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The Citizens of Louisa County  
Louisa County, Virginia

Citizens of Louisa:

Spring is here! The days are getting longer, the weather is getting warmer, and school is almost finished for the year. Where has the time gone?

I am pleased to report that your Board of Supervisors passed a fully balanced budget that funds this year's operating and capital expenses within current year revenues, and the tax rate will also remain unchanged. Library hours will increase under the 2020 budget and debt service payments are reduced. We have also planned for elementary school additions which will enable the removal of the modular classrooms. To start this process, the Board approved \$578,000 in this year's budget to fund engineering and plan development for this and other projects. Your Board of Supervisors fully supports Louisa County Public Schools on their Journey to Greatness.

Our people are a critical asset. Without the tireless efforts of our great staff at the County and the Schools, we would not be able to provide the great service to our Citizens. As such, we have provided a compensation increase and covered increases in health insurance costs for staff again this year. On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I want to thank our staff all that you do for the citizens - job well done!

We have had two meetings of our newly revamped Ag/Forestral and Rural Preservation Committee. I have high expectations that this group will become a great incubator and advocate for rural Louisa. Please come to these meetings and share your ideas. We have an open forum that allows for interactive discussion. Our next meeting is May 29, 2019 at the County Office building.

I am also pleased to report that the County's Public Protection Classification rating has improved. This rating is one of the factors in determining rates for insurance, and the improved rating can favorably impact homeowner insurance costs. Join me in congratulating our career staff and volunteers on a job well done.

It is my personal goal to continue a forward looking and fiscally conservative approach to government that allows us to continue to "Build a Better Louisa." As a Board, it is incumbent upon us to be vigilant in our efforts to maintain the quality of life that our Citizens enjoy while

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making sure that government operates both responsibly and responsively. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Respectfully,

*R. T. Williams, Jr.*

Chairman  
Louisa County Board of Supervisors