

At a called meeting of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at 6:30 PM in the Giles County Administration Office, located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following were present unless noted absent.

Jeff Morris	Chair (Central District)
Larry Jay Williams	Vice-Chair (Eastern District)
John C. Lawson, Jr.	Western District
Paul "Chappy" Baker	At-Large Supervisor
Richard McCoy	At-Large Supervisor
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
Catherine Ballard	Finance Director
Richard Chidester	County Attorney - Absent
Missy Bray	Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

Mr. Morris, called the meeting to order and Mr. McKlarney offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

WORKFORCE

Mr. Williams announced that the Workforce programs had received a 21 percent cut in state and federal funding, which is a significant hit to the programs.

FOREST SERVICE

Mr. McKlarney presented proposed fee increases for the Cascades with the fee going from \$3.00 per vehicle to \$8.00 per vehicle. It is planned for an additional fee of \$2.00 per person for any vehicles over six passengers. He reported he had been at the Cascades earlier in the day meeting with the regional manager of the Forest Service in regard to access for emergency service personnel. Mr. McKlarney indicated the manager had informed him the budget for all of Jefferson National Forest for road and trail maintenance was \$125,000, and related various issues at the Cascades site. He stated the District Ranger, Dan McKeague, had requested comments on the proposed increases. Members discussed the rates and various campground sites as well as activities at Glen Alton. Mr. McKlarney advised the Forest Service is looking at options on paying fees such as by phone or through local businesses. Mr. McCoy related the fee increase was needed but the funds should come back to the maintenance of the Cascades.

AUDIT CONTRACT

Mr. McKlarney related the audit contract with Robinson, Farmer and Cox was up for renewal with the cost at \$50,050. Mr. McCoy stated they had done a good job, and a cheaper option might be found but that did not mean the cheaper option would do a good job.

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Mr. Baker made a motion to approve renewing the audit contract with Robinson, Farmer and Cox. Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Williams

FOCUS DATA

Mr. McKlarney presented comparison data from 2014 and 2018 for reactive services at Mullins Trailer Court, which showed more than a 60 percent reduction in calls overall. He provided information on some of the programming and the new playground being constructed by Public Works and volunteers, and noted funding for the project had come from donations. Mr. McKlarney also showed data from the program at Orchard Grove, which were improved but noted numbers there were better in 2017. He related ambulance calls continue to increase as people use the emergency room for healthcare.

LITTER GRANT FUNDS

Mr. McCoy related the PSA had proposed and put in its budget to utilize the litter grant funds to offset the cost of tire disposal in lieu of a fee increase. Members concurred with that option. Members discussed the decreased amount of tires in the river as well as previous dumping habits. Members also discussed the cost of a chipper and that chipped tires were no longer used for ground cover.

GILES COUNTY FY 2019-20 BUDGET AND TAX RATE

Mr. Morris opened the public hearing. Mr. McKlarney related the public hearing was being held pursuant to Section 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia and noted a presentation was provided. He presented the proposed ordinance and stated the proposed total for Fiscal Year 2020 would be \$53,919,158 for both revenues and expenditures. Mr. McKlarney stated the proposed budget would include a tax increase of four cents across the board.

Members discussed the school portion of the budget noting an increase in positions while the student numbers continue to decline. Mr. McKlarney noted some of the new positions were due to the VPI preschool and were mandated. With no further comments or questions, Mr. Morris closed the public hearing. The ordinance is attached at the end of these minutes.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the Tax Rate Ordinance for 2019 as presented with a four-cent increase. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 by roll call vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Baker, Mr. Lawson, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Morris and Mr. Williams

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at 3:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH TAX RATES FOR 2019 AND TO ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE COLLECTION FEES FOR DELINQUENT TAXES AND FEES

After public hearing held on May 23, 2019, after advertisement in the Virginian Leader on May 8 and May 15, 2019, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Giles County, Virginia, that the following tax rates shall be applicable in Giles County for 2019.

TAX	TAX RATE
Real Estate	67¢ per \$100
Motor Vehicles	\$2.02 per \$100
Personal Property	\$2.02 per \$100
Machinery and Tools	\$2.02 per \$100
Transport Vehicles over 10,000 lbs. (Interstate Commerce)	\$1.12 per \$100
Merchants Capital	83¢ per \$100
Public Service Levy	67¢ per \$100
Mobile Home Levy	67¢ per \$100
Qualified Disabled Vet. Vehicle	.005¢ per \$100
Motor Vehicle Decal Fee	\$20 per Vehicle

The penalty for taxes, levies and fees which are not paid by the due date is 10% of the unpaid balance. Real estate taxes are due on June 28, 2019 and December 5, 2019. All other taxes and fees are due on December 5, 2019. Ten percent (10%) interest charges begin on the first day of the month following the payment due date.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that effective July 1, 2019 and thereafter, any person liable for local taxes or other local accounts who fails to pay the amount due within 30 days after notice of the delinquency has been sent shall, in addition to all penalties and interest, pay a fee to cover the administrative costs associated with the collection of the delinquent bill in such amount as allowed by Section 58.1-3958 of the Virginia Code, as amended, or such other Virginia statute regulating the amount of such fees or covering the subject of fees in such cases. In addition to the administrative fee, any collection agency's fees or attorney's fees actually contracted for, not to exceed twenty (20) percent of the delinquent bill, may also be added to the delinquent bill.

	voting for	voting against	abstain	absent
Morris	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Williams	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Baker	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
McCoy	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Lawson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Attest: 
Christopher P. McClarney, Clerk

Approved as to form: 
County Attorney