

# SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

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This informational publication is authorized by the Page County Board of Supervisors to keep citizens informed on matters of County interest.

## **Taxes**

It has been said that the only two things for sure in this life are death and taxes. For now, we'll talk about the latter, specifically, for Page County.

The Board of Supervisors sets the tax rate annually for real estate and personal property. That includes land, homes, vehicles, aircraft, etc. The current rate is \$0.64 for every \$100 of valuation for real estate, and \$4.64 for every \$100 of valuation on vehicles. One bit of good news for this year is that these rates are not likely to change or increase. They rarely decrease, but it has happened.

Tax bills are computed by the Commissioner of Revenue and sent out in the mail twice each year, which are due on June 5th and December 5th to the Treasurer. The value of a house is determined by an assessment which takes place every four years. This year is one of those years and according to the Commissioner, the values, or what your house is worth, are likely to go down, meaning you'll pay less in taxes.

Let's consider an example. If you have a home assessed at \$200,000, you'll pay \$0.64 for each \$100 of its value or  $\$0.64 \times 2000 = \$1,280$  annually. Since bills are sent out twice each year, your June tax bill would be \$640.00.

There are over 23,000 parcels of land in Page County and the total amount of real estate taxes collected is over \$20,000,000 (yes, twenty million dollars), which goes into the General Fund for Page County. We also receive funding from the state and federal government, which brings the total revenue for the county up to about \$60 million. That money is allocated to various departments such as the landfill, sheriff's department, and of course the school system. We rarely have any excess. For a complete look at our budget, go to the county website at [www.pagecounty.virginia.gov](http://www.pagecounty.virginia.gov). If you have questions or comments on taxes, please call the County Government Center at 540-743-4142, or you can find the number for a specific department on the website.

### Upcoming Board of Supervisors Meetings:

April 23 – Budget Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m.: Board Room (Government Center)

April 30 – Budget Adoption, 7:00 p.m.: Board Room (Government Center)

May 5 – Work Session, 7:00 p.m.: Board Room (Government Center)

May 19 – Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.: Stanley Elementary School