

Grayson County Board of Supervisors
Budget Work Session - Boardroom
May 7, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Members attending: R. Brantley Ivey, Michael S. Hash, Tracy A. Anderson, and Mitchell D. Cornett. Mary Dickenson Tomlinson arrived at 3:05 pm.

Staff attending: Stephen A. Boyer, Mitchell L. Smith, and Nikki C. Edwards. Also attending – Jada Black, Planning & Community Development Director

IN RE: OPENING BUSINESS

Supervisor Hash made the motion to approve the agenda; duly seconded by Supervisor Cornett. Motion carried 4-0.

IN RE: NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution – Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance

Mrs. Black explained the resolution and the Board of Supervisors chose not to have the resolution (listed below) read. Mrs. Black noted there would be a work session on May 14th for the Planning Commission with advertising to follow. Mrs. Black noted that it is excluding/precluding utility scale wind, not utility scale solar in addition to accessory which is residential. Supervisor Hash made the motion to approve the resolution; duly seconded by Supervisor Anderson. Roll call vote as follows: Tracy A. Anderson – aye; Michael S. Hash – aye; Mitchell D. Cornett – aye; Mary Dickenson Tomlinson – aye; R. Brantley Ivey – aye.

**RESOLUTION
TO INITIATE AND REFER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION CERTAIN
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GRAYSON COUNTY
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING ORDINANCE
FOR UTILITY-SCALE RENEWABLE FACILITIES POLICIES
AND REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, under Section 15.2-2229 of the Code of Virginia, the County, its Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, may consider amendments to the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, Section 15.2-2230 of the Code of Virginia requires a review of the Comprehensive Plan every five years to determine whether it needs to be amended; and

WHEREAS, Section 15.2-2286(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia requires that amendments to a zoning ordinance shall be initiated by a resolution of the local governing body; a motion of the planning commission; or by application of a landowner or a landowner's authorized agent; and

WHEREAS, Section 15.2-2285(8) of the Code of Virginia provides that no zoning ordinance shall be amended or reenacted unless the governing body has referred the amendment or reenactment to the local planning commission for its recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Grayson, Virginia, finds that due to the increase in renewable facilities across Virginia, changes in State law, and the increased demand for renewable energy generation facilities, there is a need to update the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Grayson, Virginia, finds that it is in the best interests and consistent with best land use practices, that the County’s Comprehensive Plan should include policies concerning utility-scale solar and wind facility land uses; and

WHEREAS, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Grayson, Virginia, finds that public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice warrant that certain amendments be made to the Zoning Ordinance for the regulation of utility-scale solar and wind facility land uses, as well as for the development of mountain top ridgelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Grayson, Virginia, as follows:

That amendment of the County’s Comprehensive Plan is hereby initiated and referred to the Grayson County Planning Commission for its recommendation, with such amendments to provide for policies for utility-scale wind and solar facilities, with the Board’s direction that such amendments should identify that utility-scale wind facilities are not an appropriate land use within the County;

That amendment of the County’s Zoning Ordinance is hereby initiated and referred to the Grayson County Planning Commission for its recommendation, with the Board’s direction that such amendments should identify and regulate proper disposal methods for solar panels to minimize environmental impacts, establish acreage limitations for utility-scale solar installations to prevent overdevelopment and preserve the County's rural character, prohibit utility-scale wind facilities as an allowed land use within in the County, and create a create a mountain ridge overlay district to protect mountain top ridgelines from unsuitable development.

Adopted this 11th day of April 2024 in the County of Grayson, Virginia.

ATTEST:

Stephen A. Boyer, Clerk
Grayson County Board of Supervisors

R. Brantley Ivey, Chair
Grayson County Board of Supervisors

CERTIFICATE OF VOTES

The record of the roll-call vote by the members of the Grayson County Board of Supervisors on the foregoing Resolution, duly adopted upon a roll-call vote at a public meeting held on May 7th, 2024, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
R. Brantley Ivey				
Michael S. Hash				
Tracy A. Anderson				
Mary E. Dickenson Tomlinson				
Mitchell D. Cornett				

IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Danny Boyer of Spring Valley Rd/Fries/VA - spoke in support of Ag Land & Forestry and services – huge proponent of ag – ag generates \$82.3 billion in the State of Virginia – farms are decreasing in Grayson County and has an effect on ground water recharge – everyone needs to help support ag land - supports all ag services
- Jimmy Osborne of Wilson Hwy/Independence/VA – support ag services from school on to the county programs – need to protect the resources so we have them in the future

IN RE: BUDGET WORKSESSION

- PSA & Special Projects (CIP)

Mr. Boyer showed a power point listed below:

Calendar:

- 5/7/24 – budget Work Session FY24/25 – PSA & Special Projects (CIP)
- 5/9/24 – request public hearing for FY 24/25 budget
- 5/15/24 – legal ad due into the gazette and declaration notifying the holding of a public hearing on the FY 24/25 budget (to meet advertising guidelines must be no later than this date)
- 5/23/24 – Board to hold public hearing on the County Budget
Hold final work session for FY 24/25 budget
Approve School budget
- 6/13/24 – Board to approve the County budget

Goals for today:

- Determine Water Rates and Refuse Fees
- Select the remaining ARPA Projects
- FY 25 CIP – Determine what projects to complete
- General Fund – Balance the budget

What we know:

- Wate fund operating in excess of \$175K deficit
- Louisville Lane Project \$550K
- Remaining ARPA Funds and Projects
- CIP projects

FY2025 PSA Revenues VS. Expenditures

	FY2025 Estimate	FY2023 Actual	Difference
Water Revenue	\$335,000	\$224,333	\$110,667
Water Expenses	\$456,556	\$399,737	\$ 56,819
Difference	(\$121,556)	(\$175,404)	\$ 53,848
Transfer from General	\$121,556	\$175,404	(\$53,848)
Grand Total	\$0	\$0	\$0

The Board discussed the deficit and how to deal with it fairly.

Summary of ARPA

Description	Amount
Total ARPA Received	\$3,020,405
Total Expenditures to date	(\$1,070,118)
Total Obligated to be spent	(\$1,161,916)
Amount Remaining	\$ 788,370
Recommended Projects to include:	
Louisville Lane	(\$ 450,000)
Upgrade to Website	(\$ 35,000)
Bailer for Public Works	(\$ 45,000)
Animal control Vehicle	(\$ 45,000)
Public Works Roof	(\$ 125,000)
Contingency for overages	(\$ 88,370)
Balance	\$ 0

CIP Requests

Department	Description	Amount
Parks and Rec	Lights at Rec Park	\$50,189*
Parks and Rec	Playground Picnic Shelters & Outdoor Volleyball	\$75,000
Parks and Rec	Bleachers Field 1 and 2	\$30,000
Parks and Rec	Tennis Court Repair	\$10,000
Public Works – Refuse	Rolloff Peterbilt	\$175,000
Public Works – Recycle	Recycling Building	\$10,000
	Total Requestss	\$350,189

*Lease Agreement

Financial Forecast

- Calls for a 13 cent in Fiscal Year 2026
- Last substantial increase was in FY20 and equated to 7 cent
- To balance the budget this year, rate would need to be increased by 4.17 cent

Where do we stand?

	FY25 - Budget
Revenue	\$28,944,588
Expenses	\$29,737,829
Difference	\$ 793,241

By code, budget must be balanced

Still work to be done

The Board also discussed the following:

- Requested a comparison tax chart
- Historical School Data Chart
- Numbers and FY22 number being \$1.8M – that number needs to be checked
- Above LRE, welding bays and CIP

Recommendations:

- Levy increase 2 cents – 2025 = \$380,000
- Increase trash fee \$24 per year = \$180,000
- Raise rates on Rolloff's = \$6,000
- Large item pickup - \$50,000
- Advertise 3 cent increase on tax levy

Discussion:

- Budget includes a 35% increase in water – Board asked staff to check into having our own system and asked staff to look at a higher billing rate
- Trash fee – proposed \$2 increase to \$20 per month and asked staff to look into sticker for bags or something for convenience center on Wednesday and Saturday
- Raise rates on Rolloffs \$15 – OK
- Have majority on \$2 increase
- ARPA Projects – Louisville Lane (\$450K); Website (\$35K); Baler (\$45K); ACO Vehicle (\$45K); Public Works Roof (\$125K)
- Use of ACO in Grayson County – remove ACO vehicle request
- Add Bleacher; tennis courts; recycling building as CIP Projects
- Tax rate increase

IN RE: CLOSED SESSION

Supervisor Cornett made the motion to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(1) of the code of Virginia; duly seconded by Supervisor Hash. Motion carried 5-0.

Supervisor Anderson made the motion to come out of closed session; duly seconded by Supervisor Tomlinson. Motion carried 5-0.

Whereas, the Grayson County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed session on the 12th day of March 2020, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

Whereas, §2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board of Supervisors that such closed session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (I) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed session to which this certification resolution applies, and (II) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered by the Board of Supervisors with recorded confirmation from members as follows: Tracy A. Anderson – I so certify; Michael S. Hash – I so certify; Mitchell D. Cornett– I so certify; Mary E. Dickenson Tomlinson – I so certify; R. Brantley Ivey – I so certify.

RE: ADJOURN

Supervisor Anderson made the motion to adjourn; duly seconded by Supervisor Tomlinson. Motion carried 5-0.

R. Brantley Ivey, Chair