

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Alleghany County, Virginia held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Alleghany County Governmental Complex, Covington, Virginia, thereof:

PRESENT: G. Matt Garten, Chairman
James M. Griffith, Vice-Chairman
Shannon P. Cox
Gregory A. Dodd
Cletus W. Nicely

and Reid Walters, County Administrator
Suzanne T. Adcock-Nicely, Director of Finance
Ricky Bourne, Director of Public Works
Jonathan Fitch, Director of Public Safety
Matt Schmitt, Assistant County Attorney
Melissa A. Munsey, Deputy Clerk to the Board

ABSENT: Stephen A. Bennett
Ronald S. Goings

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 July 5, 2022.

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 an update on the following VDOT activities:

Maintenance

- Completed first round of secondary route mowing.
- Continue to clean-up trees/debris from storms.
- Daylighting signs County-wide.
- Boomaxing brush on Rts. 159 and 311.
- Cleaned paved ditch on Rt. 220 between Clifton Forge and Iron Gate.
- Contractor tree crew removed seven large hazard trees.
- Plant mixed trouble spots on Rt. 606 and Upper Rich Patch Road.
- Repaired shoulders on McKinney Hollow Road.
- Opened pipes on dirt roads County-wide.
- Continued contract ash tree removal on Rt. 311 south.
- Removed high shoulders on I-64 along cable rail.
- Rt. 710 bridge replacement project will be getting underway late this month/early September. There will be a new temporary entrance installed on Rt. 60 between the end of the bridge and the eastbound on ramp.

Mr. Garten commented regarding the Rt. 220 highwall.

MR. BRIAN MCREYNOLDS, VIRGINIA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION - DISCUSS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP AWARD:

Mr. Brian McReynolds, Virginia Rural Water Association (VRWA), handed out the VRWA Stream Line magazine (Summer 2022) and the "Rural and Small Systems Guidebook to Sustainable Utility Management" which are a part of the records of this meeting. He commented that he is the Water Circuit Rider for VRWA. He mentioned that the EPA has 10 key management areas for rural and small system operations as listed on page 4 of the guidebook and one of those is "employee and leadership development." He stated that he was invited by the County Public Works to an employee development training session and was impressed. He commented that Public Works has received an award for employee and leadership development. He mentioned that on page 30 of the magazine there is an article regarding the award with a list of names of those present for the picture when the award was presented.

Mr. Garten thanked all associated with the award and commented that we have a great group of employees.

APPROVE DEED OF GROUND LEASE BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

Mr. Garten stated that there is a copy of the Deed of Ground Lease between the County and the new school system in the agenda packet. He commented that this would lease back properties currently in the County's ownership to the school system. He mentioned that the Sunnymeade property (school bus garage) is also included in this lease as it had a separate lease.

Mr. Nicely stated that this has been discussed before and he is not happy about the closing of the middle school. He commented that this leases CMS back to the school system and he thought it was transferred to the County.

Mr. Garten stated that all buildings previously used are being leased back to the school system, but the County retains ownership.

Mr. Griffith mentioned that the elementary school and middle school building are connected and could not be separated due to shared water/sewer meters, etc.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors approve the Deed of Ground Lease with Alleghany Highlands Public Schools in relation to the lease of property to the school system and authorize the County Administrator to sign the document on behalf of the County.

Adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Absent
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
Ronald S. Goings	Absent
Cletus W. Nicely	No
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN FY22 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARCC):

Ms. Adcock-Nicely stated that in FY22 the County obtained funding to work on the Alleghany Regional Commerce Center (ARCC) pad site and it was not originally included in the budget. She commented that this is a supplemental appropriation in relation to expenditures and revenues for the project in that fiscal year.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors budget and approve the following supplemental appropriation in FY22 in relation to revenues and expenditures associated with the Alleghany Regional Commerce Center pad-ready site project:

<u>Revenue Account</u>	
HCB Pad Ready Reimbursement (110-418150)	\$159,751.03
<u>Expenditure Account</u>	
Local Economic Development Effort (8113-55602)	\$159,751.03

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Absent
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
Ronald S. Goings	Absent
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN FY23 (VARIOUS):

Ms. Adcock-Nicely stated that when the FY23 budget was adopted the State had not finalized their budget. She

commented that these are additional funds that includes a bonus for State employees.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors budget and approve the following supplemental appropriation in FY23 in relation to additional funding from the Compensation Board for bonuses:

Revenue Accounts

Public Assistance/Welfare Administration (110-424102)	\$68,497.00
Welfare - Federal (110-433321)	\$35,636.00
Sheriff - Salaries (110-481700)	\$89,390.00
Clerk - Salary and Fringes (110-483300)	\$ 7,660.00
Treasurer - Salaries (110-423401)	\$ 3,204.00
Commissioner of Revenue - Salaries (110-423301)	\$ 365.00

Expenditure Accounts

Welfare Admin. Salary Bonus (53011-510014)	\$104,133.00
Sheriff - Law Enforcement Salary Bonus (31021-510014)	\$ 44,695.00
Sheriff - Corrections Salary Bonus (31031-510014)	\$ 44,695.00
Clerk of Circuit Court Salary Bonus (21061-510014)	\$ 7,660.00
Treasurer Salary Bonus (12130-510014)	\$ 3,204.00
Commissioner of Revenue Salary Bonus (12090-510014)	\$ 365.00

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Absent
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
Ronald S. Goings	Absent
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

APPOINTMENT OF MR. JONATHAN FITCH, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY, TO THE WESTERN VIRGINIA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL:

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that Mr. Jonathan Fitch, Director of Public Safety, 9212 Winterberry Avenue, Covington, VA 24426 be appointed to the Western Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council to complete the term of Mr. Ryan Muterspaugh effective immediately and ending December 31, 2024.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Absent
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
Ronald S. Goings	Absent
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Walters handed out and gave a report on the following items which are a part of the records of this meeting:

Redistricting

All paperwork was submitted to the Office of the Attorney General seeking a certification of no objection to Alleghany County's local redistricting plan/ordinance; including, the official request, along with additional documentation including demographic information using current (2010) and proposed (2022) districts and maps.

Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) funds

Craig Botetourt Electric Cooperative is collecting the needed data and working with their consultant to put together a proposal for a VATI grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for this fiscal year's round of funding. It is anticipated that this step will be complete by August 19th.

Innovation Park (Highway 42 property)

Anderson and Associates (now Hurt and Proffitt) conducted the initial assessment of the 200+ acres now owned by Alleghany County off of Highway 42 near the interchange of I-64. The initial assessment was conducted and presented in 2001. In 2018, the County held a public hearing to seek input regarding a potential M-1 rezone and, at that time, determined a residential with a possible mixed commercial usage may be the best use for the acreage. A housing component aligns with the current housing needs in Alleghany County. Staff is working on updating information from the last study.

Jackson River Trail Phase 5

County staff and staff from Hurt and Proffitt met with staff from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on-site of the Jackson River Trail Phase 5 this past month. Working together, we are establishing a game plan for the storm water management permitting process for this two-county project.

Commerce Center Pad Site Update

Support staff for the Covington-Alleghany Industrial Development Authority (CAIDA) are in the process of putting a bid package together for the grading portion of the project. Updates from last year's application for Virginia Economic Development Partnership's pad ready program occurred this month. This may be an opportunity for the IDA and the two participant localities to receive Commonwealth funds to go toward the development of the site. The pre-application was submitted this past month.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (INQUIRIES/REPORTS):

Miscellaneous

Mr. Dodd thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and congratulated Public Works on its award. He mentioned that school starts soon and asked everyone to be safe.

Mr. Nicely stated that he appreciates the Public Works Department and can not say enough about their good work.

Mrs. Cox congratulated the Public Works Department and commented that every staff member deserves the award. She mentioned that refuse collectors are out in all weather and are very respectful in turning cans upside down when it rains. She recognized Social Services individuals that are present and welcomed Mr. Schmitt who is filling in for Mr. Guynn tonight. She commented that Rev. Gilliland gave an awesome prayer tonight. She asked everyone to watch out for the school buses and kids.

Mr. Griffith congratulated Public Works and commented that they do excellent work and earn every penny they get. He commented that he is glad there are Social Services representatives here tonight. He also asked everyone to watch out for the school buses and kids.

Mr. Garten thanked Mr. Fitch for being appointed to the WVEMS Council and commented that it is nice to see the Social Services ladies present and involved. He thanked Rev. Gilliland for doing the prayer. He mentioned that the Public Works award is beyond flattering to be recognized.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Griffith, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried.

G. Matt Garten
Chairman