Town of Richlands

Memo



To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Timothy Taylor, Town Manager

CC: Town Attorney; Clerk of Council

Date: 6/16/2020

Re: Response to Public Comments on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget

To respond to Public Comments to the Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget, I have compiled a listing from the Commonwealth of Virginia Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) that illustrates comparisons for all Towns in the Commonwealth with Populations over three thousand five hundred (3500).

The listing is from the website link:

http://www.apa.virginia.gov/APA Reports/LG ComparativeReports.aspx

The reports are available also for cities and counties as well as towns. Multiple years are available for historical data evaluation. I have highlighted the towns in Tazewell County as those towns tend to be used in comparison discussions. Comparisons are often used to review efficiencies and economic performance based on other towns of similar size and departmental function.

The listing includes the following exhibits. Some exhibits are left out that are specific for counties and cities for ease of illustration.

Year Ended June 30, 2019

Exhibit A General Government

Exhibit B <u>Local Revenue</u>
Exhibit B-2 <u>Other Local Taxes</u>

Exhibit C <u>Summary of Maintenance and Operation Expenditures</u>

Exhibit C-1 General Government Administration Expenditures by Activity

Exhibit C-3 Public Safety Expenditures by Activity **Public Works Expenditures by Activity** Exhibit C-4 Health and Human Services Expenditures by Activity Exhibit C-5 Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Expenditures by Activity Exhibit C-7 Community Development Expenditures by Activity Exhibit C-8 Capital Projects for General Government Exhibit D **Debt Service for General Government** Exhibit E **Summary of Enterprise Activities** Exhibit F Exhibit G **Summary of Outstanding Debt**

Notes are provided for items of particular interest to the public hearing:

- 1. Website for the report notes can be downloaded from the website listed above
- 2. Law Enforcement & Traffic Control on Exhibit C-3 which is the police department also includes expenditures for the Tazewell County Drug Task force (\$50,047) which is administered by the Town of Richlands Finance Office
- 3. General Governmental Administration Exhibit C includes only the administration costs associated with governmental functions and activity. The total administration proposed budgeted expenditures include allocations to enterprise funds (utilities) which total \$815,222