At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Alleghany County, Virginia held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Alleghany County Governmental Complex, Covington, Virginia, thereof:

PRESENT:	G. Matt Garten, Chairman James M. Griffith, Vice-Chairman Stephen A. Bennett S. Miller Brantley Courtney F. Howard Cletus W. Nicely
and	Ken McFadyen, County Administrator Suzanne Adcock, Director of Finance Jonathan Fitch, Director of Public Safety Joseph Hubble, Director of General Services Beverley Bowers, Deputy Director of Public Works 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

Ms. Deloris Quarles 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 May 5, 2026; and (2) an adjourned meeting held on May 18, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL - AMENDMENTS TO FY26 BUDGET (SHERIFF'S OFFICE GRANT AND CSA FUNDING):

Public Hearing was held to consider amendments to the County Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26 in the amount of $2,394,732.72 due to the receipt of revenue from the 2025 Operational Ceasefire & Analytical Tech Grant for the Sheriff's Office and additional Children's Services Act expenditures.

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

Ms. Adcock stated that when the dollar amount of the appropriations needed are over 1% of the adopted budget then a public hearing is required. She commented that there are two items included in the total. One is $144,732.72 for a 2025 Operation Ceasefire and Analytical Tech Grant the Sheriff's Office received. She stated that the other one is $2,250,000 for the Children's Services Act of which 80% of the funds ($1.8 million) will be recouped from the State. She mentioned that the balance will come from contingency to cover the local share. She handed out a CSA Fiscal Timeline chart which shows the amount spent with the average percentage spent per child. The handout is a part of the records of this meeting.

Ms. Angela Howard, CSA Coordinator, handed out a chart showing CSA Case Load Statistics from May 2023 to May 2026. The handout is a part of the records of this meeting. She mentioned that Alleghany County currently has 67 children in foster care or special education.

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

On motion of Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Nicely, 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:

Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
S. Miller Brantley	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Courtney F. Howard	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes

G. Matt Garten Yes

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, after holding a public hearing on June 2, 2026 to amend the FY25-26 budget in the amount of $2,394,732.72, hereby budget and approve the following supplemental appropriations:

1. Sheriff's Office (2025 Operation Ceasefire and Analytical Tech Grant):

Revenue Account

Miscellaneous Grants (11000000-485200)	$144,732.72

Expenditure Accounts

Police Supplies (11031021-554009)	$ 13,806.72
Computer Equip. & Software (11031021-570007)	$130,926.00

2. Children's Services Act (State Reimbursement):

Revenue Account

CSA-State Program Revenue (11000000-424108)	$1,817,100.00
Transfer from Operating Contingency (11091000-54001)	$ 432,900.00

Expenditure Account

CSA - Facility Private Mandated (11054051-557062)	$1,125,000.00
CSA-Non-Facility Public Mandated (11054051-557063)	$1,125,000.00

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett Yes
S. Miller Brantley Yes
Shannon P. Cox Absent
Courtney F. Howard Yes
Cletus W. Nicely Yes
James M. Griffith Yes
G. Matt Garten Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT):

Mr. John Littleton, 300 Edgehill Road, spoke as a member of the School Board and as a parent. He spoke regarding all having tough budgets this year and asked the Board to consider any extra funding it can for the school system. He commented that they have cut $2.5 million so far. He also mentioned the need for a roof replacement at Mountain View/Clifton Academy which has been included in their CIP for a while.

Ms. Julie Brackenridge, 1400 Concord Street, spoke regarding the recent Community Gathering on Healthcare, survey results (118 responded with 98 noting that they travel outside of the area for healthcare), rising healthcare costs, the need to recruit doctors to the area and look for Federal/State grants, and that the Board should be more proactive.

Mr. Jon Lanford, 165 Sugar Tree Lane, spoke as Chairman of the School Board and mentioned that the primary reason they are requesting additional money is due to the reduction of the composite index and State funding. He mentioned that any extra funds would be helpful.

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

- *Repaired shoulder failure on Rts. 616 and 661.*
- *Repaired collapsed pipe on Rt. 616.*
- *Cleaned storm debris and pipes on Rts. 42, 18, 159, 311, 269, 850, 220 and various secondary routes.*
- *Mowing on primary and secondary routes is underway.*
- *Interstate mowing should be completed before July 4.*
- *Patched potholes County-wide.*
- *Removed brush on Rt. 18 and at the intersection of 220 and 687.*
- *Remainder of interstate paving should be completed this week, weather permitting.*
- *Two of the three lights at the Exit 16 interchange have been repaired.*

Mr. Garten stated that he went to the recent historic sign dedication and mentioned that the scenic overlook before you get to the Falls was overgrown. Ms. Hammond commented that they can only clear out what is in the VDOT right-of-way.

MR. JOHN HULL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - ROANOKE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES:

Mr. John Hull, Executive Director of the Roanoke Regional Partnership, gave a PowerPoint presentation which is a part of the records of this meeting. The presentation included: Mid-Cycle Results (economic impact, investment, employment); Thrive 2027 Plan and Forge 2032 Plan; Economic Impact ($396.9 million and 555 business inquiries); 2025 Announcements ($175.9 million capital investment and 715 new jobs); Google Purchases Land in Botetourt County; Private Sector Support (showing voices of the region); Digital Infrastructure Buildout (grid equipment, power distribution, cooling, electrical integration, and skilled labor to produce, install and commission these systems which are opportunities beyond the data center in which the pad site would be a strong fit); Manufacturing Continues to Grow (top 25% nationally ranked, 30% of metros growing); Growing National Visibility (679 project opportunities in 2025, 38% over 2024); Reaching Broader Audiences (142,776 social followers, 434,911 unique website visitors, 37,591 email contacts); National Recognition (livibility.com top 100 best places to live in 2025, talent attraction report ranks the Roanoke Region in the top 1/3 in talent attraction, food & beverage named in the top 1/3 among metros in the 2025 Best Places for Food and Beverage Manufacturing Report, and Roanoke named #2 on USA Today's 10 Best Destinations for Fall Colors); Bold, New Initiatives (biotech sector, regional brand alignment, Get2KnowNoke Pilot Program); Outdoors in the Driver's Seat ($5.1 million economic impact, 56,000 attendees); Giving Back (8 projects in 2025, $25,000 2025 funding, $205,000 total invested, 41 projects total); If You Build It, They Will Come (1,949 new residents in 2025, 2x growth since 2020); Building Authentic Connections (quarterly socials, hitting the road to higher ed); Alleghany Highlands Targets (consumer goods, life sciences supply chain, equipment manufacturing & assembly, miscellaneous manufacturing); and Partner Support (presented at the 2025 Housing Summit, presented at an Alleghany Foundation meeting on economic development, shared the great news of the new pad site development).

APPROVE RESOLUTION OF RESPECT FOR MR. REID WALTERS:

Mr. Garten read the draft Resolution of Respect for Mr. Reid Walters, former County Administrator.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Kenneth Reid Walters, Jr., Alleghany County Administrator from May 16, 2022 to June 8, 2025, passed away on May 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walters gave unselfishly of his time to the community and the Alleghany Highlands, setting an example of citizenship throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walters served in numerous capacities to better the Alleghany Highlands, including as the Alleghany County Administrator from May 16, 2022 to June 8, 2025. In this capacity, he was a member of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, Roanoke Regional Partnership Board of Directors, Alleghany Highlands Economic Development Corporation, Chief Local Elected Officials, Covington-Alleghany Industrial Development Authority, among others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors, in honor and respect, does hereby recognize the life of Mr. Kenneth Reid Walters, Jr. for his loyalty, dedication, and service to his community, the County of Alleghany, and the Alleghany Highlands;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board extends its sincere condolences and sympathy to the family of Mr. Walters.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
S. Miller Brantley	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Courtney F. Howard	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

APPROVE RESOLUTION OF RESPECT FOR MR. DONALD LUGAR:

Mr. Garten read the draft Resolution of Respect for Mr. Donald Lugar, member of the Water and Sewer Commission.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Donald A. Lugar, member of the Alleghany County Water and Sewer Commission since September 1, 2020, passed away on May 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lugar gave unselfishly of his time to the community and the Alleghany Highlands, setting an example of citizenship throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lugar served in numerous capacities to better the Alleghany Highlands, including as a member of the Alleghany County Water and Sewer Commission for 25+ years, as well as having served our country in the United States Army;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors, in honor and respect, does hereby recognize the life of Mr. Donald A. Lugar for his loyalty, dedication, and service to his community, the County of Alleghany, and the Alleghany Highlands;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board extends its sincere condolences and sympathy to the family of Mr. Lugar.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
S. Miller Brantley	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Courtney F. Howard	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

APPROVE REQUEST FROM CLIFTON FORGE FOR WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEES AND TIPPING FEES IN RELATION TO RENOVATIONS OF THE JEFFERSON SCHOOL BUILDING:

Mr. McFadyen stated that a request has been received from the Town of Clifton Forge in relation to the renovation of the Jefferson School building to waive the building permit fees (estimated to cost $4,660.38) and the tipping fees (estimated to cost $13,600.00 at the $85/ton rate). He mentioned that there is a draft resolution in the agenda packet with not to exceed amounts for each.

There was some discussion in relation to the tipping fee as the County would still have to pay the hauling cost and tipping fee at the landfill; if a private contractor made the request there would not be a waiver of fees as there is a cost to move the waste; whether a break on the fees would be recouped in tax revenue (there will be tax revenue when it transfers to the private sector which is planned); the contract with the contractor says that fees will be waived; the project will assist with housing needs in the area; a maximum waiver could be set; there is a direct cost of @ $50/ton and it was suggested to waive $35/ton up to 160 tons (maximum amount estimated by Clifton Forge); etc.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors approve waiving up to $4,700 for the building permits fees (estimated to cost $4,661) for the Town of Clifton Forge in relation to the renovation of the Jefferson School Building located at 1000 A Street, Clifton Forge;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approve waiving $35/ton of the $85/ton transfer station fee up to 160 tons (estimated waiver not to exceed $5,600) with the Town and/or contractor being responsible for the $50/ton difference on the abovementioned project.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
S. Miller Brantley	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Courtney F. Howard	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

APPROVE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO EMANUEL TIRE MANAGEMENT, LLC FOR REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE TIRES AT THE IFTS:

Ms. Bowers reviewed a memo from her to the Board which was included in the agenda packet. The memo is as follows:

We are requesting the Board of Supervisors award the contract for removal and disposal of waste tires from the Island Ford Transfer Station to Emanuel Tire Management, LLC as they were the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Ms. Bowers added that the price submitted is $200/ton and two trailers go out a month. She mentioned that they are the current vendor so there will be no lapse in service and there was no change in cost from the previous contract. She stated that the contract would be for two years with the option to renew.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors approve the proposal from Emanuel Tire Management, LLC for removal and proper disposal of waste tires from the Island Ford Transfer Station.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes Mr. Ken McFadyen, County Administrator, to sign the abovementioned contract on behalf of the County in form approved by the County Attorney.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
S. Miller Brantley	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Courtney F. Howard	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

APPROVE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TRANE FOR HVAC REPLACEMENT AT THE GOVERNMENTAL COMPLEX:

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

Staff requests approval for the replacement of one (1) of the three (3) HVAC units serving the complex. The replacement equipment is proprietary and fully compatible with the existing HVAC system currently in place.

The proposed purchase will be made through the cooperative purchasing agreement under Omnia Partners/Racine Contract #3341.

The total project cost is $268,560.00. This project is included in the approved Capital Improvement Program (CIP), with $273,413.00 budgeted for FY2026. Sufficient funds are available within the approved budget.

Staff recommends approval of the proposal in the amount of $268,560.00.

If you have any questions on this proposal, I will be glad to answer them.

Mr. Hubble added that if the system was put out for competitive bid then we would run into warranty issues, control changes, etc. as the current 3 systems are proprietary. He mentioned that the one unit to be replaced at this time is at the end of its lifespan and will cost $10,000-$15,000 to repair and another unit is also having issues. He commented that a cost from Siemens to replace all three systems would be around $1.3 million which is not cost effective at this time.

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 proposal from Trane for the purchase of a HVAC unit for the Alleghany County Governmental Complex under the cooperative purchasing agreement under Omnia Partners/Racine Contract #3341 in the amount of $268,560 utilizing funds currently in the FY26 budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes Mr. Ken McFadyen, County Administrator, to sign the abovementioned contract on behalf of the County.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
S. Miller Brantley	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Courtney F. Howard	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. GREG MADSEN, MR. RAY LIPES, AND MR. JAMES GRIFFITH TO THE ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

Mr. Garten stated that the terms of Mr. Greg Madsen, Mr. Ray Lipes, and Mr. James Griffith on the Alleghany Highlands Economic Development Corporation (AHEDC) expire June 30, 2026. Terms are for three years and all are eligible for reappointment. He mentioned that all three wish to be reappointed.

On motion of Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Brantley, that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors reappoint the following individuals to serve on the Alleghany Highlands Economic Development Corporation (AHEDC) Board of Directors for a term of three years beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2029:

1. James Griffith, Elected Official
2. Ray Lipes
3. Greg Madsen

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
S. Miller Brantley	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Courtney F. Howard	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. JOAN VANNORSDALL TO THE MOUNTAIN GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD:

Mr. Garten stated that the term of Ms. Joan Vannorsdall (Clifton Forge East District) on the Mountain Gateway Community College Board expires June 30, 2026. Terms are for four years and Ms. Vannorsdall is eligible for reappointment. He added that Ms. Vannorsdall does wish to be reappointed per the email in the agenda packet from Dr. John Rainone, MGCC President.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that Ms. M. Joan Vannorsdall (Clifton Forge East District), 815 Palace Boulevard, Clifton Forge, VA 24422 be reappointed to the Mountain Gateway Community College Board for a term of four years beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2030.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
S. Miller Brantley	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Courtney F. Howard	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. RONALD GOINGS TO THE ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD:

Mr. Garten stated that the term of Dr. Ronald Goings (Clifton Forge East District) on the Alleghany Highlands Regional Library Board expires June 30, 2026. Terms are for four years and Dr. Goings is eligible for reappointment. He stated that Dr. Goings would like to be reappointed.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that Dr. Ronald S. Goings (Clifton Forge East District), 1717 Ridgevue Avenue, Clifton Forge, VA 24422 be reappointed to the Alleghany Highlands Regional Library Board for a term of four years beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2030.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
S. Miller Brantley	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Courtney F. Howard	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. CHRIS RICE, MR. JOHN BATTEN, MR. JACK SIMPSON, AND MS. WANDA DAVIS TO THE RECREATION BOARD:

Mr. Garten stated that the terms of Mr. Chris Rice (Covington District), Mr. John Batten (Falling Spring District), Mr. Jack Simpson (Clifton Forge East District), and Ms. Wanda Davis (Clifton Forge West District) on the Recreation Board expire June 30, 2026. Terms are for three years and all are eligible for reappointment. He commented that all wish to be reappointed.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that the following individuals be reappointed to the Recreation Board for a term of three years beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2029:

John Batten (Falling Spring District), 195 W. Morris Hill Road, Covington
Wanda Davis (Clifton Forge West District), 58 Verge Street, Clifton Forge
Christopher Rice (Covington District), 216 Dusty Road, Covington
Glen Ray “Jack” Simpson (Clifton Forge East District), 1313 Willow Lane, Clifton Forge

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
S. Miller Brantley	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Courtney F. Howard	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. KEN MCFADYEN TO THE ROANOKE VALLEY-ALLEGHANY REGIONAL COMMISSION:

Mr. Garten stated that the term of Mr. Ken McFadyen (Non-Elected Representative) on the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission expires June 30, 2026. Terms are for three years and Mr. McFadyen is eligible for reappointment.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that Mr. Kenneth T. McFadyen (Non-Elected Representative) be reappointed to the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission for a term of three years beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2029.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
S. Miller Brantley	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Courtney F. Howard	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes

James M. Griffith Yes
G. Matt Garten Yes

TABLE APPOINTMENT TO THE SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD:

Mr. Garten stated that a replacement needs to be made for Mr. Jason Helmintoller on the Social Services Board with a term to begin July 1, 2026 and expiring June 30, 2030. This appointment can be from any district. He asked that this appointment be tabled to the next regular meeting for a replacement to be submitted. The Board agreed.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. DAVID FORBES TO THE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION:

Mr. Garten stated that Mr. David Forbes (Jackson River District) is requested to be appointed to complete the term of Mr. Donald Lugar on the Water and Sewer Commission beginning immediately and ending March 1, 2030.

On motion of Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Brantley, that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that Mr. David E. Forbes (Jackson River District), 111 E. Country Club Lane, Covington, VA 24426 be appointed to the Water and Sewer Commission to complete the term of Mr. Donald Lugar beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2030.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett Yes
S. Miller Brantley Yes
Shannon P. Cox Absent
Courtney F. Howard Yes
Cletus W. Nicely Yes
James M. Griffith Yes
G. Matt Garten Yes

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. McFadyen handed out and gave a report on the following items which are a part of the records of this meeting, as well as the attachments mentioned:

A. Requests for Proposals - We are reviewing proposals for a new County website and for a salary & compensation study.

B. Tourism Promotion Services RFP - We are finalizing the contract for services with the Chamber of Commerce and must have it ready for the Board of Supervisors' June 25, 2026 budget consideration meeting.

C. Commerce Center Pad Sites - Engineering work is underway with water and sewer capacity, additional site grading, and Piney Ridge Road improvements serving the pad sites.

D. Housing - We are preparing a scope for planning assistance for Virginia Housing which has offered to provide this assistance to the County as a further action from our housing study last year. One specific project is evaluating the development of Innovation Park at Exit 29 for residential purposes.

E. Cliftondale Water System - The Virginia Department of Health/Office of Drinking Water has awarded Alleghany County Public Works with a grant of $40,000 to prepare a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) to provide a scope and cost estimates to repair and upgrade the water distribution system.

F. Recreation Board - We have received a question of how the Recreation Board is organized and how often the board meets. There is neither a chair nor vice chair. Attached is information about the board's duties. I understand the board meets quarterly, around sports seasons, and when "trail rights" requests are submitted concerning the Jackson River Scenic Trail. Also, with recreation, a festival at Intervale Park has been approved for July 18th, consistent with the County's attached policy.

G. Wastewater Collection Improvements - Public Works is seeking to apply for a Community Development Block Grant to provide funding for a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for Hattie Street wastewater collection repairs and improvements. There is a public meeting announcement coming up in June.

H. Road Maintenance - Residents on Dunbrack Road are asking the County to maintain an undedicated section of the road that is in need of maintenance adjacent to the Jackson River Scenic Trail. There is a lot of documentation and correspondence about this matter from over the years.

I. Broadband - We are continuing the discussion with Craig-Botetourt Electric Cooperative concerning a needed broadband expansion project for Crows/Hematite residents. There is a problem with the cost for CBEC to locate on Dominion poles. We have asked for a probable estimate of costs with a reasonable cost assumed to co-locate on the poles and should contact Dominion to see about a more affordable alternative to the pole attachment fees. This expansion project would serve the remaining 114 addresses without broadband fiber connectivity.

J. Economic Development Corporation (EDC) - Attached are the minutes from the April 2026 meeting. The EDC had a productive visit to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) last week in Richmond, in coordination with JLV Communications and the Roanoke Regional Partnership.

Please let us know of any questions or comments. Thank you for your time and support.

Mr. McFadyen commented that the 3rd Annual River and Trail Day will be held on June 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Intervale Park Trailhead. He added that there is also an information sheet attached to his report in regards to the water system that he worked on with Public Works. He reviewed the information which is as follows:

Re: County Water System Losses, Financial Impact, and Needed Infrastructure Repairs

I. Overview of Alleghany County Water System
- *Alleghany County serves approximately 2,874 water customers, primarily residential.*
- *The total water system includes about 90 miles of water mains, 6 pumping stations, and 12 storage tanks.*
- *Alleghany County Public Works manages seven water sub-systems Cherokee, Cliftondale, Intervale, Pounding Mill, Rosedale, Selma, and Wesgate.*
- *Water is purchased from Covington and Clifton Forge (up to 1.6 MGD; average ~700,000 gpd) through bulk purchase agreements.*
- *Water loss occurs when bulk purchased water is not sold or retained due to leaks and infrastructure inefficiencies.*

II. Current Water Loss Conditions
- *Projected 240.6 million gallons to be purchased FY26; ~88.6 million gallons anticipated lost.*
- *Systemwide water loss is approximately 36%, compared to 16% to 20% national.*
- *Cliftondale system is the largest contributor at ~48.9% loss during FY26.*
- *Other systems (Intervale and Cherokee) show elevated losses.*
- *Over 100 leak repairs completed so far in FY26, primarily service laterals. 43 repairs in Cliftondale, 8 involving water mains, and 24 repairs in Selma.*

III. Fiscal Impact of Water Loss
- *Estimated annual loss is between $300,000 and $400,000 in the water enterprise fund; this range is being confirmed.*
- *This represents roughly 20% of the total enterprise fund budget.*
- *Cliftondale alone contributes approximately $92,000 in losses during FY26.*
- *Current capital funding (~$100,000/year) is insufficient to address systemwide needs.*

IV. Capital Improvement Needs (CIP) - submitted to Budget Committee 2/23/26
- *Cliftondale/Wilson Creek improvements (~$5.7M) - highest priority.*
- *Clearwater/Intervale improvements (~$2.3M) - lowest system accountability.*
- *Valley Ridge/Selma improvements (~$6.3M) - aging infrastructure replacement.*
- *Additional system improvements (~$3.7M combined) including Pounding Mill, Cherokee, and Westwood.*
- *Infrastructure is generally 40+ years old and subject to consistent leakage.*

V. Five-Year Implementation Strategy
- *Years 1-2 (FY27 and 28): Focus on Cliftondale system improvements.*
- *Years 3-5 (FY29-31): Implement remaining system improvements across County systems.*
- *Funding strategy assumes 75% grant funding and 25% local debt financing.*
- *Grant sources include: VA Dept. of Health, VA DEQ, CDBG, USDA-RD, and FEMA.*
- *Rate impacts to be evaluated and confirmed with adding local debt service.*

VI. Financial Projections
- *Current annual water loss: between $300,000 and $400,000.*
- *Projected savings with goal of 50% loss reduction: between $150,000 and $200,000 annually.*
- *Estimated new debt service with 75% grant funding: approximately $170,000 annually.*
- *Potential for slight net positive financial impact: approximately +$30,000 surplus at full implementation. Essentially break-even proposition.*
- *Net financial impact does not account for inflation, regulatory cost impacts, or other factors.*

VII. Timeline of Recent Activity
- *December 2025 - Board of Supervisors Planning Session Discussion of Water Loss.*
- *February 2026 - Water loss audit conducted by Virginia Rural Water Association; Budget Committee meeting with VML/VACo Finance and The Lane Group (CIP).*
- *March 2026 - Planning grant meeting with Virginia Department of Health for Cliftondale.*
- *April 2026 - Term engineers asked for cost estimates to prepare Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for Cliftondale water system repairs; Virginia Department of Health grant application submitted; staff meetings with USDA-RD, DHCD, and Virginia Dept. of Emergency Management regarding construction grants/loans opportunities; communication with Delegate Austin regarding Virginia grant opportunities.*
- *May 2026 - Dept. of Health grant awarded; term engineer selected for Cliftondale PER, construction grant meeting with US EPA.*

VIII. Next Steps
- *Compete Cliftondale PER - July/August 2026*
- *Coordinate with RVARC for grant writing assistance - ongoing*
- *Apply for construction grants - Sources including FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and USDA-Rural Development - Summer 2026*

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (INQUIRIES/REPORTS):

Miscellaneous

Mr. Nicely commented that this has been a good meeting and that he appreciates all coming to the meeting.

Mr. Brantley thanked all the speakers and staff that gathers any information requested. He mentioned that it is great that individuals are willing to be reappointed to the various boards and commissions.

Mr. Bennett asked about the total pot of State money for school funding if it may increase or decrease in relation to the composite index change. Ms. Halterman stated that they do not have final numbers in regards to the State budget, but the composite index amount has decreased. Mr. Littleton added that the school system has also had an increase in health insurance and special education costs that they are required to provide.

Mr. Bennett asked what the known dollar amount is that has changed for the school system with the composite index. Mr. Lanford replied that they have a $1.2 million reduction from last year.

Mrs. Howard thanked everyone for their reports and assistance in answering her questions. She commented that the Access to Healthcare community gathering went well for those that attended.

Mr. Griffith mentioned that the AHEDC has a funding source for the education of doctor's that move into the area. He commented that it has been hard to get them to stay or move to the area. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He stated that he hopes the General Assembly will have an adopted budget by the next time the Board meets.

Mr. Garten stated that he wishes the County had more money to go to the places it needs to go. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and asked for everyone to watch out for the kids that are out of school for the summer.

CLOSED MEETING:

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Bennett, that the Board go into a Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) for the purpose of: (1) property acquisition and disposition. Unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Nicely, that the Board come out of the Closed Meeting with the following certification:

CERTIFICATION
SECTION 2.2-3712

To the best of our knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the session.

/s/G. Matt Garten	Yes
/s/Courtney F. Howard	Yes
/s/James M. Griffith	Yes
/s/Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
/s/S. Miller Brantley	Yes
/s/Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Absent

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Griffith, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m. to Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Alleghany County Governmental Complex. Motion carried.

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G. Matt Garten
Chairman