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April 7, 2014

The Honorable William J. Howell  
Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates  
PO Box 406  
Richmond VA 23218

Re: Adoption of Two Year Biennium Budget beginning July 1, 2014

Dear Speaker Howell:

The Clarke County Board of Supervisors urges the General Assembly to approve a responsible budget in the most expeditious manner possible.

Continued delays in approving a budget will increase difficulties in finalizing the local budget. Funding from the state comprises a large portion of revenues needed to meet state mandated services and other core public services such as health and human services, public safety and public education. The delivery of these services requires reliable sources of revenue and a sustainable partnership between the state and counties.

As you negotiate a FY 2015-2016 state budget, it is imperative that the Governor and all members of the General Assembly be mindful of the statutory deadlines applying to all counties. We are concerned the failure to approve a budget for the Commonwealth in a timely manner will adversely affect government operations, harm businesses and slow economic growth. We respectfully urge you to expedite budget negotiations and approve a responsible state budget.

Thank you for your consideration and your service to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Michael Hobert".

J. Michael Hobert, Chair  
Clarke County Board of Supervisors

MH:lw

Cc: Honorable Kirk Cox  
Honorable Dave LaRock  
Honorable Randy Minchew

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## BUDGET IMPASSE RESOLUTION 2014-04R

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia General Assembly did not agree on the approval of a budget by the adjournment sine die date of March 8, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, funds from the state received by Clarke County comprise a large portion of revenues necessary for Clarke County to deliver many of the public services mandated by the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, the delivery of mandated public services by Clarke County depends upon a stable and healthy partnership between state and local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia's local governments are subject strict, statutory deadlines for approving certain components of their respective budgets; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments under Sections 15.2-2500 and 15.2-2503 of the Code of Virginia are required to approve their respective budget and tax rates by July 1 of each year; and

**WHEREAS**, by May 1 of each year, or at least 30 days after receiving an estimate of state aid, whichever is later, local governments are required under Section 22.1-93 of the Code of Virginia to adopt an annual school budget; and

**WHEREAS**, not later than June 1 of each year, all school divisions under Section 22.1-304 of the Code of Virginia, must notify teachers of reductions in force due to decreased funding; and

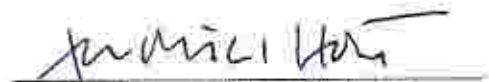
**WHEREAS**, failure to approve a budget in a timely manner would disrupt the ability of Virginia's businesses and public agencies to operate effectively; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Clarke Board of Supervisors that the Virginia General Assembly and the Governor of Virginia are urged to reconcile their differences and agree on a FY 2015-2016 budget;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clarke Board of Supervisors shall transmit copies of this resolution to the Honorable Terry R. McAuliffe, Governor of Virginia, and to members of the Virginia General Assembly.

Approved at a regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting on April 7, 2014.

Attest:

  
J. Michael Hobert, Chairman