At a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Warren County held in the Warren County Government Center on May 10, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

Present: Cheryl L. Cullers, Chair (South River District); Delores R. Oates, Vice Chair (North River District); Jerome K. Butler (Happy Creek District); Victoria L. Cook (Fork District); and Walter J. Mabe (Shenandoah District); also present Edwin C. Daley, County Administrator; Taryn G. Logan, Deputy County Administrator; Jason Ham, Interim County Attorney; Todd Jones, Director of Technology; Caitlin Jordan, Senior Assistant County Attorney; Joe Petty, Director of Economic Development; Matt Robertson, Finance Director; Alisa Scott, Deputy Finance Director; and Emily Ciarrocchi, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Adoption of Certain Tax Rates for Calendar Year 2022 – Matt Robertson

Matt Robertson, Finance Director, reported staff is recommending the Board adopt the following personal property tax rates for Calendar Year 2022 after the work session held on May 3, 2022:

Tangible Personal Property Tax
<u>$3.80 per $100 of assessed value</u>

Tangible Personal Property – Business Furniture & Equipment
<u>$4.00 per $100 of assessed value</u>

Tangible Personal Property – Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad members
<u>$1.90 per $100 of assessed value</u>

Tangible Personal Property – Aircraft
<u>$0.75 per $100 of assessed value</u>

These proposed rates are at or below the rates that were advertised as part of the FY 2022-2023 budget and are approved with a valuation decrease from “clean” to “average” valuation on all personal property tax categories.

Mrs. Oates asked what sort of relief this would provide on average to the taxpayers, and Mr. Robertson replied the taxpayers will be seeing an average 20% reduction to personal property tax bills, specifically related to vehicles. Mrs. Oates then asked if there will still be some individuals who will see an increase on their tax bills, and Mr. Robertson confirmed there would be due to the vehicle valuations increasing so much. He also noted Warren County is one of the only localities that dropped both the valuation from “clean” to “average” as well as decreased the overall tax rate.

On a motion by Mr. Mabe, seconded by Mrs. Cook, and by the following vote, the Board of Supervisors adopt the Calendar Year 2022 Personal Property Tax Rates as proposed:

Mabe, Aye; Cook, Aye; Cullers, Aye; Oates, Aye; Butler, Aye

Request – Adoption of Resolution to Set Percentage of Tax Relief for Personal Property (Motor Vehicles) for 2022 Tax Year – Sherry Sours

Dr. Daley reported pursuant to Section 160-109 of the Warren County Code, adopted in compliance with the State Appropriations Act, it is necessary for the Board of Supervisors annually to set the percentage of personal property tax relief for motor vehicle owners within the County. This is part of the "no Car Tax" legislation adopted by the General Assembly years ago. The legislature has established a cap on the reimbursements it makes to localities and has required each locality to set this percentage as a means of providing for the reimbursement to the locality for the reduction in this tax.

Sherry Sours, Commissioner of the Revenue, has calculated that the rate for the 2022 tax year should be 34%, and the proposed resolution would set the percentage for the 2022 tax year in nearly identical language to the similar resolution adopted in previous years.

On a motion by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mrs. Oates, and by the following vote, the Board of Supervisors approved and adopted the proposed Resolution to Set a Percentage of Tax Relief for the 2022 Tax Year at a Level of 34% that is Anticipated to Exhaust Personal Property Tax Relief Funds Provided to Warren County by the Commonwealth of Virginia as Authorized by Warren County Code Section 160-109:

Butler, Aye; Oates, Aye; Cullers, Aye; Cook, Aye; Mabe, Aye

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WARREN COUNTY TO SET A PERCENTAGE OF TAX RELIEF FOR THE 2022 TAX YEAR AT A LEVEL THAT IS ANTICIPATED TO EXHAUST PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FUNDS PROVIDED TO WARREN COUNTY BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA AS AUTHORIZED BY WARREN COUNTY CODE SECTION 160-109

WHEREAS, the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, Va. Code 58 .1-3523 et seq. ("PPTRA"), has been substantially modified by the enactment of Chapter 1 of the Acts of Assembly, 2004 Special Session I (Senate Bill 5005), and the provisions of Item 503 of Chapter 951 of the 2005 Acts of Assembly (the 2005 revisions to the 2004-06 Appropriations Act, hereinafter cited as the "2005 Appropriations Act"); and

WHEREAS, these legislative enactments require the County of Warren to take affirmative steps to implement these changes, and to provide for the computation and allocation of relief provided pursuant to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act as revised; and

WHEREAS, these legislative enactments provide for the annual appropriation of the County of Warren, of a fixed sum to be used exclusively for the provision of tax relief to owners of qualifying personal use vehicles that are subject to the personal property tax on such vehicles, which the County of Warren has authorized to be accomplished by resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Warren County by the enactment of Warren County Code Section 160-109 on April 18, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors that qualifying vehicles obtaining situs within the County of Warren during tax year 2022 shall receive personal property tax relief in the following manner:

Personal use vehicles valued at $1,000 or less will be eligible for 100% tax relief;

Personal use vehicles valued at $1,001 to $20,000 will be eligible for 34% tax relief;

Personal use vehicles valued at $20,001 or more shall only receive 34% tax relief on the first $20, 000 of value; and

All other vehicles which do not meet the definition of "qualifying" (business use vehicles, farm use vehicles, motor homes, etc.) will not be eligible for any form of tax relief under this program.

In accordance with said Item 503. D. 1, the entitlement to personal property tax relief for qualifying vehicles for tax year 2005 and all prior tax years shall expire on September 1, 2006. Supplemental assessments for tax years 2005 and prior that are made on or after September 1, 2006, unless determined to be of no fault of the taxpayer, shall be deemed 'non-qualifying' for purposes of state tax relief, and the local share due from the taxpayer shall represent 100% of the tax assessable.

Authorization to Advertise for Public Hearing – Ordinance to Delay Penalties and Interest Upon Certain Local Taxes – Jamie Spiker

Dr. Daley stated the due date for the first half of 2022 taxes will remain the same (June 5th), but due to the late adoption of the personal property tax rates, penalties and interest on personal property, machinery and tools, and vehicle license taxes will not start accruing until June 25th.

On a motion by Mrs. Oates, seconded by Mr. Mabe, and by the following vote, the Board of Supervisors authorized the advertisement of the proposed ordinance to delay penalties and interest upon certain local taxes until June 25, 2022 for a public hearing to be held on May 24, 2022:

Mabe, Aye; Cook, Aye; Cullers, Aye; Oates, Aye; Butler, Aye

Adjournment

Mrs. Cullers adjourned the meeting at 6:22 PM.