

At the budget work session of the Giles County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, June 9, 2022, at 3:00 PM, in the Giles County Administration Office, 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg, the following were present unless noted absent:

Jeff Morris	Chair (Central District)
Richard McCoy	Vice-Chair (At-Large Supervisor)
Perry Martin	Eastern District
John C. Lawson, Jr.	Western District
Paul "Chappy" Baker	At-Large Supervisor - Absent
Chris McKlarney	County Administrator
Catherine Ballard	Finance Director
John Ross	Building Official
Richard Chidester	County Attorney
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.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Mr. McKlarney related the budget would need to be advertised at least seven days prior to the public hearing, and the budget could not be approved until at least seven days after the public hearing. He noted the public hearing would need to be held on June 23rd, and the approval done at the closeout meeting on June 30th. Mr. McKlarney outlined anticipated revenues and expenditures of the draft FY 2023 budget and related he had not yet received final school numbers. He presented information provided by the Commissioner of the Revenue regarding anticipated increases in personal property taxes due to fleet value increases and reviewed changes in various types of revenues throughout the past several years. Members discussed options of increases in tax rates. Members reviewed departmental budgets and discussed requested increases. They also discussed the possibility of changing to a fleet leasing company and a proposed increase in allocations to the fire departments.

Members discussed the recently adopted ordinance on the transient occupancy tax. Mr. Chidester related Airbnb has not been collecting the required tax as other sites have been, and Airbnb is only collecting the tax on jurisdictions for which they have an agreement. He indicated he had spoken with a commissioner from another jurisdiction, who is working with a committee to help get the tax collected, and she informed him the tax collection with Airbnb should start on October 1st. Members discussed issues and various options as well as the possibility of sending out another letter to let owners know when the collection will start with Airbnb. Members came to a consensus that owners should not be charged tax on fees they are not receiving, but tax should be paid on any money received.

TRAIL CENTER

Mr. McKlarney updated members on the status of the trail center project, trail expansion and changes taking place at Mountain Lake. He showed members the location of the center and provided information on the changes due to the recent bid of \$2.4 million on the initially designed trail center. Mr. McKlarney indicated the design and RFP process would both have to be done again in order to stay in compliance with the funding agent. Members were in agreement with the proposed changes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. McCoy motioned to go into executive session as permitted by Virginia Code 2.2-3711 A (3) Disposition of Public Property. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 by rollcall vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Baker

Mr. McCoy motioned to return to open session and he certified that in the closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter or matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed session and (2) lawfully permitted to be discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information act cited in that motion. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0 by rollcall vote as follows: Voting Yes: Mr. Lawson, Mr. Martin, Mr. McCoy and Mr. Morris; Absent: Mr. Baker

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Giles County Administration Office located at 315 North Main Street, Pearisburg.

APPROVED:

Chair

ATTEST:

Clerk