 2026 Budget Comments

Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to request the real estate tax rate be lowered to offset the continued exponential increases in our house assessments. I recognize you do not have control of the housing market so little control over the assessments, but you do control the tax rate and this is where you can help your neighbors to offset the significant rise in costs and keep them from being priced out of their own homes.

I have lived in the county since 2012 when the housing market was stable until 2021. During this time the highest tax rate was \$0.795, which my house value ranged from \$152K-\$157K LOWER than today. Somehow the county managed to keep the tax rate reasonable while our house values were significantly lower and did offset the value spike in 2024 by setting the tax rate at \$0.74, I ask that this same approach be used to lower the rate to at least \$0.71, which would keep our tax burden similar to last year. As I see it, the county is benefitting just by our values skyrocketing every year since the 2022 assessment year; therefore, has no reason to double dip by increasing the tax rate on top of the increasing values. My current proposed assessment is 57% higher than it was 12 years ago when the rate was \$0.7414 (2014). It is unsustainable for many people to absorb both the increase in value and tax rate, which was significantly raised last year to \$0.78 on a house value that was 44.7% LOWER 10 years before with a tax rate of \$0.7414 and it is causing people who could afford their houses before 2021 no longer be able to.

Please lower the tax rate to no higher than \$0.71. The county still benefits from our significantly higher values.

Additionally, I ask the county to thoroughly cleanup the budget to find unnecessary expenses being paid for by taxpayers, like the EV charging stations. Thank you for finding that and voting to stop it. I hope that was stopped immediately. This was definitely an unfair use of taxpayer dollars, especially as we pay extra on top of our personal property and real estate taxes for sewer maintenance, which should be covered by our taxes. This is a legitimate county responsibility. So I ask that other unnecessary expenses be found and cut from the budget to help make sure we are lean and can cover real local govt expenses.

Thank you,
Vr Robin Custer



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From: Randy Yokum [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2026 1:02 PM
To: Holroyd, Douglas
Cc: Drewry, M. Wayne; Roane, Stephen; Noll, Sheila S.; Shepperd, Thomas; Web Mailbox for BOS
Subject: Re: Open Letter and Challenge

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Doug,

I appreciate the quick response.

You're right, each supervisor was elected to a four year term. It is a time period whereby EACH supervisor has the opportunity, every day, to reassure their constituents of their promises and political philosophies.

Good luck this year as you serve as the Board's chair!

Sincerely,
Randy

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To: Web Mailbox for BOS; Conlee, Jenn; Mewborn, JoAnn; Copley, Drew; Leonard, Michael; BudgetOffice; Tatum, Kelli
Subject: Re: FY2027 Budget Question/Comment Form - Susan Williamson



FY2027 Budget Question/Comment Form

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

Our property assessment rose 13% last year and went up again this year. This presents financial strain on York County residents. I know York County is involved in funding the new arena being built in Williamsburg. Meanwhile York county motels and restaurants are closing due to decreased tourism. I wonder why the arena was not brought to a vote by York County residents. I recently heard discussion of the construction of a music venue as well. What other plans will require increased assessments and taxes without a vote?

What comment(s) would you like to leave regarding the FY2027 Budget?

I understand that property values are up everywhere. However, that doesn't mean residents can afford taxes which increase every year. With the increased assessments, tax rates need to be lowered, not raised.

Name: (Optional)

Susan Williamson

Email Address: (Optional)

[REDACTED]

Home Phone:

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Re: FY2027 Budget Question/Comment Form - Linda Blotter



FY2027 Budget Question/Comment Form

What question(s) would you like to ask regarding the FY2025 Budget? Has anyone really efficiency study been done in YC to check for inefficiency and reduce dancy?

What comment(s) would you like to leave regarding the FY2027 Budget? To make sure there is transparency and the BOS is directing the administrators to find ways to cut costs because raising taxes consistently is not the answer.

Name: (Optional) Linda Blotter

Email Address: (Optional) [REDACTED]

Home Phone: [REDACTED]

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To: Web Mailbox for BOS; Conlee, Jenn; Mewborn, JoAnn; Copley, Drew; Leonard, Michael; BudgetOffice; Tatum, Kelli
Subject: Re: FY2027 Budget Question/Comment Form - Michael Petersen



FY2027 Budget Question/Comment Form

What question(s) would you like to ask regarding the FY2025 Budget? March 31 – Town Hall/Listening Session (Not televised or recorded)
April 2 – Town Hall/Listening Session (Not televised or recorded)
Why are neither of these sessions being televised or recorded?

What comment(s) would you like to leave regarding the FY2027 Budget? March 31 – Town Hall/Listening Session (Not televised or recorded)
April 2 – Town Hall/Listening Session (Not televised or recorded)

Please direct the county staff to televise and record these two sessions.

Name: (Optional) Michael Petersen

Email Address: (Optional) [REDACTED]

Home Phone: [REDACTED]

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To: Web Mailbox for BOS; Conlee, Jenn; Mewborn, JoAnn; Copley, Drew; Leonard, Michael; BudgetOffice; Tatum, Kelli
Subject: Re: FY2027 Budget Question/Comment Form - KEITH DERBY



FY2027 Budget Question/Comment Form

What question(s) would you like to ask regarding the FY2025 Budget? Is the real estate tax rate set to meet spending priorities or are is the rate set to achieve a reasonable increase in real estate taxes.

What comment(s) would you like to leave regarding the FY2027 Budget? State officials are proposing significant increases in existing taxes and introducing new taxes. In light of these additional taxes at the state level I urge the Board of Supervisors to minimize the tax increase in real estate for the 2027 FY.

Name: (Optional) KEITH DERBY

Email Address: (Optional) [REDACTED]

Home Phone: [REDACTED]

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To: Web Mailbox for BOS; Conlee, Jenn; Mewborn, JoAnn; Copley, Drew; Leonard, Michael; BudgetOffice; Tatum, Kelli; Goodwin, Susan
Subject: Re: FY2027 Budget Question/Comment Form - Leslie Hoglund



FY2027 Budget Question/Comment Form

What comment(s) would you like to leave regarding the FY2027 Budget? Thank you for the EV charger station infrastructure included as a courtesy to county residents and visitors. Please continue to support these efforts to recruit families with higher incomes to the county.

Name: (Optional) [REDACTED]

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What question(s) would you like to ask regarding the FY2025 Budget? Revisit the CIP. Some of those projects can be delayed. See below.

What comment(s) would you like to leave regarding the FY2027 Budget? Stop building and stop hiring. If someone doesn't do something, Route 17 will look like Mercury Blvd. We don't need more stoplights. Cross-train employees across departments. And even though the powers that be states zero based budgeting isn't efficient i beg to differ. It's the only way to follow the money. This is how obsolete useless processes and programs exist. We pay the finance dept and. All departments to be efficient. If zero-based budgets are time consuming so be it. Start the process sooner. People are just lazy and or dont like change. I could go on but you get the point. Get your hands around what is going on. Cause what is going on is not what is the our best interest. Thank you.

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