

March 31, 2025

York County Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 532
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Dear Members of the County of York Board of Supervisors,

We, the undersigned retired employees of York County, are proud residents and voters in our County. We are former senior managers with hundreds of years of collective experience dealing with both the challenges and opportunities of York County governance. The purpose of this communication is to offer our perspective as you consider the FY 2026 budget proposed by County Administrator Bellamy on March 18th.

First, we thank you for your continued willingness to serve our community as elected officials. We recognize the sacrifices you make to serve and the difficult task of evaluating the competing voices and opinions that you will hear as you make important financial decisions about the County's future.

As residents and taxpayers we appreciate efforts to keep taxes as low as possible, and we believe most citizens appreciate and enjoy the outstanding quality of life that your financial stewardship supports, which includes a tax burden below that of most of our neighbors. However, we know that you know the quality of life in this community over the long-term can only be preserved by providing excellent value county services that in turn require the necessary resources and prudent financial management.

We have all studied the County Administrator's proposed FY 2026 budget and strongly believe that its balance of expenditures and revenues will serve the County well at this point in our history. It is a truly conservative financial plan that would allow the County and the School Division to continue to reinvest in our aging capital facilities, support excellent public safety, provide modest salary increases for our excellent work force, and protect rainy-day savings needed to limit debt and maintain the community's resilience during uncertain times.

No doubt you will hear from those who oppose any tax or fee increases. As you deliberate on the proposed budget and work to find an appropriate balance among differing viewpoints, we respectfully – and with the benefit of our collective experiences – ask that you understand the implications of approving a budget that does not include the tax revenue needed to run the County effectively and responsibly. We know that you want the County to continue to be a safe, clean, healthy and attractive place with great public schools and amenities for citizens to enjoy. Therefore, we urge you to approve the County Administrator's recommended budget to provide

the necessary revenue base to maintain a forward-looking community and protect the quality of life that we all know York County offers.

Thank you for considering our comments. We wish you wisdom and foresight as you work toward adoption of the FY 2026 Budget.

Sincerely,



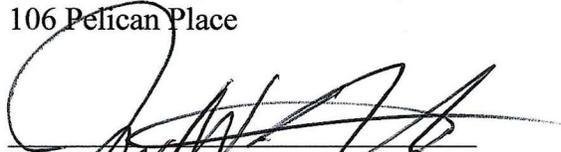
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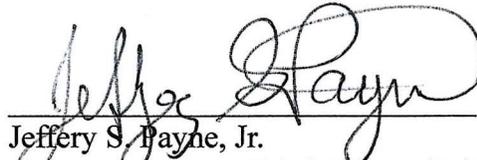
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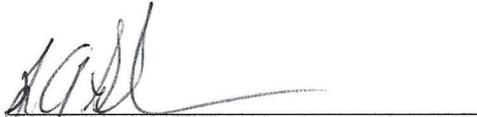
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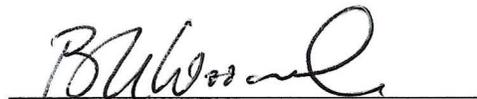
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