

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROANOKE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE ROANOKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013

RESOLUTION 111213-3 ADOPTING A LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE 2014 SESSION OF THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND PETITIONING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FAVORABLY CONSIDER THE TOPICS AND ISSUES ADDRESSED HEREIN

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Roanoke County, Virginia, has identified major legislative issues of Statewide concern to be considered by the 2014 session of the Virginia General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Board adopts this resolution as its Legislative Program for the 2014 session of the Virginia General Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Roanoke County, Virginia, that the following legislative initiatives are submitted for its legislative program for the 2014 session of the Virginia General Assembly for its favorable consideration and adoption.

- 1) Oppose the elimination of the authority of local governments to adopt Business, professional and occupation license taxes (BPOL) and machinery & tools taxes (M&T), unless a comparable locally controlled replacement source of local tax revenue is authorized to replace the eliminated local tax revenue. These local taxes comprise approximately six percent (6%) of Roanoke County's local tax revenues or \$8,000,000 annually.
- 2) Support legislation placing the Virginia Comprehensive Services Act's State Executive Council (SEC) under the Administrative Process Act (Sec. 2.2-4000, et seq.) of the Code of Virginia.

The SEC is not currently subject to the procedural due process protections found in the Administrative Process Act like other state agencies. This would provide the County with an opportunity to address changes in rules and regulations developed by SEC that would impact its CSA program.

3) Legal Notices

Roanoke County requests the General assembly to eliminate the requirement for publication of legal notices in newspapers. Roanoke County spent over \$18,000 in legal notice publication costs last year. Paid circulation of newspapers is dropping. More citizens are getting their information from the internet.

4) Civil Penalties for Local Ordinances (Sec. 15.2-901)

Amend Sec. 15.2-901.C and D of the Code of Virginia to increase the authority of local governments to impose civil penalties for violations of local ordinances requiring the removal of trash or cutting of grass and weeds. Currently the civil penalty is limited to \$50 for the first violation and \$200 for subsequent violations within a 12 month period.

5) Delay the Implementation of the Stormwater Regulations and Devolution of Program Enforcement to Localities.

Less than ten point five percent (10.5%) of Roanoke County drains into the Chesapeake Bay. Local governments are struggling to meet the regulatory deadlines established by the Commonwealth. Prioritizing and dividing regulatory and enforcement responsibilities among those portions of the Commonwealth between those localities that drain into the Chesapeake Bay and those that do not or that have limited impact on the Bay would simplify this complex and costly transition. Delaying implementation for one year for those localities with less than eleven percent (11%) of their land area draining into the Bay would better enable the Commonwealth and those localities to implement these extensive and costly regulatory and enforcement requirements.

6) Fully fund the Commonwealth's Obligation to Pay its Portion of is Virginia Retirement System (VRS) Obligations.

The General Assembly should fully fund its unfunded liabilities in VRS and restore VRS to an actuarially sound status. Only three times since 1995 has the General Assembly paid the recommended contribution, while local governments have fully funded their recommended contributions to VRS.

That the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors is directed to send an attested copy of this resolution to Governor-elect Terry McAuliffe, Senator John S. Edwards, Senator

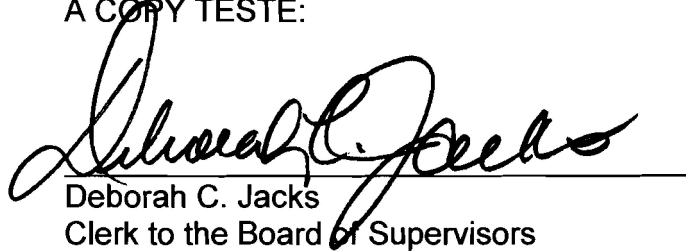
Ralph Smith, Delegate Greg Habeeb, Delegate Onzlee Ware, Delegate Chris Head, Stephanie Moon, Roanoke City Clerk; Members of the Roanoke City Council; Kevin S. Boggess, Clerk for Salem City Council; Members of the Salem City Council; Clerk for the Town of Vinton; Members of the Vinton Town Council and the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, and the Virginia Association of Counties.

On motion of Supervisor Altizer to adopt the resolution, and carried by the following roll call and recorded vote:

AYES: Supervisors Moore, Flora, Church, Elswick, Altizer

NAYS: None

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Deborah C. Jacks
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

cc: Paul M. Mahoney, County Attorney
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Senator Ralph Smith
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