

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Alleghany County, Virginia held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Alleghany County Governmental Complex, Covington, Virginia, thereof:

PRESENT: G. Matt Garten, Chairman  
James M. Griffith, Vice-Chairman  
Shannon P. Cox  
Gregory A. Dodd  
Ronald S. Goings

and Reid Walters, County Administrator  
Suzanne T. Adcock-Nicely, Director of Finance  
Melissa A. Munsey, Deputy Clerk to the Board

ABSENT: Stephen A. Bennett  
Cletus W. Nicely

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chairman called the adjourned meeting to order.

PUBLIC HEARING - FY24 SEWER RATES FOR THE TOWN OF CLIFTON FORGE AND THE TOWN OF IRON GATE:

Public Hearing was held to consider, pursuant to Sections 15.2-107 and 15.2-2122 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and agreements between the parties, the possible adoption of sewer rates for the Town of Clifton Forge and the Town of Iron Gate as follows:

	<b><u>FY 2024 Rate</u></b>
Clifton Forge	\$3.75 / \$1,000 gals.
Iron Gate	\$16,810.00 per month

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 and Tuesday, June 6, 2023 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

Ms. Adcock-Nicely stated that there is a memo in the agenda packet and the rates have been discussed in budget work sessions. The memo is as follows:

*The Bulk Rate for sewer services for the Town of Clifton and the Town of Iron Gate is based on the following: debt service initiation, three year rolling average flows, and O&M costs for the LJRWWTP. Following is the result of these calculations and how the bulk rate will change. This is a revision from the March 31, 2023 memo I had sent out, Clifton Forge contacted us to update the bulk rate in reference to them paying a loan off in September 2022:*

**Clifton Forge Sewer Bulk Rate**  
FY 23-24      \$3.75/1000 gallons

**Iron Gate Sewer Bulk Rate**  
FY 22-23      \$16,810.00/month

There being no one else who wished to speak, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed. He stated that action will be taken at the Board's June 20<sup>th</sup> adjourned meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENTS TO CH. 62 "WATER, SEWER, AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL" OF THE COUNTY CODE (WATER AND SEWER RATES):

Public Hearing was held to consider amendments to Chapter 62-Water, Sewer and Sewage Disposal of "The Code of the County of Alleghany, Virginia" in Section 62-71 - Rates to increase water and sewer rates effective July 1, 2023. The water rate, sewer rate, and sewer only rate would each increase \$1.00. The overage rate would increase by \$0.25 per 1,000 gallons for water and \$0.50 per 1,000 gallons for sewer. The deposit amounts would also increase for owners and tenants in Sec. 62-140.

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 and Tuesday, June 6, 2023 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

Ms. Adcock-Nicely stated that the water and sewer rates typically increase yearly with a \$1.00 increase each for water and sewer services to offset increases in costs. She mentioned that water overages would increase by \$0.25 per 1,000 gallons (over 5,000 gallons) and sewer overages would increase by \$0.50 per 1,000 gallons (over 5,000 gallons).

There being no one else who wished to speak, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed. He stated that action will be taken at the Board's June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING - TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2023:

Public Hearing was held to consider reenacting the existing tax rate of 73 cents per \$100 of assessed value on real property and mobile homes for the tax year 2023 and to reenact at the existing rate the levy of two dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$2.98) per \$100.00 of assessed value on tangible personal property (including machinery and tools segregated by Section 58.1-3507, Code of Virginia) located in the County on January 1, 2023 and the respective levies being also applicable to the real estate and tangible personal property of public service corporations.

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

Ms. Adcock-Nicely stated that there is no change in the real estate tax rate this year of \$0.73 or the personal property rate of \$2.98. She commented that last year the personal property tax ratio was changed to 75% due to the increase in vehicle values. She mentioned that the Commissioner of Revenue has included an information sheet in the agenda packet and this year the personal property tax ratio would be 90% as values are starting to equalize. This will be included in the adoption resolution.

There being no one else who wished to speak, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed. He stated that action will be taken at the Board's June 20<sup>th</sup> adjourned meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING - FY 2023-24 COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET:

Public Hearing was held to consider the proposed FY 2023-24 budget for the year beginning July 1, 2023.

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

The budget was advertised as follows:

The following budget synopsis was prepared and published for information and fiscal planning purposes only. The inclusion in the budget of items does not constitute an obligation or commitment to appropriate any funds for that item or purpose. The budget has been prepared on the basis of the estimates and requests submitted by the Officers and Department Heads of this County. There are no allocations of any County funds for any purpose until appropriation for that purpose has been made by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors.

EXPENDITURES

General Operating	\$49,137,255
School Operating	47,545,227
School Textbook	0
Governor's School	0
VFD-United Fire/Rescue	200,000
Law Library	4,500
Special Law	53,500
Drug Asset Forfeiture - Sheriff	8,500
Courthouse Security	192,389
Drug Asset Forfeiture - Com. Atty.	4,000
Sheriff - County Code Enforcement	33,372
Emergency Home Repair Program	6,636
Capital Improvement Program	433,088
Special Welfare	80,000
AHEDC	712,209
Water & Sewer Capital	199,674
Water & Sewer Operating	5,716,950
	<u>\$104,327,300</u>

REVENUES

General Operating (\$48,552,343):	
Local (66%)	\$32,044,546
State (30%)	14,565,703
Federal (4%)	1,942,094
School Operating	47,545,227
School Textbook	0
Governor's School	0
VFD-United Fire/Rescue	200,000
Law Library	4,500

Special Law	53,500
Drug Asset Forfeiture - Sheriff	8,500
Courthouse Security	192,389
Drug Asset Forfeiture - Com. Atty.	4,000
Sheriff - County Code Enforcement	33,372
Emergency Home Repair Program	6,636
Capital Improvement Program	0
Special Welfare	80,000
AHEDC	712,209
Water & Sewer Capital	199,674
Water & Sewer Operating	<u>5,716,950</u>
	\$103,309,300
General Fund Balance	<u>1,018,000</u>
	\$104,327,300

Ms. Adcock-Nicely stated that since the last budget work session she has made changes to the budget as requested and will look into other funding sources for those items. She commented that the total budget is \$104,327,300 with \$1,018,000 coming from the general fund balance.

Dr. Goings asked when the next reassessment would go into effect. Ms. Adcock-Nicely replied it would go into effect in 2025.

There being no one else who wished to speak, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed. He stated that action will be taken at the Board's June 20th adjourned meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Dr. Goings, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:10 p.m. to Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Alleghany County Governmental Complex. Motion carried.

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G. Matt Garten  
Chairman