

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Alleghany County, Virginia held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Alleghany County Governmental Complex, Covington, Virginia, thereof:

PRESENT:

Stephen A. Bennett, Chairman
G. Matt Garten, Vice-Chairman
James M. Griffith
Cletus W. Nicely
Richard Lee Shull
M. Joan Vannorsdall

and

Jonathan A. Lanford, County Administrator
Chad Williams, Director of Parks and Recreation
Ryan Muterspaugh, Director of Public Safety
Jim Guynn, County Attorney
Melissa A. Munsey, Deputy Clerk to the Board

ABSENT:

Shannon P. Cox

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chairman called the regular meeting to order. Rev. Bill Gilliland gave the invocation and the audience remained standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

Hearing no corrections or deletions, the Chairman declared the following minutes approved as submitted: (1) a regular meeting held on February 6, 2018; and (2) a special call meeting held on February 22, 2018.

PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL - FRANCES TINGLER SPECIAL USE PERMIT:

Public Hearing was held to consider a request from Frances Tingler for a Special Use Permit to locate a single-wide manufactured home in a Residential R-2 zone classification on a lot which is approximately 0.34 acre located at 9716 Rich Patch Road in the Low Moor/Blizzard Addition area of the Jackson River District of Alleghany County. The property is currently owned by Frances Bryant. The property is further identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Alleghany County as Map 59A, Block 2, Section 4, Lot 7.

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 and Tuesday, January 31, 2017 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

Mrs. Shelly Mongold, County Planner, reviewed the staff report which is as follows:

STAFF REPORT

Case Number: SU-128
Name of Petitioner(s): Frances Tingler
Date Request Filed: February 9, 2018
Public Hearing Date: March 6, 2018 (BOS)
Staff Reviewer: Shelly Mongold, County Planner

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

The applicant is requesting a special use permit to place a single-wide manufactured home on Lot 7 of the Blizzard Addition of Low Moor (9716 Rich Patch Road). The property is further identified on the Real Property Identification Maps as Map 59A, Section 2, Block 4, Lot 7.

LAND USE AND COMPATIBILITY (Sec. 66-480(f))

Present Use: Residential (the existing dwelling to be removed from the property)

Proposed Use: Residential with a single-wide manufactured home

Current Zoning: Residential R-2

Characteristics of Lot(s): The lot contains approximately 0.34 acre (14,550 sq. ft.)

Surrounding Land Use and Zoning: The surrounding properties are zoned Residential R-2 and are used primarily for residential purposes. There are several single-wide manufactured homes in the general area.

Ingress and Egress: The primary access to the property is Rich Patch Road.

Comprehensive Plan: According to the Comprehensive Plan, the property is located in a "Primary Growth Support Area," which is defined as areas having major employers, high accessibility to I-64 and areas of population concentrations.

Effects on Adjoining Properties: The area is a mix of older residential homes and light commercial uses. Considering there are several other manufactured homes in the area, the proposed use is consistent with the uses and characteristics of the

neighborhood.

Screening and Buffering: Screening and buffering is not required by the zoning ordinance and is not being proposed by the applicant.

Setback Requirements: The required setbacks for an R-2 zone district can be met as outlined in the zoning regulations.

Floodplain: The property is located in a flood hazard area Zone A as shown on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel 51005C0220D.

Utilities/Refuse Collection: There is access to public water and sewer services and other utilities such as electric, phone, and cable. The residence would receive refuse collection from Alleghany County. There should be no detrimental effect or impact on the existing utilities or services that are currently being provided.

Parking: Parking will be provided off the street.

Article XIV-Mobile/Manufactured Home Requirements: Zoning regulations require that manufactured homes be properly blocked, anchored, connected to utilities, and completely skirted as required by the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code. Sites of mobile/manufactured homes shall be kept in compliance with County ordinances. Noncompliance with County regulations allows the Board of Supervisors the right to revoke a special use permit. Noncompliance can include lack of maintenance of the property by not removing trash, weeds, and debris; and not properly maintaining the structure. If at any time the mobile/manufactured home is removed from the property, the special use becomes null and void and the placement of another unit at the same site would require the issuance of another special use permit by the Board of Supervisors.

Additional Notes/Comments:

If the special use request is approved, the applicant will be required to acquire a building permit for the setup of the home and to ensure compliance with the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

Ms. Mongold added that where Ms. Tingler currently lives is part of a VDOT project to replace a bridge so she has to move.

Ms. Vannorsdall asked how old the structure is. Ms. Mongold replied that it was built in the 1890's and is in disrepair.

Mr. Bennett commented that the home sticks out in the highway and tearing the house down will address safety and visibility issues in that area.

There being no one else who wished to speak, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed.

On motion of Mr. Garten, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the Board waive its policy of not acting on a public hearing on the same night.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Shannon P. Cox	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

On motion of Ms. Vannorsdall, seconded by Mr. Garten, that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Frances Tingler has applied for a Special Use Permit under a Residential R-2 designation to locate a single-wide manufactured home on a lot which is approximately 0.34 acre located at 9716 Rich Patch Road in the Low Moor/Blizzard Addition area of the Jackson River District of Alleghany County. The property is currently owned by Frances Bryant. The property is identified on the Real Property Identification Maps as Map 59A, Block 2, Section 4, Lot 7; and

WHEREAS, a Notice to the Public advertising a public hearing on this Special Use Permit application was advertised once a week for two successive weeks in the Virginian Review on February 20, 2018 and February 27, 2018, and adjoining property owners were notified in writing by certified mail on February 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors on March 6, 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that the Special Use Permit

request under a Residential R-2 zoning designation be granted to Frances Tingler to locate a single-wide manufactured home on a lot which is approximately 0.34 acre and located at 9716 Rich Patch Road in the Low Moor/Blizzard Addition area of the Jackson River District of Alleghany County with the understanding that all local, State, and Federal regulations must be adhered to.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Shannon P. Cox	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT):

No one spoke at this time.

MS. SUSAN HAMMOND, VDOT RESIDENT ENGINEER - VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPDATE:

Ms. Susan Hammond, VDOT Resident Engineer, gave a report on the following VDOT activities:

Maintenance

- Cleared debris, pipes, ditches and repaired damage from high water event on February 17th from Alleghany to Johnson’s Creek. Completed Friday.
- Cleared debris from wind damage.
- Cleaned pipe and ditches on Rt. 629 from Bath County line to Buckhorn.
- Cleared slate and debris on Rt. 311 near Eagle’s Nest.

Construction

- Rt. 638 Natural Well bridge closure is scheduled for March 19th. Completion date for project is June 28, 2019.
- Rt. 696/Exit 21 project is on schedule.
- Staunton District Six Year Program Public Hearing is scheduled for May 3rd from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center on 152 Fairway Lane, Staunton. Speakers must sign up.
- Schedule joint County/VDOT Six Year Plan Public Hearing for May 1st at 7 p.m.

Mr. Griffith mentioned that there are trees hanging over the road on Rt. 159. He suggested speaking with Mr. Calvin Fridley for specific location(s).

Mr. Garten commented regarding slide activity on Rt. 220 above Honda. He stated that several trees fell during the wind event that were cut up and are over guardrails along Rt. 220, Petticoat area, and the swinging bridge on Rt. 687. He mentioned truck activity on Smokey Bear Lane is causing disrepair to the road.

APPROVE CONTRACT WITH ID NETWORKS FOR THE CAD, RMS, AND MOBILE CAD SOFTWARE/HARDWARE UPGRADE AT THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE:

Mr. Muterspaugh reviewed a memo included in the agenda packet from him to the Board. The memo is as follows:

At the February meeting, the Board was briefed on the Computer Aided Dispatch, Records Management System, and Mobile Computer Aided Dispatch software and hardware upgrade for the Sheriff’s Office. The County and Sheriff’s Office had planned to set aside funding over the next two to three years to help offset the upfront expense of the project. The time line for the upgrade has been accelerated due to changes in the reporting requirements mandated by the Virginia State Police. Within the past 18 months, ID Networks absorbed our current software provider, DaPro Systems. The County has been able to successfully work out an arrangement with ID Networks that will allow us to complete the project before the end of the calendar year. By working with ID Networks and leveraging a Cooperative Procurement RFP from the University of Mary Washington, the County will be able to take advantage of significant cost savings pertaining to data conversion and training on the new software. ID Networks has also agreed to let the County finance the project over a period of five years at zero percent interest. The total cost of the project is \$364,112.00. There is currently a total of \$80,000 budgeted in the current fiscal year to get the project started. Staff is not requesting any additional funding at this time. We respectfully request that the Board approve a resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute a contract with ID Networks subject to final approval as to form by the County Attorney.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

On motion of Mr. Garten, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors approve a contract with ID Networks for the

Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), Records Management System (RMS), and Mobile Computer Aided Dispatch (Mobile CAD) software and hardware upgrade at the Sheriff’s Office in an amount not to exceed \$364,112. Funds for the project are to be paid over a five-year period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorize Mr. Jonathan A. Lanford, County Administrator, to sign the abovementioned contract on behalf of the County subject to approval as to form by legal counsel.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Shannon P. Cox	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

APPROVE INSTRUMENT OF VACATION BETWEEN ALLEGHANY COUNTY AND FIRST DOMINION PROPERTIES (JACK WALROND) TO VACATE LOT LINES OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CLIFTONDALE PARK AREA OF THE COUNTY:

Mr. Ron Vaught, attorney for First Dominion Properties, stated that he assisted in the purchase of property from Wilson Creek LLC and found during the title work/survey that there are twelve old lots remaining in the original subdivision. He commented that part of the plat was vacated, but did not include these lots and possibly did not include the streets. He mentioned that the applicant is requesting that the remaining property lines be vacated so that it is one parcel.

Mr. Bennett stated that this will clean up the lot lines and anything else missed previously.

Mr. Garten asked how the property is zoned. Ms. Shelly Mongold, County Planner, replied that the property is primarily zoned R-2, but some lots are M-1. She commented that the vacation of these parcels would not change the zoning of the property and would require a rezoning request from the applicant/property owner.

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors authorize Mr. Jonathan A. Lanford, County Administrator, to sign the Instrument of Vacation by First Dominion Properties, Inc. (Jack Walrond). This Instrument of Vacation would vacate certain lots and any undeveloped streets/alleys, as described therein, of the Clifton Forge Company Subdivision plat dated November 1, 1890.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Shannon P. Cox	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

APPROVE AWARD OF THE OUTFITTER BUILDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT:

Mr. Williams reviewed a memo included in the agenda packet from him to the Board. The memo is as follows:

Bids for the Jackson River Trail Outfitter Building project were received prior to 2:00 p.m. on February 6, 2018 and read aloud shortly after 2:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Governmental Complex. Four bids were received for the project. The lowest responsive and responsible bidder is Commonwealth Contracting Services, Inc. of Iron Gate with a bid of \$203,660.

*Funding breakdown for the construction is as follows:
USDA Rural Development - \$118,800
Remaining Old MeadWestvaco Grant - \$24,000
JRST Carry Forward - \$60,860*

It is staff’s recommendation that the Board accept the bid from Commonwealth Contracting Services, Inc. and authorize Mr. Lanford to sign all associated contract documents. All documents will be reviewed by the County Attorney prior to execution.

Mr. Griffith asked if the storage area would be finished. Mr. Williams replied that all of the building would be finished.

Mr. Garten asked if this is a not to exceed price. Mr. Williams replied that with any project there could be change orders and if there are that staff could possibly take care of those items.

Mr. Shull asked who owns Commonwealth Contracting. Mr. Williams replied that it is owned by Mr. Ross Hammond.

Mr. Nicely stated that he can not vote for this. He commented that sometimes you vote on things and would like to take your vote back. He mentioned that when the County bought the property we paid too much (\$225,000) and now the construction bid has come in \$60,860 over. He stated that he would put it back out to bid.

Ms. Vannorsdall commented regarding the value of the project for the County and that it will bring people in to the area. She mentioned that the carry forward funds have been in the trail budget for years and is available for this purpose.

Mr. Shull agreed with Mr. Nicely regarding wanting to take his vote back on the purchase of the property with the owner changing her mind back and forth.

Ms. Vannorsdall asked what other use there would be for the carry forward money down the road. Mr. Williams replied that the carry forward money is designated for the trail and could go toward Phase 5 which would have a total cost of approximately \$2 million. He mentioned that having an outfitter would have a huge economic potential for tourism as spending the money would spawn business(es).

Mr. Shull asked if the County would get money from an outfitter. Mr. Williams replied that we would as the proposals would need to include a percentage to come back to the County with a payment structure.

Mr. Griffith asked what could be taken off of the building and added later. Mr. Williams replied that the building would need to be redesigned and rebid which could lose funding from USDA which needs to be used this fiscal year.

Mr. Garten stated that in the real estate business you understand the value of water and recreation. He commented that the property price was high, but having the asset of the land and building is worth it. He mentioned that the County has five acres that is already a benefit to the trail. He stated that the County should make the building as appealing as possible and with an outfitter in there the County can recoup the cost.

Mr. Bennett commented that he would vote again to pay the same amount for the land due to its location. He stated that having an outfitter building is the final piece of the puzzle. He mentioned that the County has spent very little taxpayer money. He commented that being able to rent a bike, get in a kayak, and float back is very unique.

Mr. Lanford stated that Mr. Williams was able to secure over 60% in grant money for the project and the remaining funds have been in the budget and carried forward over many years. He commented that the proposed building was designed to be aesthetic for the neighborhood and will be available for the community to use off-season.

Mr. Garten asked if the County does not use the money if it would go back to USDA. Mr. Williams replied that it would.

Mr. Shull asked if the County has met with Bath County. Mr. Williams replied that there is a meeting set up at 10:00 a.m. on Friday morning. Mr. Lanford also replied that Mr. Williams is reaching out to the Homestead.

Mr. Griffith suggested that Mr. Williams come back next month with figures. Mr. Williams commented that they would not be able to redesign and rebid that quick and that there would then be additional engineering costs coming off the funds remaining.

On motion of Mr. Garten, seconded by Ms. Vannorsdall, that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors approve a contract with Commonwealth Contracting

Services, Inc. for the construction of the Jackson River Trail Outfitter Building in the amount of \$203,660.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorize Mr. Jonathan A. Lanford, County Administrator, to sign the abovementioned contract, in form approved by the County Attorney, on behalf of the County.

Adopted by the following roll call vote:

Shannon P. Cox	Absent
James M. Griffith	No
Cletus W. Nicely	No
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

APPOINTMENT OF MR. CLETUS NICELY TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND JOINT SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Mr. Bennett commented that a Board member needs to be appointed to the Budget Committee and Joint Services Committee to replace Ms. Suzanne Adcock. He mentioned that Mr. Griffith also serves on those committees.

On motion of Mr. Shull, seconded by Mr. Griffith, that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that Mr. Cletus Nicely (Board Member) be appointed to the Budget Committee and the Joint Services Committee to replace Ms. Suzanne Adcock.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Shannon P. Cox	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR PLANNING GRANT FUNDS FROM DHCD FOR THE WRIGHTSVILLE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROJECT:

Mr. Lanford stated that the County has received a letter of award from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for a Planning Grant in the amount of \$40,000 for the Wrightsville Community Revitalization Project. He commented that a supplemental appropriation is needed in order to expend the funds.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Nicely, that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors approve the following supplemental appropriation in FY18 due to the award of Planning Grant funds from the Department of Housing and Community Development for the Wrightsville Community Revitalization Project:

<u>Revenue Account</u>		
Fund 231 - CDBG Grant -Wrightstown (231-4320404)		\$40,000
<u>Expenditure Account</u>		
Fund 231 - CDBG-Wrightstown Project (9002-53002)		\$40,000

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Shannon P. Cox	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

APPROVE WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEES TO THE TOWN OF CLIFTON FORGE FOR THE ROXBURY CDBG PROJECT AREA:

Mr. Lanford stated that there is a letter in the agenda packet from the Town of Clifton Forge requesting a waiver of building permit fees for the Roxbury CDBG project area.

On motion of Ms. Vannorsdall, seconded by Mr. Nicely, that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors approve waiving building permit fees for the Town of Clifton Forge in relation to the Roxbury Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project area.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Shannon P. Cox	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

APPROVE ANNUAL OUTDOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL PERMIT FOR GREEN HOPS PRODUCTIONS FOR THEIR 2018 ANNUAL OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES:

Mr. Lanford stated that Mr. and Mrs. Rucker are present. He commented that they have submitted a request for an annual permit for their 2018 Annual Outdoor Concert Series. He mentioned that all is in order and he recommends approval of the request.

Mr. Joshua Rucker, applicant, commented that they have been working with neighbors on any sound issues and plan to sit at one of the neighbor’s homes at the first event to work on any issues that may arise and address them for future events.

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Griffith, that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, a request has been received, pursuant to Secs. 6-26 to 6-38 of the County Code, from Green Hops Production, LLC for an outdoor music festival permit for their 2018 Annual Outdoor Concert Series which are to be held on May 4, 2018, June 9, 2018, June 29, 2018, July 20, 2018, August 10, 2018, and September 14, 2018 at The Farm at Glen Haven located at 4301 Longdale Furnace Road, Clifton Forge, VA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors grant approval for the abovementioned outdoor music festivals with the following conditions:

- Decibel levels will not exceed 60 decibels at the venue property lines.
- Require mast tower lighting be tilted as necessary to minimize off-site light pollution to the maximum extent possible by technology available.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Shannon P. Cox	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

APPOINTMENT OF MR. JAMES ELLER TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

Mr. Bennett stated that an appointment needs to be made to the Industrial Development Authority to replace the seventh rotating member whose term expires March 25, 2018. Terms are for four years and it is the County’s turn to make this appointment.

Mr. Griffith stated that Mr. James Eller would like to be appointed.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Garten, that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that Mr. James R. Eller (Clifton Forge East District), 1201 Crestwood Avenue, Clifton Forge, VA 24422 be appointed to the Industrial Development Authority as the 7th rotating member to replace Mr. Bernie Moncrief (City of Covington Appointment) for a term of four years beginning March 26, 2018 and ending March 25, 2022.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Shannon P. Cox	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Mr. Lanford reviewed a handout placed at each seat which is a part of the records of this meeting. The report is as follows:

Joint Budget Work Session with City Council

To be held on March 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Alleghany Highlands Regional Library.

Intergovernmental Spring Social

To be held on March 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cat & Owl.

Joint Budget Work Session with School Board

To be held on March 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Governmental Complex.

Clifton Forge Main Street - Heritage Day Request (and Approval)

I misunderstood this request initially. Ms. Atherholt has called since our last meeting and clarified the issue. Request is for current fiscal year, as they did during fiscal 17. The Board approved \$1,000 for the fiscal 17 request, utilizing contingency funds. This item will be placed on your April agenda for consideration. (Original report at 2/6/18 meeting was as follows: Budget request for 2018 Heritage Day - letter received and a copy is placed at your seat from Mott Atherholt. We will discuss during fiscal 19 budget development.)

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the request from Clifton Forge Main Street for FY18 funding of Heritage Day be added to the agenda.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Shannon P. Cox	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Garten, that the Board approve a contribution of \$1,000.00 to Clifton Forge Main Street for the Alleghany Highlands Heritage Day Festival which is to be held on Saturday, June 2, 2018.

Ms. Vannorsdall stated that there are statistics included in the County Administrator’s Report packet from the 2017 Heritage Day Festival which she reviewed. She commented that she would like the Board to consider approving the \$2,000 requested by Clifton Forge Main Street.

Mr. Bennett asked Mr. Nicely if he would like to alter his motion. Mr. Nicely replied no.

Mr. Guynn stated that the Board could vote on the main motion or Ms. Vannorsdall could offer a substitute motion which would override the main motion if there is a second. Ms. Vannorsdall offered a substitute motion. Mr. Bennett suggested including that they need to submit future requests for funding through the budget process.

On motion of Ms. Vannorsdall, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors approve a contribution of \$2,000.00 to Clifton Forge Main Street for the Alleghany Highlands Heritage Day Festival which is to be held on Saturday, June 2, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board ask that Clifton Forge Main Street submit future requests for funding through the budget process.

Adopted by the following roll call vote:

Shannon P. Cox	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	No
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

Community Conversation on Opioids

Being held this evening from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the Fincastle Baptist Church Highlands Campus on 230 E. Oak Street, Covington, VA.

Forest Service

Staff has worked with our local Forest Service representatives to provide office space for them at ACGC. Schedule and hours per week to be determined. Should begin in April.

Opportunity Zone

The Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 included provisions for a new revitalization tool, the Opportunity Zone and Opportunity Fund. Broadly speaking, the Zones and Funds will allow investors to receive tax benefits on currently unrealized capital gains by investing those gains in qualified census tracts (Opportunity Zones). While the federal government is responsible for defining the investment process, the Governor of each state has until 21 March 2018 to nominate 25 percent of qualified census tracts as “Opportunity Zones.”

Staff, working closely with AHEDC staff submitted three qualified and one qualifying adjacent census tract for consideration in this program. Schedule for final determination of approved tracts is noted below.

TIMELINE:

- February 16-March 2: Locality Input Survey - DHCD and VEDP hold information sessions with General Assembly members.
- March 9: Final DHCD/VEDP nomination recommendations complete.
- March 20: Nominations submitted.

Commerce Center Pad Ready Site Engineering Effort

We have begun work with our consultant, Engineering Concepts, Inc., on development of plans and specifications to facilitate grading pad-ready sites in our Regional Commerce Center. I have included an article from the 27 February edition of the Roanoke Times regarding work in Pulaski County and the challenges they have faced by not having pad-ready sites over the 21 year history of the New River Valley Commerce Center.

Love’s Site

Tentative Schedule - construction is scheduled to begin 09 April and opening is scheduled for November.

Additional Item

- An email from VACo is at each seat on budget issues. Staff will reach out to the Governor, Senator Deeds, and Delegate Austin. He encouraged Board members to do so as well. (The email is a part of the records of this meeting.)

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (INQUIRIES/REPORTS):

Miscellaneous

The Board thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mr. Griffith suggested that everyone send a letter regarding the VACo budget email as there is a lot of information pertinent to the County.

Mr. Lanford added that one example is regarding case load in the Commonwealth's Attorney Office to review body cameras and a mandate for local governments to fund. This should be workload based.

Mr. Shull commented that he probably gave Mr. Williams a hard time, but thanked him for his efforts and all that he does.

Ms. Vannorsdall thanked everyone for all that they do. She commented that she is attending the VACo Forum on March 23rd and 24th and would be happy to convey any concerns.

Mr. Garten wished everyone a safe March.

Mr. Bennett stated that in early discussions with a Love's Travel Stop representative it was mentioned that they open a new facility every seven days. He commented that the City of Martinsville is considering reverting to town status and he and Mr. Mac Campbell have been asked as individuals to make a presentation to them to show it can be done in a friendly manner.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Garten, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Alleghany Highlands Regional Library Community Room. Motion carried.

Stephen A. Bennett
Chairman