

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Alleghany County, Virginia held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Alleghany County Governmental Complex, Covington, Virginia, thereof:

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

and Jonathan A. Lanford, County Administrator
Jim Guynn, County Attorney
Melissa A. Munsey, Deputy Clerk to the Board

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chairman called the regular meeting to order. Rev. Roslyn Thomas 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) an adjourned meeting held on March 28, 2019; and (2) a regular meeting held on April 2, 2019.

PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL - SALE OF PROPERTY TO MR. BOBBY HARRISON (PART OF FORMER SELMA RAIL YARD):

Public Hearing was held to consider the sale by Alleghany County of an approximate 5.97 acre parcel which was part of the former Selma rail yard. The property is further identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Alleghany County as a portion of 04300-00-000-016B.

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

Mr. Lanford stated that there is an offer in the agenda packet for the property from Mr. Bobby Harrison. He mentioned that the County would retain 1.21 acres as shown on the plat.

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

On motion of Mr. Shull, seconded by Ms. Vannorsdall, 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	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

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

WHEREAS, the County received a request from Bobby A. Harrison asking that the County consider the sale of an approximate 5.97 acre parcel which was part of the former Selma rail yard which is identified on the Real Property Identification Maps of Alleghany County as a portion of parcel 04300-00-000-016B; and

WHEREAS, the Board held a public hearing to dispose of the property on May 7, 2019 in accordance with Section 15.2-1800 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors agrees to sell an approximate 5.97 acre parcel which was part of the former Selma rail yard to Bobby A. Harrison for \$1,500.00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes Mr. Jonathan A. Lanford, County Administrator, to sign documents in relation to the sale of property to Mr. Harrison.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL - REZONING BY HIGHLAND CENTRE OF PORTION OF 102 MALL ROAD BUILDING:

Public Hearing was held to consider an application from Highland Centre, LLC to rezone a portion of one building at 102 Mall Road from a Business B-1 zone classification to a Business B-2 zone classification to allow Sunoco Industries to relocate their business operations. The property is further identified as Tax Map 57 Parcel 612 and is currently owned by Highland Centre, LLC. The property is in a Primary Growth Area as contained in the Comprehensive Plan.

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 and Tuesday, April 29, 2019 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

Mr. Garten left the dais and did not participate in discussions as he is one of the owners of Highland Centre, LLC. He mentioned that he would abstain on the vote.

Mr. Glenn Zierler, Zoning Administrator, reviewed the staff report which is as follows:

STAFF REPORT

Case Number: RZ-78
Name of Petitioner(s): Highland Centre, LLC
Date Request Filed: February 25, 2019
Public Hearing Date: April 10, 2015 (PC) May 7, 2019 (BOS)
Staff Reviewer: Glenn Zierler, Zoning Administrator

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

The applicant is requesting to rezone a portion of one building at 102 Mall Road from a Business B-1 zone classification to a Business B-2 zone classification to allow Sunoco Industries to relocate their business operations. The property is further identified as Tax Map 57 Parcel 612 and is currently owned by Highland Centre, LLC.

LAND USE AND COMPATIBILITY (Sec. 66-481(f))

Present Use: Vacant - previously used for retail sales - part of former K-Mart building located in Highland Centre.

Proposed Use: Adaptation and Distribution of paper tubes.

Current Zoning: Business B-1.

Proposed Zoning: Business B-2.

Surrounding Land Use and Zoning: The site and immediately surrounding properties are zoned B-1 and B-2, with a mix of complimentary businesses.

Ingress and Egress: The property has an existing commercial entrance with direct access to primary roads. The entrance to the site is shared with other tenants of the Centre.

Comprehensive Plan: According to the Comprehensive Plan, the property is located in a "Primary Growth Area," which is defined as areas having a large number of major employers, high accessibility to I-64, water and sewer facilities enhance development, and the area is in proximity to population concentrations.

Screening and Buffering: The applicant is not proposing screening and buffering and it is not required by the zoning ordinance.

Zoning Requirements: The applicant has submitted a "traditional rezoning" request. With a traditional rezoning, all uses noted in the proposed zoning classification become viable uses for the parcel being rezoned. The size of the lot will also play a factor in determining the viable uses listed as acceptable uses for a Business B-2 zone designation. Highland Centre, LLC has been informed that a survey plat of the rezoned area must be recorded if rezoning approval is obtained.

Floodplain: The property is located within flood zone X - 500 year flood area according to the FEMA maps as shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel 51005C0214D.

Utilities/Refuse Collection: The property has an existing connection to County water and sewer. The property has access to other utilities such as electric, telephone, and cable service. Refuse collection will be provided by Alleghany County.

Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) Compliance: A copy of the rezoning application was submitted to VDOT for their review for compliance with TIA requirements. A response was received from VDOT stating that they determined that a TIA was not warranted for this request.

Effects on Adjoining Properties: This property has been utilized as various types of commercial uses over the years. With a mix of commercial uses in the area, the uses shown in the Business B-2 zone classification would not be detrimental to the surrounding properties.

Mr. Zierler added that the Alleghany County Planning Commission held a public hearing on this request on April 10, 2019 and at that time made a recommendation to approve the request as submitted.

Mr. Nicely commented that he received two phone calls regarding the rezoning and they wanted to know if Sonoco is committed to utilizing the property if it is rezoned.

Mr. Tommy Garten, one of the owners of Highland Centre, stated that SchaeferRolls was to go into the industrial park, but due to time constraints they are sharing a building in Low Moor with Sonoco who uses a small portion of that building. He commented that SchaeferRolls currently employs 20-25 people and their demand has far exceeded what they thought was going to happen; therefore, they need more space in the building. He mentioned that Sonoco offered to move to another location, but it is not definite that the cost to upgrade the Kmart building will be economically feasible as the renovations could cost approximately \$500,000 (add firewalls, rewiring, raising ceiling, etc.). He stated that the traffic count would be approximately two trucks a day. He mentioned that they have actively tried to get retail stores in the building, but the number of "big box" stores are shrinking.

Mr. Nicely commented that if the rezoning is approved and Sonoco does not move in then the Board can not reverse its decision. Mr. Tommy Garten stated that if that occurred he would be glad to come back and ask that the property be returned to a B-1 zone classification.

Mrs. Cox commented that it would be wonderful if SchaeferRolls could use the entire building in Low Moor as they could expand in size if they are not sharing the building with Sonoco, which is positive for the area.

Mr. Bennett stated that ShaeferRolls pays good wages for this area.

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

On motion of Mr. Griffith, 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	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Abstain
James M. Griffith	Yes
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

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

WHEREAS, an application was received from Highland Centre, LLC to rezone a portion of one building at 102 Mall Road from a Business B-1 zone classification to a Business B-2 zone classification to allow for use as an assembly and distribution business (relocation of Sunoco Industries). The property is further identified on the Real Property Identification Maps as Map 57, Parcel 612 and is currently owned by Highland Centre, LLC; and

WHEREAS, a Notice to the Public advertising a public hearing on this rezoning application was advertised once a week for two successive weeks in the Virginian Review on April 23, 2019 and April 29, 2019, and adjoining property owners were notified in writing by certified mail on April 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Alleghany County Planning Commission on April 10, 2019 at which time they took action to recommend approval of the rezoning to the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors on May 7, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Administrator prepared a staff report that was presented to the Board of Supervisors at the public hearing. A copy of the report is part of the official minutes of that meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board did consider the items addressed in The Code of the County of Alleghany, Virginia, Chapter 66-Zoning, Article XV-Administration and Enforcement, Section 66-481-Rezoning Procedures in reviewing this request. The items were also addressed in the staff report prepared for the Board; and

WHEREAS, the property is located in a Primary Growth Area as contained in the Alleghany County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, any future development on the property will require compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that the rezoning request submitted by Highland Centre, LLC be approved as requested.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING - APPOINTMENT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD FROM THE JACKSON RIVER DISTRICT:

Public Hearing was held to consider an appointment to the Alleghany County School Board from the Jackson River District for a term of four years beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2023.

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 and Tuesday, April 23, 2019 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

Mr. Bennett stated that two resumes were received for the appointment to the Jackson River District (Mr. R. Craig Lane and Mr. Richard A. Shull). He asked that one of the candidates go out in the hall so that each can give a brief presentation and answer any questions the Board may have without the other present.

Presentations by candidates and questions from Board members:

Mr. R. Craig Lane, 165 Sugar Tree Lane, stated that he was appointed to the School Board four years ago and he has learned a lot and knows how good our school system is. He commented that there are things that are undone that need to continue to improve. He mentioned committees that he has served on as a member of the School Board (i.e., Budget Committee, Committee for Joint Services, Salary Committee, JRTC Board). He stated that he is willing to help and asks questions.

Mr. Nicely asked why Mr. Lane would want to be reappointed. Mr. Lane replied that it is a great group of people that he works with that he wants to continue to be a part of. He stated that his time on the School Board has been enjoyable.

Ms. Vannorsdall asked the top two priorities that he would like to see happen. Mr. Lane replied that one priority would be a continued investment in infrastructure improvements and having a five year plan helped the buildings not to be in disrepair. He commented that another priority is the continued development of the New Tech program. He mentioned that he has a child in the school system and the program has been great for her. He stated that he would like to see the program expand.

Mr. Nicely asked his opinion on putting the school systems together. Mr. Lane replied that it is good timing to look into it again as there is some interest right now in making that happen. He commented that Mr. Jacob Wright helped to bridge the gap and obtain money to help with the process. He mentioned that he was on the committee that drafted the letter to help make it happen.

Mr. Richard A. Shull, 612 Heatheron Drive, stated that he understands that he has a lack of experience on a governing body, but he would bring a fresh set of eyes and would be objective on situations that arise. He commented that he would gather information and then make a decision. He mentioned that he would not rush to judgement and would speak with other School Board members and constituents.

Ms. Vannorsdall asked the top two priorities that he would like to see happen. Mr. Shull replied that he understands the chrome book initiative was implemented and only 5th graders and up can take them home. He commented that he would like this to begin in 3rd grade and up. He mentioned that children have trouble with reading and math and would benefit using the applications, as well as that there are some that can not afford to have one. He stated that his other priority deals with bullying. He mentioned eating with his kids some at school and a child in their class was crying and when he asked what was wrong the boy said that someone punched him in the face. He commented that they talked it out. He stated that there is a need for anti-bullying.

Mr. Nicely asked his opinion on putting the school systems together. Mr. Shull replied that this is a hot button issue and there has been a decrease in enrollment. He stated that it is a good idea; however both governing bodies would need to go to the table with the understanding that they may not get all they want in the deal. He commented that unless an industry comes in to bring in more people it is not going to get better.

Mr. Griffith asked about his thoughts on vocational training. Mr. Shull replied that he agrees with vocational training. He commented that there is a stigma some have about not going to college. He stated that people are successful in vocational trades (i.e., welders, carpentry, food occupations, etc.). He mentioned that he would promote this type of training.

Ms. Roslyn Thomas, 101 Vine Avenue, stated that of the two applicants, the second one (Mr. Shull) talked more about the people and their needs (chrome books, etc.).

Mr. Bennett thanked both for applying.

There being no one else who wished to speak, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed. The Chairman stated that action will be taken at the next regular meeting.

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING WITH VDOT - PROPOSED SIX YEAR PLAN AND SECONDARY CONSTRUCTION BUDGET:

Public Hearing was held with the Virginia Department of Transportation to consider the proposed Six Year Plan for FY 2020 through 2025.

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Saturday, April 27, 2019 and Saturday, May 4, 2019 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

Ms. Susan Hammond, VDOT Resident Engineer, stated that the Board has a copy of the draft budget and plan in its agenda packet. She commented that the VDOT Secondary Improvement Budget allocations through 2025 is \$448,730 and for FY 2020 the total is \$75,797 for improvements on secondary highway systems (route number 600 and above) in the County from two funding sources (CTB Formula and TeleFee). The CTB Formula funds will run out in 2020, but will be picked up by District Grant funds. She mentioned that there are a number of Rural Rustic Roads in the plan which can be done at a lower cost. She then gave a brief overview of projects contained in the draft Secondary Six Year Improvements Program:

- Route 638** (Natural Well Road) replacement of 1913 truss bridge and approaches over the Jackson River at Rt. 687. Funding is from District bridge funds and will be completed this year.
- Route 607** (Jonestown Road) Rural Rustic Road Project. Under construction now.
- Route 611** (Stone Mountain Road) Rural Rustic Road Project. Under construction now.
- Route 639** (Longdale Station Road) Rural Rustic Road Project. Under construction now.
- Route 638** (Natural Well Road) Rural Rustic Road Project. Funding in FY21.

Route 637 (Sycamore Bend Road) Rural Rustic Road Project. Funding in FY23.
F-208 (Turner Road) Rural Rustic Road Project. Funding in FY25.
Route 669 (Old County Road) Rural Rustic Road Project. Funding in FY25.
Route 600 (Rumsey Road) Rural Rustic Road Project. Funding goes beyond FY25.

She stated that the rest of the items listed are for County-wide traffic services, engineering, and fertilization/seeding. She commented that the other document contains the budget information on each road with each funding source listed in more detail.

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

On motion of Mr. Garten, 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:

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

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

WHEREAS, the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 regarding the Virginia Department of Transportation Secondary Improvement Budget for 2020 and revisions to the Secondary Improvement Program for FY 2020 through 2025 and comments were received;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors approve the Virginia Department of Transportation Secondary Improvement Budget for FY 2020 in the amount of \$75,797.00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board accept the Secondary Improvement Plan for FY 2020 through 2025 as presented.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT):

Ms. Deloris Quarles, 701 Wrightstown Avenue, asked if the CDBG application for the Wrightsville Revitalization Project was pulled and mentioned that a Board member made a comment to her to that effect. She spoke regarding the needed clean-up of the area (whether or not the grant is approved), the zoning of properties in relation to a supposed home occupation, individuals in the area who did not want to participate in the grant that have Code compliance issues, the County needing to enforce ordinances, etc.

Mr. Bennett asked Mr. Lanford to give an update on the CDBG grant. Mr. Lanford stated that the CDBG application was submitted to the State and is in their review process. He commented that there are several open Code compliance cases that are being worked on in that area.

Mr. Keven Rice, 209 Commonwealth Avenue, spoke in support of Mr. Craig Lane being reappointed to the School Board mentioning that he is a steady influence, thoughtful, and asks questions.

Dr. Elizabeth Heath, 1311 Forester Road, spoke in support of Mr. Craig Lane being reappointed to the School Board mentioning his stability and her fear of the unknown.

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

- Surface treatment schedule has been completed.
- Prepping equipment for mowing season.
- Repairing storm damage from heavy rains and strong winds.
- Rt. 60 west slope repair is underway. Using soil nails and shotcrete. Same approach as Rt. 220.

Construction

- Rt. 638 bridge replacement should be open in the next two weeks.
- Rt. 696 bridge replacement in Low Moor will be advertised in August.
- Work has begun on three rural rustic projects Jonestown Road, Stone Mountain Road, and Longdale Station Road.

Mr. Shull mentioned paving needed at the east end of the bridge in Selma.

Mr. Griffith asked if the issue on the lower road in Intervale has been taken care of. Ms. Hammond replied that it has.

Mr. Garten commented regarding the issues on the highwall on Rt. 220 near Honda Nissan. He mentioned that he is glad the Rt. 638 bridge will be reopened soon. He stated that there is a dip in the road on Rt. 220 South between Covington City Limits and Intervale that is getting worse. He commented that individuals have mentioned that there is no posted speed limit through Mt. Pleasant. Ms. Hammond stated that she will look into this as a sign could be missing.

Mrs. Cox commented that she is glad that work is beginning on Stone Mountain Road.

Mr. Bennett stated that the dip on Rich Patch Road was patched, but it has settled in the center. He asked if money has already been spent on future road repairs due to the number of recent emergency repairs. Ms. Hammond replied that funds are available and they are not in the hole, but generally it depends on money spent in the winter.

Mr. Nicely stated that at the driveway on the left along Circle H Drive is washing out and going into the road.

MS. BETH DOUGHTY, ROANOKE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP - UPDATE:

Ms. Beth Doughty, Roanoke Regional Partnership Executive Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation is a part of the records of this meeting with comments made below with each slide:

Cover - *In its 35th year, the Roanoke Regional Partnership continued to help grow business investment, create jobs, develop outdoor assets, and attract talent to Alleghany, Botetourt, Franklin and Roanoke counties, and the cities of Covington, Roanoke, Salem, and Vinton by implementing an integrated strategy that leverages the region's greatest assets for economic growth.*

Page 1 (457 Information Requests) - *There was a 13% increase in requests for information. We provide answers to questions from local governments, local businesses, local agencies, even State agencies. We assist the EDC with information requests as well. In the Highlands we worked with Covington and Alleghany County on nominations for Opportunity Zones, currently working on a microsite to showcase and promote all Opportunity Zones in the region, and assisted the AHEDC with site study implementation which was a joint effort between Covington and Alleghany County to identify industrial sites. Also, completed 9 research studies and economic impact analyses. We have not asked for a per capita increase from our governments in 12 years.*

Page 2 (7 Percent) - *There was a seven percent increase across the board in reach through websites (we manage 4 of them), newsletters, Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. Run several social media campaigns. Recently we highlighted WestRock and an Alleghany Highlands Young Professional (Josh Taylor). Did Home for the Holidays campaign where we showed things to do in the Highlands during the holidays - such as hikes, Jack Masons Tavern, Masonic Theatre. Search for Love campaign we highlighted Covington and Alleghany County.*

Page 3 (10 Announcements) - *Assisted on 10 expansion and location projects in 2018 representing 266 new jobs, 286 secondary jobs, and \$308 million in new investment. Location announcements were Stik-Pak Solutions in Franklin County, SchaeferRolls in Alleghany County, and Blue Mountain Adventures and Tree Top Canopy Tours at Roanoke County's Explore Park. Expansions included WestRock in the Alleghany Highlands which was one of the largest investments in Virginia, Cardinal Glass and Ardagh Packaging in Roanoke County, and Empire Foods and McAirland's in Franklin County. Recurring annual economic impact is \$122,235,689.*

Page 4 (Outdoor Brand Building) - *Put on three events that aimed at national and international audiences (GoCross, Blue Ridge Marathon, GoFest). Own several platforms for promoting outdoor events (i.e. Alleghany Gran Fondo, Lake Moomaw Open Water Swim, Jackson River Scenic Trail Marathon, and Alleghany Highlands Triathlon). Submitted local sites such as the Jackson River Sports Complex as potential sites for other events that we bid on in a competitive basis. Also, assisted in Alleghany Outdoors outfitters opening just outside the City limits.*

Page 5 (\$4,000) - Raise money for outdoor projects through crowd funding. In 2018, the final payments from crowd funding were for three more water access points, including Alleghany County. In 2018, we raised \$23,000 for a dock at Carvins Cove in Roanoke. It continues to build our regional narrative around the outdoors and contributes to the results it creates in tourism, visibility, job growth, and talent attraction.

Page 6 - Talent attraction work has gained traction. Last year at this time, we were just getting started. So much has happened. Starting with the Get2KnowNoke website designed to support young talent here now and attract young talent for the future. Companies are using this as a recruitment tool. We are soon to enhance it with a job board to give more exposure to local job opportunities.

Page 7 (3 New Events) - In 2018, the Experience Leadership, Experience Outside, and GoFest Meet Up brought together 256 young professionals for networking, outdoor activities, and professional development. Experience is our event brand and we'll be extending it this year with a weekend conference June 6-7 focused on attracting and retaining early career professionals. We expect about 200+ attendees. We'll host an Experience Outside event in July in the Alleghany Highlands.

Page 8 (140+ New Connections) - Get2KnowNoke brought together business leaders, college career professionals, and students at events to continue to build a talent pipeline from our colleges. For example, brought statewide group of college career professionals from 20 colleges here to get to know the region and its employers. Then we took 8 companies seeking engineers to Virginia Tech to meet face-to-face with 50 engineering students seeking internships and jobs. Tonight we are at Virginia Tech for Career Center takeover with more than a dozen businesses. WestRock was invited to join us.

Page 9 (25 Platforms) - Presented or exhibited about twice a month. We integrate our programs because they all work together so you will see a talent presence at the Blue Ridge Marathon or GoFest. But also at events such as the City Works Expo, the TomTom Festival in Charlottesville, or even the Home for the Holidays campaign we run on social media to help you bring your children back here.

Page 10 (Summer Internship Program) - Attract top student talent, connect interns to a peer network, education on soft skills and leadership, and engage students for retention.

She thanked the Board for its support and stated that the Partnership continues to work with the Chamber of Commerce and AHEDC.

Mr. Garten asked about the return on investments of the \$122 million economic impact in relation to their budget. Ms. Doughty replied that they spent \$1.3 million (budget) and generated a \$122 million economic impact.

Mr. Griffith asked Ms. Doughty to clarify the comment with assisting with Alleghany Outdoors opening. Ms. Doughty replied that the County creates an opportunity and the Partnership works on linkages, creating connections, etc. and also attended the opening ceremony.

Ms. Vannorsdall asked what localities the Roanoke Regional Partnership works with. Ms. Doughty replied that they work with Alleghany, Botetourt, Franklin and Roanoke counties, and the cities of Covington, Roanoke, Salem, and Vinton. She mentioned that there are other organizations in regions throughout the State.

Mr. Nicely asked what the County contributes to the Regional Partnership. Ms. Doughty replied \$2.07 per capita. Mr. Lanford stated the contribution is in the low \$30,000's.

Mr. Nicely commented that the County's reassessment this year was down due to lack of growth and it seems most of the growth is occurring in the Roanoke area. He stated that no growth means no jobs and young people are leaving the area. He mentioned that he is not seeing a lot of help from the Partnership. He commented regarding the County having the Commerce Center, but not having assistance with site preparation or funds from the State for infrastructure.

Ms. Doughty stated that growth is a regional problem and this area has a shortage of available sites for businesses. She mentioned that they have been working with the County and Covington in identifying suitable areas for development. She commented that all leads they receive are shared with all localities.

Mr. Garten stated that the presentation mentioned 457 information requests. He asked how many were qualified customers for the County. Ms. Doughty replied that 457 is just questions people ask (i.e., statistics, site research, etc.). She commented that she would get the County information on leads and projects/prospects for this area.

MS. ELIZABETH MCNICHOLS, DISTRICT RANGER - FOREST SERVICE UPDATE:

Ms. Elizabeth McNichols, District Ranger, reviewed information included in the agenda packet which includes an update on:

- Lower Cowpasture Restoration and Management Project - Awarded \$833,160 in 2019.
- Sustainable Recreation - Graph of visitor use (highest being hiking/walking). - Working on the Longdale Recreation Area by limiting access to foot traffic only. The gate at the entrance will remain closed year round. The Eastern

- National Children's Forest will be receiving new interpretive signs this year.
- Roads Scheduled for Rehabilitation in 2019 - FSR 277 Crows Run Road, FSR 354 Gas Pipe Road, FSR 447 Top Drive, FSR108 White Rock Tower Road, FSR351 Potts Mountain Road, FSR125 Dolly Ann Road, FSR600 Big Run Road.
- 2019 Prescribe Fires - Neal Run and Little Neal, Middle Mountain, Brushy Ridge, Walton Tract, and Orebank Mechanical Treatment.
- Future Projects - Potts Mountain and Morning Know Restoration, Grizzled Skipper Restoration Project, and the Evans Tract Sustainable Recreation.

Chief Jailer Terry Cronk asked about Jerry's Run Road. Ms. McNichols replied that funding the project is \$1.7 million and they are doing design work now.

Ms. McNichols commented that there is a meeting next week on options for the Longdale Recreation Area and they will continue to pursue funding.

Mr. Bennett asked if the Forest Service is satisfied utilizing space at the Chamber of Commerce office. Ms. McNichols replied that the location is great and it was a matter of getting the word out where they are now located.

APPROVE ADDENDUM TO THE ID NETWORKS CONTRACT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE LIVE-SCAN SYSTEM IN THE REGIONAL JAIL:

Lt. Todd Tyler reviewed a memo from Mr. Ryan Muterspaugh and a letter from himself which is included in the agenda packet. The memo and letter are as follows:

Cover memo from Mr. Muterspaugh:

The Board approved a contract with ID Networks for the upgrade of the Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management Systems for the Sheriff's Office and Regional Jail. Since the execution of that contract, an additional need has been identified for the replacement of the Live-Scan System in the Regional Jail in the amount of \$8,903.00. (Attached to this memo is a letter from Lt. Todd Tyler explaining the Live-Scan and the need to replace it as part of this project.)

ID Networks has agreed to let the County pay for the upgrade as part of the four annual payments previously negotiated in the original contract. The first of these payments will not take effect until FY21 and will be budgeted for in the corresponding budget years moving forward. No additional money is being requested at this time. Staff is requesting that the Board authorize the execution of Addendum A (attached) to the ID Networks Contract. It has been reviewed and approved by legal counsel. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Letter from Lt. Tyler:

I am requesting funds be made available to replace the Live-Scan fingerprint system we are currently using at the Alleghany Regional Jail.

Live-Scan is a computerized digital finger printing system that is linked to the Virginia State Police criminal database. The current system we are using was put into use around 2002 and is basically worn out. Highland Computers has continued to piece it together to make it work, but I feel it has run its life span.

We are required by the Virginia Code to fingerprint each person arrested as well as printing for employment with the local schools, Community Services, and persons becoming licensed firearm dealers.

The new Live-Scan system would be purchased from ID Networks, which is the company the County is currently contracted with to replace the jail management system. After speaking with the computer techs from ID Networks, they advised the system we have now is obsolete and parts are no longer available for it and the current system will not be compatible with the new jail management system. It would be more cost effective to purchase the new Live-Scan system along with the jail management system so it can all be integrated into the new system.

Lt. Tyler added that if the system is purchased later it would cost \$10,678 versus \$8,903 now.

Mr. Lanford commented that Mr. Muterspaugh negotiated with the company to make payments over a three year period.

Mr. Bennett asked about maintenance. Lt. Tyler replied that Highland Computers will continue maintenance.

Mrs. Cox asked if fire department reps get fingerprinted too. Lt. Tyler replied that they do.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors approve an addendum to the contract with ID Networks in the amount of \$8,903 for the replacement of the Live-Scan System at the Regional Jail.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorize Mr. Jonathan A. Lanford, County Administrator, to sign the addendum on behalf of the County.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE LAW LIBRARY FUND:

Mr. Lanford stated that the Law Library Fund currently has \$19,268 built up in fund equity and currently needs an additional \$3,000 appropriated for updated books for the law library that may come in through the end of this fiscal year.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegheny County Board of Supervisors budget and approve the following supplemental appropriation for the Law Library Fund for FY18-19:

<u>Fund Balance</u>	
Fund 243 - Fund Equity (243-33001)	(\$3,000)
<u>Expenditure Account</u>	
Fund 243 - Books & Subscriptions (2108-55411)	\$3,000

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

APPROVE RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE ROANOKE VALLEY-ALLEGHANY REGIONAL COMMISSION ON ITS 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE REGION:

Mr. Lanford stated that there is a draft resolution in the agenda packet which recognizes the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission (RV-ARC) on its 50 years of service to the region. He commented that the RV-ARC has provided technical assistance to the County and has helped access grants. He mentioned that all member localities are adopting the resolution.

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

Resolution in Recognition of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission on its 50 Years of Service to the Region

WHEREAS, in 1966, the General Assembly created the Metropolitan Areas Study Commission (the Hahn Commission), which found that a holistic approach to solving local and regional problems needed to be taken and recommended a new concept, the creation of planning district commissions and service district commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Area Development Act (VADA) passed in 1968 created the planning district commission framework “to encourage and facilitate local government cooperation and state-local cooperation in addressing on a regional basis, problems of greater than local significance”; and

WHEREAS, following passage of the VADA, the Commonwealth undertook an aggressive effort to establish planning district commission boundaries, the last of which were announced in 1969, and within one year, planning district commissions were established in 19 of the original 22 districts; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, is celebrating 50 years of promoting and supporting regional collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission serves to foster intergovernmental cooperation by bringing together elected and appointed officials and citizens to discuss common needs and develop solutions to regional issues; and

WHEREAS, over the last 50 years, the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission supported its member local governments by conducting studies and identifying solutions in the areas of transportation, economic development, infrastructure, the environment, and community development; and

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission often serves as a liaison between local and state governments, partnering with the Commonwealth of Virginia to carry out state initiatives at the local and regional level; these partnerships have included working cooperatively with state agencies on projects such as developing regional water supply plans, preparing transportation plans, and assisting localities with Community Development Block Grants; and

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission is committed to promoting opportunities for regional collaboration and expanding the types of services it provides to its member governments; and

WHEREAS, the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission takes great pride in its 50 years of accomplishments, while recognizing the importance of looking ahead to the challenges of the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors commends the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary and recognizes the many important programs and services it has provided to the region since 1969; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission as an expression of Alleghany County's appreciation for the vital support provided by the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission to local governments, the region's citizens, and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Shannon P. Cox	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
Richard Lee Shull	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	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:

Rosedale Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project

No bids received. We are putting the project on hold.

He added that there were six contractors that attended the pre-bid and staff will be discussing with those contractors regarding any issues on why they did not bid.

Other

He asked the Board if they want to hold another budget work session or continue to a public hearing at the June 4th meeting. He commented that once numbers are advertised for public hearing that the budget can decrease, but can not increase. He stated that departments and agencies were pretty much level funded, the County is looking at a \$0.02 increase in real estate taxes (costs due to the radio project), and a \$1.00 increase in water and sewer rates. He commented that this is a maintenance budget and not an improvement budget which is mainly due to a lack of growth on the revenue side.

Mr. Bennett stated that the budget committee did a great job (Mr. Griffith, Ms. Vannorsdall, Mr. Lanford, and Ms. Adcock) and to him he does not see where the Board should meet to discuss further as the budget is what it is.

The Board agreed by consensus to proceed with the budget, tax rate, and water/sewer rate public hearings at the June 4th regular meeting.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (INQUIRIES/REPORTS):

Miscellaneous

Mr. Griffith thanked staff for its work with the budget committee. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and both candidates up for the School Board appointment.

Mr. Shull spoke regarding attending the school academic awards ceremony and that he was very impressed with the students and their knowledge of technology, their high GPA's and SAT scores, the teachers doing a great job with the students, etc. He mentioned that it is a great way to reward students and he hopes it is done every year.

Mr. Garten thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and the School Board candidates.

Mrs. Cox thanked Mr. Lane and Mr. Shull for applying for the School Board appointment. She stated that Dr. Heath mentioned the fear of the unknown and in this world it is a bit scary. She commented to Mr. Shull (applicant) that he mentioned he had a lack of experience on a governing body, but the job he does every day in law enforcement is wonderful and that most who have applied in the past have also not had government experience. She thanked Mr. Lane for his years on the School Board and understands how he could calm a room just listening to him speak. She also thanked Ms. Quarles for her comments and that she hopes we do get the grant and that the County is working on the open cases in that neighborhood.

Ms. Vannorsdall stated that she worked on the budget and the County is in very good hands with Mr. Lanford and Ms. Adcock. She commented that the numbers are not pretty, but she was glad to be a part of the process. She mentioned that there is a Longdale Recreation Area meeting next week in order to continue the conversation with the Forest Service and others.

Mr. Nicely stated that he appreciates the two candidates for the School Board appointment. He commented that the County is in dire need of businesses here and can not keep raising taxes.

Mr. Bennett thanked the two candidates for the School Board appointment. He recognized Mayor Jeff Irvine who was in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Garten, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Stephen A. Bennett
Chairman