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COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

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DORCHESTER COUNTY

Introduced By: Council President Jay L. Newcomb

By the County Council, April 15, 2014

Introduced, first read, and posted April 15, 2014

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By Order: Jay L. Newcomb, Council President

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning: 2014-2015 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Dorchester County

FOR the purpose of adopting the County Budget, consisting of the Operating Budget, the Capital Budget, and the Grant Budget, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; and appropriating funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.

**SECTION 1.** BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland, in pursuance of the duties imposed and the authorities conferred upon the County Council by Sections 10-9, 10-10, 10-11, 10-12, 10-14, 10-16, 10-19, 10-22, and 50-5 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Dorchester County, 1984 Edition, and by Sections 8-108, 6-301 and 6-302 of the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and pursuant to Article 25 A, Section 5 (O) of the Annotated Code of Maryland and pursuant to Article 5 of the Charter for Dorchester County, Maryland, and after sitting as the Board of Estimates, notice having been given as required by law, do hereby levy the following taxes upon all taxable property within Dorchester County of every kind as law requires

TAX LEVY

It is ordered that a tax be and is hereby levied on each One Hundred Dollars worth of all assessable real property in Dorchester County, subject to assessment for County purposes, of ninety-seven and six tenths cents (\$0.976), and on each One Hundred Dollars worth of all assessable personal property in Dorchester County, subject to assessment for County purposes, of Two Dollars and forty-four cents (\$2.44).

It is ordered that a tax setoff in accordance with Section 6-306 of the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland is hereby granted within the municipal corporation boundaries of Cambridge and Hurlock of four and four tenths cents (\$0.044) and four and three quarters cents (\$0.0475) respectively.

It is further ordered that a tax be and is hereby levied on each One Hundred Dollars worth of public utility property subject to taxation for State purposes of twenty-eight cents (\$0.28) to pay State taxes, and eleven and two tenths cents (\$0.112) for all other property subject to taxation for State purposes.

**SECTION 2.** AND BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland that the Operating Budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 is hereby approved and adopted for such year; and funds for all expenditures for the purposes specified in the Operating Budget beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, are hereby appropriated in the amounts hereinafter specified and for the purposes hereinafter indicated as follows:

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ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE  
FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

**OPERATING BUDGET - REVENUES**

**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS:**

<b>PROPERTY TAXES:</b>		\$30,027,714
REAL PROPERTY TAXES - FULL	27,040,717	
REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY-UTILITIES	2,254,048	
PERSONAL PROPERTY-BUSINESSES	634,400	
ADDITIONS & ABATEMENTS	(125,000)	
TAX CREDITS-HOMESTEAD	(286,142)	
INTEREST & PENALTIES	650,000	
TAX CREDITS - 9-C CREDIT	(70,125)	
TAX CREDITS-ENTERPRISE ZONE	(6,037)	
TAX CREDITS-SHORELINE EROSION	(70,000)	
SHORE EROSION BENEFIT CHARGE	11,853	
TAX CREDITS-SENIORS	(10,000)	
<b>INCOME TAXES:</b>		10,621,373
INCOME TAX - 2.62% LOCAL	10,621,373	
<b>OTHER TAXES:</b>		1,535,500
RECORDATION TAX	960,000	
911 TELEPHONE FEES-50 CENTS	200,000	
MOBILE HOME TAXES	75,000	
HOTEL ROOM RENTAL TAX	300,000	
ADMISSION & AMUSEMENT	500	
<b>LICENSES AND PERMITS:</b>		194,550
BEER, WINE & LIQUOR LICENSES	72,000	
TRADERS, PINBALL, BINGO	20,000	
SEAFOOD BUYERS PERMIT	450	
MARRIAGE LICENSES	2,000	
DOG LICENSES	100	
ZONING PERMIT FEES	30,000	
BUILDING PERMIT FEES	38,000	
HVACR PERMIT FEES	900	
ELECTRICAL LICENSING FEES	5,000	
PLUMBING LICENSING FEES	6,100	
ELECTRICAL PERMIT FEES	4,000	
LIVABILITY FEES	11,800	
PLUMBING PERMIT FEES	4,200	
<b>FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL AID:</b>		3,592,264
BLACKWATER WILDLIFE REFUGE PILOT	41,139	
JUROR REIMBURSEMENT	48,240	
SOIL CONSERVATION	203,751	
STATE AID POLICE PROTECTION	126,771	
DISPARITY GRANT	2,331,603	
508 FIRE, RESCUE & AMBULANCE FUND	225,000	
HEALTH CUSTODIAL REIMBURSEMENT	42,001	
HIGHWAY USER REVENUES	427,459	
OTHER STATE AID	140,000	
DNR-CHESAPEAKE FOREST PILOT	6,300	
<b>SERVICE CHARGES:</b>		1,455,185
TAX SALE COSTS REIMBURSEMENT	11,000	
CLEAN & LIEN	50,000	
ZONING MAPS	150	
JOHNSONGRASS SPRAYING FEE	27,990	
PLANNING & ZONING FEES	9,000	
ELECTION FEES	1,000	
MOTOR VEHICLE FEE - LOCAL	1,500	
SHERIFF'S FEES	46,145	
REIMB.-HOUSING STATE PRISONERS	28,000	
FEES-COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM	2,000	
FEES - WEEKEND PRISONERS	6,000	
MISC. INCOME-DETENTION CENTER	4,000	
REIMBURSE-WORK RELEASE	15,000	
EMS BILLING - NET	1,000,000	
ROAD OPENING PERMITS	2,000	
STORMWATER MGMT. PERMITS	7,000	

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FOREST HARVESTING PERMITS	2,500	
GRADING PERMITS	1,000	
OTHER SERVICE CHARGES	2,000	
PIPE SALES	40,000	
OTHER SALES	30,000	
SHOP SERVICE CHARGES	20,000	
EQUIPMENT RENT	15,000	
CASH DISCOUNTS	1,000	
SWIMMING POOL FEES	28,000	
FEES-RECREATION PROGRAMS	1,400	
FEES - SOFTBALL/BASEBALL	2,500	
SWIMMING POOL CONCESSIONS	15,000	
MOSQUITO CONTROL - FEES	50,000	
TYLER'S COVE SLIP RENT	3,000	
RAGGED POINT SLIP RENT	8,000	
ELLIOTTS ISLAND SLIP RENT	6,000	
TRENTON STREET SLIP RENT	12,000	
BACK CREEK SLIP RENT	6,000	
TAYLORS ISLAND SLIP RENT	1,000	
<b>ALL OTHER REVENUES:</b>		2,552,212
COURT FINES & FORFEITURES	6,000	
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FINES	5,000	
VENDING MACHINE COMMISSIONS	2,000	
RENT - TOWER	24,760	
RENT - OTHER PROPERTIES	150,000	
TOURISM-MISC. REVENUES	2,500	
ENTERPRISE FUND ADMIN CHARGE	56,622	
APPROPRIATED PRIOR YEAR SURPLUS	1,729,103	
LAPSED CAPITAL APPROPRIATION	114,467	
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</b>		49,978,798
<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:</b>		
TRANSFER TAX FUND	776,550	776,550
<b>ENTERPRISE FUNDS:</b>		
AIRPORT ENTERPRISE FUND	629,482	
LANDFILL ENTERPRISE FUND	2,490,729	
<b>TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>		3,120,211
<b>FIDUCIARY FUND:</b>		
OPEB TRUST FUND	371,000	371,000
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>		<u>\$54,246,559</u>

**OPERATING BUDGET - EXPENDITURES**

<b>GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS:</b>	<b>OPERATING PERSONNEL</b>	<b>OPERATING OTHER</b>	<b>OPERATING TOTAL</b>
<b><u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</u></b>			
COUNTY COUNCIL	323,203	31,568	354,771
CIRCUIT COURT	105,849	82,888	188,737
ORPHAN'S COURT	14,100	6,123	20,223
STATE'S ATTORNEY	641,317	41,340	682,657
ELECTIONS	41,800	410,250	452,050
FINANCE	361,903	91,661	453,564
HUMAN RESOURCES	54,647	28,725	83,372
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	173,415	38,355	211,770
OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	44,062	583,783	627,845
PLANNING & ZONING	281,183	98,564	379,747
PUBLIC LIBRARY	0	513,000	513,000
MAINTENANCE	104,398	132,900	237,298
<b><u>PUBLIC SAFETY:</u></b>			
SHERIFF	1,859,299	577,618	2,436,917
VOLUNTEER FIRE & ALS	0	746,850	746,850
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	1,769,186	526,398	2,295,584

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EMERGENCY SERVICES	73,534	0	73,534
DETENTION CENTER	2,252,282	1,443,862	3,696,144
911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	674,666	447,456	1,122,122
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	0	25,218	25,218
ANIMAL CONTROL	84,415	78,085	162,500
<b><u>SOCIAL SERVICES:</u></b>			
OTHER HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES	7,800	123,814	131,614
<b><u>PUBLIC WORKS:</u></b>			
HIGHWAYS & STREETS	1,129,911	2,363,943	3,493,854
ENGINEERING	112,530	13,100	125,630
<b><u>MISCELLANEOUS:</u></b>			
MISCELLANEOUS	0	3,706,601	3,706,601
GRANTS TO MUNICIPALITIES	0	17,594	17,594
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	0	2,024,081	2,024,081
<b><u>RECREATION &amp; PARKS:</u></b>			
RECREATION & PARKS	303,838	150,100	453,938
OTHER RECREATION & CULTURE	0	11,250	11,250
<b><u>NATURAL RESOURCES:</u></b>			
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE	0	137,444	137,444
OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES	277,832	25,735	303,567
<b><u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:</u></b>			
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	146,195	219,565	365,760
OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	0	10,000	10,000
TOURISM	98,470	179,576	278,046
<b><u>DEBT SERVICE:</u></b>			
DEBT SERVICE	0	3,376,756	3,376,756
<b><u>EDUCATION:</u></b>			
BOARD OF EDUCATION	0	18,531,907	18,531,907
CHESAPEAKE COLLEGE	0	1,113,212	1,113,212
<b><u>HEALTH:</u></b>			
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	0	698,250	698,250
MOSQUITO CONTROL	0	435,391	435,391
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>10,935,835</b>	<b>39,042,963</b>	<b>49,978,798</b>
<b><u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:</u></b>			
TRANSFER TAX FUND	337,268	439,282	776,550
<b><u>ENTERPRISE FUNDS:</u></b>			
AIRPORT FUND	169,004	460,478	629,482
LANDFILL FUND	633,780	1,856,949	2,490,729
<b>TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>	<b>802,784</b>	<b>2,317,427</b>	<b>3,120,211</b>
<b><u>FIDUCIARY FUNDS:</u></b>			
OPEB TRUST FUND	0	371,000	371,000
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>12,075,887</b>	<b>42,170,672</b>	<b>54,246,559</b>

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**SECTION 3.** AND BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland that the following Tax Rates for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 are hereby approved and adopted for such year:

TAX RATES

1. Real Property Tax revenue for fiscal year 2014-2015 is based on a rate of \$0.976 per \$100 of assessed valuation of said property, \$0.932 per \$100 of assessed valuation of said property within Cambridge and \$0.9285 per \$100 of assessed valuation of said property within Hurlock, subject to taxation for County purposes, which rates are hereby enacted. A service charge based on a rate of 0.31% applied to the unpaid balance of Real Property Taxes due in December, on properties with the semi-annual tax payment option, is hereby enacted.
2. Personal Property Tax revenue for fiscal year 2014-2015 is based on a rate of \$2.44 per \$100 of assessed valuation of said property, subject to taxation for County purposes which rate is hereby enacted.
3. Local Income Tax revenue for fiscal year 2014-2015 is based on a rate of 2.62% for Maryland Taxable Income, which rate is hereby enacted.
4. Recordation Tax revenue for fiscal year 2014-2015 is based on a rate of \$5.00 per \$500 of the value of the recorded transaction, which rate is hereby enacted.
5. Transfer Tax revenue for fiscal year 2014-2015 is based on a rate of 0.75% of the actual consideration payable on the conveyance of title, with the first \$30,000 of consideration on residential property intended to be used by the buyer as an owner-occupied residence exempt from this tax, which rate is hereby enacted.
6. Trailer Court Tax revenue for fiscal year 2014-2015 is based on a rate of 15% of the charges for rental, leasing or use of any space, facilities or accommodations in or for the providing of any services provided by trailer courts or camps, which rate is hereby enacted.
7. Hotel Rental Tax revenue for fiscal year 2014-2015 is based on a rate of 5% of the value of the rental of rooms for sleeping accommodations provided to transients, which rate is hereby enacted.
8. Admissions and Amusement Tax revenue for fiscal year 2014-2015 is based on a rate of 0.5% of the value of the admissions, which rate is hereby enacted.

**SECTION 4.** AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the Capital Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 is hereby approved and adopted for such fiscal year; and funds for all expenditures for the purposes specified in the Capital Budget during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, and during subsequent fiscal years as specified in the Charter of Dorchester County, Maryland, are hereby appropriated in the amounts hereinafter specified for the purposes hereinafter indicated as follows:

CAPITAL BUDGET BY EXPENDITURE

Department / Agency	Description	Amount
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		
Council	Document Storage - COOP	4,000
Circuit Court	Sound System - Upgrade	7,384
Circuit Court	Replace Security Equipment	41,776
Technology	Replace DocStar Server	10,000
Technology	Replace Desktop Computers (80)	100,000
Maintenance	Courthouse - HVAC server room	3,500
Maintenance	Courthouse - Downspout piping	10,000
Maintenance	Courthouse - Replace front doors	45,000
Maintenance	Courthouse - Entrance lighting	2,500
Maintenance	Health Dept - Replace window	15,000
Maintenance	Office Bldg - Parking lot	51,000
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		
Sheriff	Replace patrol vehicles (5)	181,000
Sheriff	Replace body armor (12)	18,000
Emergency Medical Services	Replace ambulances (2)	410,000
Emergency Medical Services	Building Renovations	50,000
Detention Center	Replace HVAC units (2)	48,000

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911 Center	Replace CAD computers (6)	20,000
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>		
Highways	Replace lift	36,000
Highways	Replace mowers (2)	140,000
Engineering	Wetland bank	54,500
Engineering	Marine facilities	50,000
Engineering	Rooster Island	3,110,000
Engineering	Bridge repairs	200,000
Engineering	Replace Bestpitch Ferry Bridge	140,000
Engineering	Hoopers Island causeway	100,000
Airport	Replace terminal HVAC	25,000
Airport	Hanger improvements	30,000
Landfill	New Beulah expansion	250,000
Landfill	Replace compactor	525,000
Landfill	Replace rolloff truck	180,000
Landfill	Replace dumpsters	40,000
<b>RECREATION &amp; PARKS</b>		
Recreation & Parks	Replace mowers (2)	21,000
<b>EDUCATION</b>		
Board of Education	Roof Project	200,000
Board of Education	NDHS Replacement Study	11,000
Chesapeake College	Allied Health Building	1,520,000
Total Capital Budget by Expenditure		<u>7,649,660</u>

**CAPITAL BUDGET SOURCE OF FUNDS**

General Fund - PAYGO	1,693,884
Capital Fund - State Funds	50,000
Capital Fund - Federal Funds	2,444,500
Capital Fund - Debt	2,297,500
Transfer Tax Fund - PAYGO	102,776
Excise Tax Fund - PAYGO	11,000
Airport Fund - PAYGO	55,000
Landfill Fund - PAYGO	995,000
Total Capital Budget by Source of Funds	<u>7,649,660</u>

**SECTION 5.** AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the Grants Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 is hereby approved and adopted for such fiscal year; and funds for all expenditures for the purposes specified in the Grants Budget beginning July 1, 2014, and continuing thereafter in accordance with the terms of the grant are hereby appropriated in the amounts hereinafter specified and for the purposes hereinafter indicated as follows:

**GRANTS BUDGET**

Grant Name	Federal Share	State Share	County/Other Share	Total
<b>Circuit Court:</b>				
Family Services	0	170,470	29,680	200,150
<b>Finance</b>				
Grant Administration	0	0	40,352	40,352
<b>Planning &amp; Zoning:</b>				
Critical Areas	13,000	0	23,683	36,683
<b>LMB-Child and Family Services:</b>				
Governor's Office for Children	0	370,513	15,000	385,513
Healthy Families	0	363,132	0	363,132
School Based Wellness	0	410,823	0	410,823
Adventure Diversion	0	99,570	0	99,570
<b>Sheriff's Office:</b>				
Alcohol/Drug Highway Safety	4,100	0	0	4,100
Body Armor	14,631	0	0	14,631

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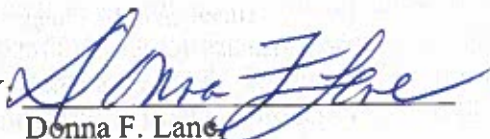
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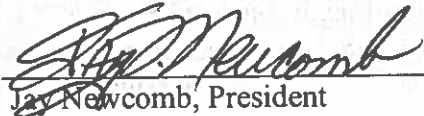
<b>Emergency Management:</b>				
FFY2014 Emergency Planner Grant	57,401	0	0	57,401
<b>Recreation &amp; Parks</b>				
Program Open Space	0	225,000	25,000	250,000
<b>Tourism:</b>				
Tourism Marketing Tier II Grant	0	45,000	0	45,000
Ironman Maryland	0	70,000	30,000	100,000
MHAA Operating Grant	0	295,000	5,000	300,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>89,132</b>	<b>2,049,508</b>	<b>168,715</b>	<b>2,307,355</b>

**SECTION 6.** AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that all funds appropriated herein by Dorchester County, Maryland, to any agency receiving or disbursing County funds, shall be subject to compliance with all laws, rules and regulations, and other provisions of the United States of America, State of Maryland, and Dorchester County, Maryland, regarding the receipt, disbursement, and/or accounting of funds prior to the receipt of any funds appropriated by or through the budgetary process of Dorchester County, Maryland.


**SECTION 7.** AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the County Budget as finally adopted by this Act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

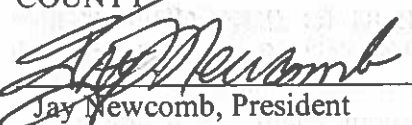
PASSED this 27 th day of May 2014.

BY:   
Donna F. Lane  
Executive Administrative Specialist

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER  
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Jay Newcomb, President

APPROVED this 27 th day of May 2014.

BY:   
Donna F. Lane  
Executive Administrative Specialist

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Bradshaw - *aye*  
Price - *aye*  
Newcomb - *aye*  
Travers - *aye*  
Nichols - *aye*