

**DANGER: IT'S BUDGET TIME AGAIN FOR KING WILLIAM COUNTY !!!!! AND YEAR AFTER YEAR THE MAJORITY OF THE SUPERVISORS VOTE TO TAKE MORE OF YOUR MONEY....**



But before we start forking over more cash let's take a look at some secrets that many of our county's politicians, bureaucrats and fat cats would rather you didn't know about.

As always, this starts with our elected Supervisors figuring up how much of your hard earned cash to shovel into the mouth of the ravenous government beast right here at home. And this time around it's worse than usual.

You see, this cycle's more honest round of real estate assessments reflects the reality of declining home values in a bad economy. So your 2014 RE tax bill will only be smaller if they keep the old rate. If so, that also means a budget shortfall in the coming fiscal year. This, along with several other factors – like interest and principal payments on the county's WHOPPING \$26.8 MILLION DEBT – means the beast is in danger of having to go on a diet.



**Yeah, like that's really gonna happen....  
It's more likely they're gonna raise the tax rate.**

**DO YOU NEED A NEW WELL ? YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY FOR IT.  
BUT WAIT – WILL KING WILLIAM COUNTY LOAN YOU THE THOUSANDS IT TAKES ?  
(Maybe – if you're a certain subdivision developer getting a sweetheart deal...)**

Are you aware King William County is borrowing \$440,000.00 in your name ?

Former County Administrator Trent Funkhouser quoted in the Tidewater Review on 07/17/2013 said, "The developer would be responsible for paying the County (that's you) back as a part of the developer's agreement"

Nothing to see here, folks, move on.... Right ? No, there's more to this story –



*"Unfortunately, we did not have a very strong agreement with the developer."*

(4th District Supervisor Terry Stone at the Board of Supervisors meeting on 03/25/2013)



*"...to help a developer that didn't do what he should have done."*  
(5th District Supervisor Otto Williams at the same meeting)



**IF THE DEVELOPER DOESN'T PAY BACK THE LOAN WE TAXPAYERS ARE STUCK WITH THE BILL  
JUST HOW DOES THAT HAPPEN ?**

King William County can track your personal property and when septic tank was last pumped out. But even with with all of these "paid watchdogs" we taxpayers could still get stuck with a \$440,000.00 tab because of a "weak agreement" ?

**WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING PAID COUNTY PERSONNEL**

Board of Supervisors—County Attorney—County Administrator—Planning Director—Planning Commission

Why did this happen ? Someone needs to be held accountable for this !



**BUT WAIT ! THERE'S MORE ! LOTS MORE !**

**RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE TAXPAYERS – WE REGULAR FOLKS WHO OWN A HOME ON FIVE ACRES OR LESS – CARRY THE LARGEST BURDEN IN CATEGORIES OF FUNDING FOR THE COUNTY\***

**HOW MUCH MORE DO THE SUPERVISORS EXPECT FROM AN ALREADY BURDENED HOMEOWNER ???**

\*Residential Real Estate Taxes and Personal Property Taxes combined = \$12,441,701.00  
Of that amount, Residential Real Estate Taxes ALONE are already \$9,370.439.00 – That's 75% !!!



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Do you OWN a home in King William County—or just think you do ?

----- CONSIDER THESE GLARING DIFFERENCES -----

(FIGURES BASED ON A HOME ASSESSED AT \$225,000 )

TAX EXEMPTIONS: OPEN SPACE (OS) AGRICULTURE (A) HORTICULTURE (H) FORESTRY (F)

COUNTY REAL ESTATE	TAX BILL	LAND USE TAX EXEMPTED CLASSES
KING WILLIAM	\$ 1845.00	OS---A---H---F
KING & QUEEN	\$ 1215.00	NONE
SUSSEX	\$ 1215.00	NONE
FLOYD	\$ 1125.00	A—H
HALIFAX	\$ 1035.00	A--H
WYTHE	\$ 990.00	A—H

31 COUNTIES DO NOT HAVE OPEN SPACE OR FORESTRY LAND USE TAX EXEMPTIONS..... BUT ALL OF THESE HAVE GOOD SCHOOLS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, 91% OF TAXABLE PARCELS IN KING WILLIAM ARE TAXED AT FULL ASSESSED VALUES----SO THE REMAINING 9% OF THE PARCELS GET THESE BREAKS ??

Question: How much of the approximately \$1,200,000.00 in tax relief given to those enjoying special Land Use Tax Exemptions is shifted to YOUR Residential Real Estate Tax bill ?

Answer: ALL OF IT....

SO WHY DOES KING WILLIAM COUNTY AWARD THESE FAVORS ?

AND HOW MUCH FASTER COULD YOU PAY OFF YOUR MORTGAGE USING THE BIG DIFFERENCE YOU ARE PAYING IN REAL ESTATE TAXES IN KING WILLIAM ?

WHY THE DIFFERENCE ? ARE SOME SUPERVISORS DEALING WITH A CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON THIS ISSUE ? ARE PERSONAL ECONOMIC INTERESTS INVOLVED ? FAVORS TO POWERFUL INFLUENCERS ?

ASK YOUR SUPERVISOR WHAT EXPLAINS THESE GENEROUS, NARROWLY TARGETED TAX BREAKS THAT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS DON'T GET ?

THE ARGUMENT THAT CLOSING SOME TAX EXEMPTED CLASSES WOULD OPEN KING WILLIAM UP TO "RUNAWAY DEVELOPMENT" IS ALMOST LAUGHABLE IN THIS DEPRESSED ECONOMIC CLIMATE

REALLY – IF THE LAND USE EXEMPTION TAX BREAKS ARE "GOOD FOR THE COUNTY AND ITS ECONOMY," WOULDN'T THE SAME BREAKS FOR REGULAR FOLKS BE GOOD TOO ?

And when it comes to a small amount of RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE TAX RELIEF, why does the county "MEANS TEST" ELDERLY AND DISABLED applicants ? (Making sure that only low income folks get this break)

But no MEANS TESTING for SOME MILLIONAIRE LAND OWNERS taking advantage of GENEROUS LAND USE TAX EXEMPTIONS ? Does this sound fair to you ?



### How about CUTTING SPENDING so all of us can get a break ? CUT TAXES FOR EVERYBODY ? RICH, POOR and in-between !!!!!!!



COULD IT BE THAT SPENDING IS OUT OF CONTROL? REMEMBER THAT – EVEN IN OUR DEPRESSED ECONOMY – LAST YEAR'S BUDGET WAS 10.5 % LARGER ? AND COULD IT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH SERVICING THE COUNTY'S ASTONISHING \$26.8 MILLION DOLLAR DEBT FROM YEARS OF OVERSPENDING !!! ???

OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS WORKING ON THE BUDGET NOW for the coming fiscal year (2015-16). Details and schedules are on the KW County website [kingwilliamcounty.us](http://kingwilliamcounty.us) Look on the left side of the home page for E-GOVERNMENT and click "Budgets."

Their next two budget meetings are March 9th and 23rd.

Wanna bet tax receipts won't cover spending increases they're being pressured to approve?

Unless they apply the same budget cuts all the rest of us have had to make in this bad economy, your tax rate is gonna go up and your bank account is gonna go down.

Pick up the phone. Send an email. Come to a budget meeting. Make your thoughts known!

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\* They're all listed on the county's website [www.kingwilliamcounty.us](http://www.kingwilliamcounty.us) along with plenty of useful and often surprising information on Government, Departments & Services, Economic Development, News and Announcements.

**BUDGETS -- AND THE TAXES THAT FEED THEM -- MUST BE CUT !  
SHOW UP -- STAND UP -- SPEAK UP  
OR GET READY TO HAVE YOUR POCKETS PICKED AGAIN !**

This public information guide is brought to you courtesy of the KING WILLIAM T.E.A. Party (Taxed Enough Already)

For the next several months we'll be concentrating on local and state budget issues. Our fast paced and info packed meetings are open to all citizens of good will. They begin promptly at 7 PM and you'll be out by 8. Come early if you can and see another of the stirring and inspiring videos we've found. We'll start it at 6:45 but come on in and have a seat anytime. Meetings are usually held on the second and fourth Thursdays each month. Location is most often the Upper King William Library on Sharon Rd. in Central Garage.

Visit KWTP's info-packed website [www.kwteaparty.com](http://www.kwteaparty.com) and sign up for our emailed meeting and information notices

