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Board of Supervisors Adopts 2023 Budget

The Amherst County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget and Capital Improvement Plan at their May 3, 2022 meeting. A public hearing was held on the budget at the Supervisors' April 19, 2022 meeting and no members of the public addressed the Board or expressed any concerns about the budget at that time.

Because many larger projects were funded with ARPA funds this year, the 2023 Budget focused heavily on infrastructure and security improvements that have been deferred in years past.

Multiple projects were approved for FY23, including:

- Security improvements at various facilities
- Infrastructure maintenance at multiple recreation sites
- Updating County financial software
- Updating fire alarm systems
- Adding a Grants Administrator position to the Finance Department staff
- A 6.5% cost of living increase for county employees
- Equipment for the Building Inspections department which is needed to keep up with the continued growth in the county

Tax rates were set (without changes) for the upcoming year as well.

- Real Estate \$.61 per \$100 of assessed value.
- Personal Property \$3.45 per \$100 assessed value
- Meals Tax 4%
- Lodging Tax 5%
- Motor Vehicle License Fee: Auto \$25.00, Motorcycle \$11.00, Trailers \$8.00, National Guard License Fee \$12.50

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