At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Alleghany County, Virginia held on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 6:00 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
and	Ken McFadyen, County Administrator Suzanne T. Adcock, Director of Finance Jonathan Fitch, Director of Public Safety Beverley Bowers, Deputy Director of Public Works Melissa A. Munsey, Deputy Clerk to the Board
ABSENT:	Shannon P. Cox Cletus W. Nicely

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chairman called the adjourned meeting to order.

APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO TRANSFER STATION FEES (TIPPING FEE AND COMMERCIAL TIRE DISPOSAL FEE):

Mr. Garten stated that it is proposed to increase the tipping fees to $87.55/ton for contractors, Bath and Covington and also increase the commercial car tire fee to $5.00.

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 approve the following fees for the Island Ford Transfer Station. This resolution shall supercede all previous resolutions and shall be effective July 1, 2026:

County Residents:

Trash

- Private citizens of Alleghany County, Iron Gate, and Clifton Forge will be accepted to bring trash to the transfer station. There will be no charge for these individuals (other than the annual refuse fee) until the Board determines it needs to be reevaluated.

Tires

- $2.00 for passenger car and light duty truck tires with a rim size up to 20 inches.
- $10.00 for truck tires with a rim size of 20 inches or more (including over-sized 100 series and up).
- NO pan tires or tires mounted on a rim/wheel will be accepted.

Other

- $10.00 for each appliance/white good.

County Commercial/Contractors/Haulers:

Trash/Commercial Waste

- $87.55 per ton for County contractors/haulers and businesses with a minimum charge of $25.00.

Tires

- $5.00 for passenger car and light duty truck tires with a rim size up to 20 inches.
- $10.00 for truck tires with a rim size of 20 inches (including over-sized 100 series and up).
- NO pan tires or tires mounted on a rim/wheel will be accepted.

Other

- $10.00 for each appliance/white good.

Covington/Bath County:

- $87.55 per ton for trash brought in by the City of Covington and Bath County (including residents and contractors/haulers) with a minimum charge of $25.00.

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	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

APPROVE REVISED COUNTY CLASSIFICATION PAY PLAN (COST OF LIVING INCREASES):

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors approve the revisions to the Classification Pay Plan to be effective July 1, 2026.

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	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

NOTE: The revised pay plan is a part of the records of this meeting.

APPROVE SEWER RATES FOR THE TOWN OF CLIFTON FORGE AND TOWN OF IRON GATE FOR FY27:

On motion of Mrs. Howard, seconded by Mr. Brantley, that the following ordinance proposed at the Public Hearing held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 be adopted as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT SEWER RATES FOR THE TOWN OF CLIFTON FORGE AND TOWN OF IRON GATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

WHEREAS, pursuant to Va. Code § 15.2-2122, the Board of Supervisors is required to adopt rates for users of its wastewater system that are fair and reasonable, and reasonably reflect the costs of operating the system; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Iron Gate, the Town of Clifton Forge, and Alleghany County have agreed on a method of calculating sewer rates for the Towns, which is reflected by the rate adopted herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that the following sewer rates be adopted for the Town of Clifton Forge and the Town of Iron Gate for fiscal year 2027:

	Fiscal Year 2027 Sewer Rate
Town of Clifton Forge	$3.79 / 1,000 gals.
Town of Iron Gate	$18,792.28 per month

Adopted: June 25, 2026
Effective Date: July 1, 2026
Adopted by the following roll call vote:

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Brantley	Yes
Mrs. Cox	Absent
Mr. Garten	Yes
Mr. Griffith	Yes
Mrs. Howard	Yes
Mr. Nicely	Absent

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Deputy Clerk to the Board

APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO CH. 62 - WATER, SEWER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL OF THE COUNTY CODE (WATER/SEWER RATE):

Mr. Garten stated that a public hearing was held at the last meeting to increase the water and sewer rates by $2.00, as well as overage rates and deposit amounts.

Mrs. Howard asked if the $2.00 increase is for contingency and how much it would be. Ms. Adcock replied that it is for water/sewer contingency and a $2.00 increase is approximately $145,000 (@ $56,000 for a $1.00 increase).

Mr. Brantley stated that he is fine with the security deposit increase and asked that amount . Ms. Adcock replied that the deposits are in a different revenue line and just the deposit portion may be $5-10,000 of the $56,000.

Mr. Bennett mentioned that some Board members want to go with the $2.00 proposed increase and others do not want an increase. He suggested compromising and going with a $1.00 increase. He also mentioned that the Board would also need to hold a work session in the future regarding Mr. Griffith's policy suggestion.

Mrs. Howard commented that she agrees with a $1.00 increase.

Ms. Adcock stated that if a $1.00 increase is approved then the revenues and expenditures for budget adoption purposes later in the meeting for the water/sewer operating fund would be $5,632,820.

On motion of Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Brantley, that the following amendments proposed at the Public Hearing held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026 to The Code of the County of Alleghany, Virginia in Chapter 62 entitled "Water, Sewer and Sewage Disposal" be adopted as follows:

CH. 62
WATER, SEWER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

ARTICLE III. Rates, Types of Service and General

CURRENT:

Sec. 62-71. Rates.

The following water and sewer rates are hereby established within the county effective on the dates indicated:

Water Rates	*Minimum Rate (up to 5,000 gallons)*	*Overage Charge*
Effective 7/1/16	$42.00	$8.25/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/17	$43.00	$8.75/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/18	$44.00	$9.00/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/19	$45.00	$9.25/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/20	$46.00	$9.50/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/21	$47.00	$10.00/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/22	$48.00	$10.25/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/23	$49.00	$10.50/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/24	$50.00	$11.00/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/25	$51.00	$11.50/1,000 gallons

Sewer Rates	*Minimum Rate (up to 5,000 gallons)*	*Overage Charge*
Effective 7/1/16	$42.00	$9.50/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/17	$43.00	$10.00/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/18	$44.00	$10.25/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/19	$45.00	$10.50/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/20	$46.00	$10.75/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/21	$47.00	$11.00/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/22	$48.00	$11.50/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/23	$49.00	$12.00/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/24	$50.00	$12.50/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/25	$51.00	$13.00/1,000 gallons

Sewer Only	*Minimum Rate (up to 5,000 gallons)*
Effective 7/1/16	$57.00
Effective 7/1/17	$58.00
Effective 7/1/18	$59.00
Effective 7/1/19	$60.00
Effective 7/1/20	$61.00
Effective 7/1/21	$62.00
Effective 7/1/22	$63.00
Effective 7/1/23	$64.00
Effective 7/1/24	$65.00
Effective 7/1/25	$66.00

CHANGE TO:

Sec. 62-71. Rates.

The following water and sewer rates are hereby established within the county effective on the dates indicated:

Water Rates	*Minimum Rate (up to 5,000 gallons)*	*Overage Charge*
Effective 7/1/17	$43.00	$8.75/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/18	$44.00	$9.00/1,000 gallons

Effective 7/1/19	$45.00	$9.25/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/20	$46.00	$9.50/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/21	$47.00	$10.00/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/22	$48.00	$10.25/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/23	$49.00	$10.50/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/24	$50.00	$11.00/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/25	$51.00	$11.50/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/26	$52.00	$12.00/1,000 gallons

Sewer Rates	*Minimum Rate (up to 5,000 gallons)*	*Overage Charge*
Effective 7/1/17	$43.00	$10.00/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/18	$44.00	$10.25/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/19	$45.00	$10.50/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/20	$46.00	$10.75/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/21	$47.00	$11.00/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/22	$48.00	$11.50/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/23	$49.00	$12.00/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/24	$50.00	$12.50/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/25	$51.00	$13.00/1,000 gallons
Effective 7/1/26	$52.00	$13.50/1,000 gallons

Sewer Only	*Minimum Rate (up to 5,000 gallons)*
Effective 7/1/17	$58.00
Effective 7/1/18	$59.00
Effective 7/1/19	$60.00
Effective 7/1/20	$61.00
Effective 7/1/21	$62.00
Effective 7/1/22	$63.00
Effective 7/1/23	$64.00
Effective 7/1/24	$65.00
Effective 7/1/25	$66.00
Effective 7/1/26	$67.00

ARTICLE V. Determination of Rate and Contract

CURRENT:

Sec. 62-140. Schedule of other charges and fees.

For the purpose of this chapter, the county establishes the following fees and charges:

(5) Deposits required shall be as follows:

SECURITY DEPOSIT SCHEDULE

Owners:

Meter Size	*Water*	*Sewer*	*Total for Water and Sewer*
3/4 inch	$51.00	$51.00	$102.00
1 inch - 2 inches	102.00	102.00	204.00
3 inches	408.00	408.00	816.00

Tenants/Lessees:

Meter Size	*Water*	*Sewer*	*Total for Water and Sewer*
3/4 inch	$ 153.00	$ 153.00	$ 306.00
1 inch - 2 inches	306.00	306.00	612.00
3 inches	1,224.00	1,224.00	2,448.00

CHANGE TO:

Sec. 62-140. Schedule of other charges and fees.

For the purpose of this chapter, the county establishes the following fees and charges:

(5) Deposits required shall be as follows:

SECURITY DEPOSIT SCHEDULE

Owners:

Meter Size	*Water*	*Sewer*	*Total for Water and Sewer*
3/4 inch	$52.00	$52.00	$104.00
1 inch - 2 inches	104.00	104.00	208.00
3 inches	416.00	416.00	832.00

Tenants/Lessees:

Meter Size	*Water*	*Sewer*	*Total for Water and Sewer*
3/4 inch	$ 156.00	$ 156.00	$ 312.00
1 inch - 2 inches	312.00	312.00	624.00
3 inches	1,248.00	1,248.00	2,496.00

Adopted: June 25, 2026
Effective Date: July 1, 2026
Adopted by the following roll call vote:

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mr. Brantley	Yes
Mrs. Cox	Absent
Mr. Garten	Yes
Mr. Griffith	Yes
Mrs. Howard	Yes
Mr. Nicely	Absent

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Deputy Clerk to the Board

APPROVE TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2026:

Mr. Griffith mentioned there will be new legislation going into effect July 1, 2026 in relation to the taxing structure and classification of for mobile homes which may cause the Board to have to readdress them at a later date.

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

LEVY FOR TAX YEAR 2026

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that there be and is hereby levied for the tax year 2026 a tax of forty-nine cents ($0.49) per one hundred dollars ($100.00) of assessed valuation on all taxable real estate, and all taxable mobile homes as defined in Section 46.2-100, Code of Virginia, located in this County, and that there be, and is hereby levied for the tax year 2026, a tax of two dollars and ninety-eight cents ($2.98) per one hundred dollars ($100.00) of assessed valuation on all taxable and tangible personal property (including machinery and tools segregated by Section 58.1-3507, Code of Virginia), located in this County on January 1, 2026 and the respective levies hereby ordered being also applicable to the real estate and tangible personal property of public service corporations, based upon the assessment thereof fixed by the State Corporation Commission and duly certified.

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	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

APPROVE FY 2026-27 COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET:

Mr. Garten stated that the resolution in the agenda packet will need to be adjusted due to the change in the water and sewer rate increase from what was advertised. The 2026-27 Water and Sanitary Operating Fund number will now be $5,632,818 which changes the total budget amount to $104,471,780.

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

WHEREAS, the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors has had the County's 2026-27 Operating Budget under review for several months; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for planning and fiscal purposes to establish the County Budget as soon as feasible; and

WHEREAS, the Board is now prepared to act on the budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt and appropriate the 2026-27 General Fund with an operating total of $47,652,605; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts and appropriates the 2026-27 Water and Sanitary Operating Fund budget of $5,632,818; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts and appropriates the 2026-27 Water and Sanitary Capital Project Fund budget of $0; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts and appropriates the 2026-27 School Fund Budgets as indicated herein:

260	School Operating	$48,485,436

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts and appropriates the 2026-27 Fund Budgets as indicated herein:

240	Public Safety Equip. and Vehicles	$360,000
241	Career EMS	804,228
243	Law Library	4,500
246	Special Law	53,500
247	Drug Asset Forfeiture - Sheriff	8,500
248	Courthouse Security	263,639
249	Drug Asset - Com. Atty.	4,000
253	Sheriff - County Code Enforcement	48,313
310	CIP	811,521
710	Special Welfare	80,000
777	AHEDC	262,720
	Subtotal - Fund Budgets	$2,700,921
GRAND TOTAL - 2026-27 OPERATING BUDGET		**$104,471,780**

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors approve the reappropriation of all outstanding encumbrances at June 30, 2026 to the 2026-27 fiscal year to the same department and account for which they are encumbered in the 2025-26 fiscal year.

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	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH THE ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM FOR TOURISM AND MARKETING SERVICES:

Mr. McFadyen stated that there is a draft agreement with the Alleghany Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Tourism for Tourism and Marketing Services in the agenda packet. He commented that the agreement is consistent with the agreements over the last 16 years with a few changes which he reviewed:

- Page 3, Paragraph 6 (Oversight) - Mentions the establishment of a Tourism Advisory Committee which was included in past agreements, but not utilized. How the committee is setup is not provided and can be setup however the Board wishes.
- Page 3, Paragraph 7 (Progress Reports) - The Chamber will provide progress reports to the Board on an annual basis in March.
- Page 4, Paragraph 11 (Acknowledgment and Recognition) - The Chamber will recognize and acknowledge the County in media, tourism–related events, etc. due to the investment being made.

Mr. McFadyen added that Mr. Josh Taylor, Chamber Executive Director, is present if there are any questions.

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

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued for Tourism and Marketing Services; and

WHEREAS, ten (10) proposals were received by the March 18, 2026 deadline; and

WHEREAS, a Committee consisting of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board, County Administrator, Director of Finance, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Assistant to the County Administrator, reviewed the proposals and recommend acceptance of the proposal from the Alleghany Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Tourism;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors accept the proposal from the Alleghany Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Tourism for Tourism and Marketing Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorize Mr. Ken McFadyen, County Administrator, to execute the Tourism and Marketing Services Agreement with the Alleghany Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Tourism.

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	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN FY26 (INTERVALE PUMP STATION PROJECT):

Ms. Adcock stated that there is a memo in the agenda packet which she reviewed. The memo is as follows:

During the Spring of 2024, two projects were identified by Public Works as top priority, the Clearwater Park EQ Tank and the Intervale Pump Station. After consulting with Reid Walters and PW staff, it was decided to utilize Revenue Replacement (formerly ARPA) dollars to complete both projects. The funds for both were moved to the W&S funds 530 and 330.

Unfortunately, due to timing, the amount in 330 (W&S CIP), intended for reconstruction of the Intervale Pump Station was not encumbered until the following fiscal year. This means the funds transferred over for that purpose were not carried over into the FY26 budget year. That fact was not uncovered until recently, when reviewing current budget status information.

We will need to reappropriate $400,000 from Fund 330, Unreserved Fund Balance to ensure the funds are in place to close out this purchase order.

33000000-330035	*$400,000*
53044030-570009	*$400,000*

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors budget and appropriate the following supplemental appropriation in FY26:

1. Water & Sewer CIP (Intervale Pump Station):

Fund Balance

Unreserved Fund Balance (33000000-330035)	$400,000

Expenditure Account

Capital Improvements (53044030-570009)	$400,000

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	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Bennett, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:20 p.m. Motion carried.

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G. Matt Garten
Chairman