

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Alleghany County, Virginia held on Tuesday, June 4, 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  
Ryan D. Muterspaugh, Director of Public Safety  
Suzanne T. Adcock, Director of Finance  
Jim Guynn, County Attorney  
Melissa A. Munsey, Deputy Clerk to the Board

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Mr. Bennett stated that Item 9B under New Business (supplemental appropriation for the AHEDC) is being removed from the agenda.

MINUTES:

Hearing no corrections or deletions, the Chairman declared the following minutes approved as submitted: (1) an adjourned meeting held on May 1, 2019; and (2) a regular meeting held on May 7, 2019.

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

- *Began first round of mowing.*
- *Completed slope repairs on Rt. 60.*
- *Cut brush at intersections for sight distance.*
- *Completed two emergency pipe replacements on Rts. 613 and 607.*
- *Performed drainage repairs and storm cleanup of damaged trees.*
- *Prepped chemical spreaders for storage.*
- *Responded to customer concerns.*

Construction

- *Rt. 638 bridge is open to traffic. Periodic closures will occur on Thursday as the deck is grooved.*
- *Rt. 611 (Stone Mountain) Rural Rustic project is underway.*

Mr. Griffith asked if the guardrail on Rt. 60 will be put back up since the slope repair is complete. Ms. Hammond replied that the contractor will be putting the guardrail back up.

Mr. Griffith asked about the embankment on Rt. 220 N from dry run to the water tank and the slide on the trail (located between Covington and the Intervale trailhead). Ms. Hammond replied that a geologist will be looking at both locations Friday.

Mr. Garten commented regarding the issues on the highwall on Rt. 220 near Honda Nissan. He stated that the settling of the road on Rt. 220 South between Covington City Limits and Intervale is getting worse. He also mentioned that when you turn into Intervale southbound there is little sight distance.

Mr. Bennett asked about the dip on Rich Patch Road that was patched, but it has settled in the center. Ms. Hammond replied that it should be fixed next week. He also mentioned that approximately 1/4 mile from his house a hole has opened up on the right side of the road which could be dangerous for bikes.

PUBLIC HEARING - FY20 SEWER RATES FOR THE TOWN OF CLIFTON FORGE AND THE TOWN OF IRON GATE:

Public Hearing was held to consider, pursuant to Sections 15.2-107 and 15.2-2122 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and agreements between the parties, the possible adoption of sewer rates for the Town of Clifton Forge and the Town of Iron Gate as follows:

	<b><u>FY 2020 Rate</u></b>
Clifton Forge	\$4.39 / \$1,000 gals.
Iron Gate	\$13,545.96 per month

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 and Tuesday, May 28, 2019 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

Ms. Adcock stated that annually the Board is required to adopt sewer rates for Clifton Forge and Iron Gate. She commented that the rates are contractually stipulated and formula-driven. She mentioned that each year the amount is re-calculated and is based on actual sewer expense data.

Mr. Bennett asked if Clifton Forge and Iron Gate have been notified of the proposed rates. Mr. Lanford replied that they have been notified.

There being no one else who wished to speak, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed. He stated that action will be taken at the Board's June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENTS TO CH. 62 "WATER, SEWER, AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL" OF THE COUNTY CODE (WATER AND SEWER RATES):

Public Hearing was held to consider amendments to Chapter 62-Water, Sewer and Sewage Disposal of "The Code of the County of Alleghany, Virginia" in Section 62-71 - Rates to increase water and sewer rates effective July 1, 2019. The water rate, sewer rate, and sewer only rate would each increase \$1.00. The overage rate would increase by \$0.25 per 1,000 gallons. The deposit amounts would also increase for owners and tenants in Sec. 62-140.

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 and Tuesday, May 28, 2019 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

Ms. Adcock stated that external expenses related to the delivery of water and sewer services continue to increase (i.e., parts from water/sewer suppliers, etc.). She mentioned that one of the main drivers for the rate increase is purchase of services (specifically water from Clifton Forge and water and sewer from Covington). She commented that the County has maintained and even cut some other expenses from this budget, but had to increase amounts for the purchased services.

There being no one else who wished to speak, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed. He stated that action will be taken at the Board's June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING - TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2019:

Public Hearing was held to consider increasing the existing tax rate two cents from 71 cents per \$100 of assessed value to 73 cents per \$100 of assessed value on real property and mobile homes for the tax year 2019 and to reenact at the existing rate the levy of two dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$2.98) per \$100.00 of assessed value on tangible personal property (including machinery and tools segregated by Section 58.1-3507, Code of Virginia) located in the County on January 1, 2019 and the respective levies being also applicable to the real estate and tangible personal property of public service corporations.

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

Mr. Lanford stated that there is a summary sheet in the agenda packet showing tax rates back to 1994. He commented that the rates have fluctuated from \$0.68 to \$0.76. He mentioned that this is the first tax increase since 2016. He stated that the reassessment this year will only give the County around 6 tenths of one percent in revenue growth.

Ms. Adcock mentioned that her comments during this public hearing also have to do with the budget public hearing as both are tied together. She commented that revenue for FY20 is budgeted to be only 0.37% higher than last year and the reassessment netted the County \$80,000 in additional value from existing real estate (for perspective, the reassessment costs the County \$200,000). She stated that as far as expenditures:

- The part-time to full-time conversion was approved for the Commonwealth's Attorney Office as the General

- Assembly increased staffing due to body camera review work now required across the Commonwealth;
- New position requests for the Allegheny Highlands Regional Library and the Clerk of Circuit Court were not funded;
- Most of the departments were funded at the original FY19 level, with only a couple exceptions:
  - Moved the starting wage to \$11.00/hr. for County employees and adjusted salaries of those currently under this level to \$11.00/hr.
  - Radio project operational expenses - \$220,300
  - Radio project debt service - \$332,279
  - CAD software for Sheriff's Department - \$14,000
- Pay increases (partially offset by additional State revenues) for State-supported and Constitutional departments.

Ms. Vannorsdall mentioned that she reviewed the tax rate chart and over the 25 year period taxes have only gone up \$0.05 which is impressive. She thanked current and past staff for keeping a close eye on things.

Mr. Jeff Irvine, 1261 Commercial Avenue, asked how much \$0.02 brings in on the tax rate. Mr. Lanford replied that it brings in approximately \$200,000 in revenue.

There being no one else who wished to speak, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed. He stated that action will be taken at the Board's June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING - FY 2019-20 COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET:

Public Hearing was held to consider the proposed FY 2019-20 budget for the year beginning July 1, 2019.

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

The budget was advertised as follows:

The following budget synopsis was prepared and published for information and fiscal planning purposes only. The inclusion in the budget of items does not constitute an obligation or commitment to appropriate any funds for that item or purpose. The budget has been prepared on the basis of the estimates and requests submitted by the Officers and Department Heads of this County. There are no allocations of any County funds for any purpose until appropriation for that purpose has been made by the Board.

EXPENDITURES

General Operating	\$34,756,252
School Operating	26,770,596
School Textbook	519,620
AFR (Nurse) Grant	80,000
Governor's School	280,828
School Capital	947,891
Medicaid Reimbursement	400
New Tech Fund	400,141
VFD-United Fire/Rescue	178,500
Law Library	4,500
Special Law	48,500
Drug Asset Forfeiture - Sheriff	8,500
Courthouse Security	119,176
Drug Asset Forfeiture - Com. Atty.	5,000
Emergency Home Repair Program	6,300
Capital Improvement Program	2,759,358
Special Welfare	80,000
AHEDC	454,537
Water & Sewer Capital	1,092,854
Water & Sewer Operating	<u>5,224,254</u>
	<b>\$ 73,737,207</b>

REVENUES

General Operating:	
Local (67%)	\$23,289,696
State (29%)	10,044,839
Federal (4%)	1,421,717
School Operating	26,770,596
School Textbook	519,620
AFR (Nurse) Grant	80,000

Governor's School	280,828
School Capital	947,891
Medicaid Reimbursement	400
New Tech	400,141
VFD-United Fire/Rescue	178,500
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	\$ 73,737,207

Mr. Lanford stated that the Board is aware of the proposed reduction of \$110,000 by Covington for law enforcement services. He commented that earlier today they reached an agreement in principal to move forward with negotiations and to offset the reduction. He mentioned that approximately \$80,000 would be removed from the Sheriff's Office budget for vehicle replacement and the County would close the remaining approximate \$30,000 gap with a reduction in Operating Contingency (not from fund balance). He stated that negotiations with Covington would begin immediately on law enforcement funding, jail funding, and past due billings. He commented that the proposed budget would include a starting wage of \$11.00/hr. for new employees and moving existing employees up to this amount (action to be taken later in the meeting). He mentioned that increasing the starting wage would assist with retention and recruitment issues.

Ms. Adcock stated that, as she mentioned during the tax rate public hearing, just about all departments received level funding and with the lack of revenue there were not a lot of options.

Mr. Nicely asked if Covington is in agreement to talk and still not pay the law enforcement share. Mr. Lanford replied that Covington has agreed in principal to negotiate.

Mr. Nicely commented that there is a 1953 agreement between the County and Covington. He mentioned that the County is having to increase its taxes two cents. He stated that we could negotiate and they may not agree and in the meantime the Sheriff is short two vehicles. He commented that it is not fair to the taxpayers or the Sheriff. He mentioned that Covington has more jail population and the County pays the brunt of the cost when they need to pay their share.

Mr. Griffith asked if there is a deadline for negotiations. Mr. Lanford replied that the deadline could be the end of FY20 or the end of this calendar year (December). Mr. Griffith commented that the end of this calendar year would be better.

Mr. Shull stated that you would think that if Covington wanted to take away funding then they would have negotiated then and not now as this has been sprung on us.

Sheriff Kevin Hall commented that the Covington funding issue has consumed his time since he received a letter from them on May 24<sup>th</sup>. He stated that there have been threats of cutting funding from them for a while, but they never followed through. He mentioned that he was informed that this is a Sheriff/City issue, but he feels it is a County/City issue. He commented that he is sworn to serve and protect the County and City and is one of three Constitutional Officers voted on by all in the area. He stated that he will stand up for the people under his command and has served in law enforcement for 34 years (12 years with the County). He commented that after he received the letter from the City he went to the news media and Facebook to inform the people he represents about what is transpiring. He mentioned that the funding is needed and if they do not have the funding then they will have to reduce staffing as the State reimburses based upon population. He stated that Covington feels that since they have a Police Department that they should not have to fund us and are proposing to reduce costs approximately \$110,000 in FY20, only fund approximately \$110,000 in FY21, and fund \$0 in FY22.

Ms. Vannorsdall asked Sheriff Hall if he has appeared before Covington Council like he has come before the Board. Sheriff Hall replied that Covington never asked him to attend, but at the joint meeting at the library they were given the budget.

There was some discussion regarding past unpaid balances owed by Covington and those funds having to be covered by County reserves (over \$600,000); if Covington intends to hire more people to offset any potential loss of services (do not know); Covington plans to totally phase out funding to the Sheriff's Office for law enforcement over three years; etc.

Ms. Angela Deem, 104 Sherry May Street, stated that her husband is a deputy. She mentioned this is the first she has learned of Covington owing the County money. She commented that if an individual does not pay for their car or mortgage then there are circumstances. She asked why the County has not taken action before to rectify the situation. She mentioned that we all want a good negotiation and outcome with a deadline and attorney involved.

Mr. Bennett replied that the County has met with the City for years and they paid some of it; however cooperation is needed between the governments and we have been working on other big things.

Mr. Lanford mentioned that historically there has been poor communication and up until the last two or three years there was no communication on the budget. He commented that Covington is now included in joint service presentations. He stated that he will bring a negotiation structure for the Board to consider at its June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

There being no one else who wished to speak, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed. He stated that action will be taken at the Board's June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT):

No one spoke at this time.

REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. CRAIG LANE TO THE ALLEGHANY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD (JACKSON RIVER DISTRICT):

Mr. Bennett stated that an appointment needs to be made 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. He commented that two individuals expressed interest (Mr. R. Craig Lane and Mr. Richard A. Shull).

Mr. Shull stated that he spoke with Mr. Ed Stein, Commonwealth Attorney, since his son Richard A. Shull is one of the individuals up for the School Board appointment. He commented that Mr. Stein told him that there is no conflict of interest and he could vote or not vote.

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

WHEREAS, the term of the School Board member from the Jackson River District expires June 30, 2019 and a public hearing was advertised and resumes solicited; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 and a resume was received from Mr. R. Craig Lane and Mr. Richard A. Shull;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that Mr. R. Craig Lane, 165 Sugar Tree Lane, Covington, VA 24426 be reappointed to the Alleghany County School Board as the member from the Jackson River District for a term of four years beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2023.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

Mr. Bennett thanked everyone for applying. He commented that he appreciates having a young person interested in

the appointment. He mentioned that Mr. Lane has experience on the School Board and is doing a good job.

Mr. Richard A. Shull commented that it says a lot about Mr. Lane with his experience and having employees of the school system present to support him.

APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CLASSIFICATION PAY PLAN:

Mr. Lanford stated that, as was discussed during the budget public hearing, the starting salary would be adjusted to \$11.00/hr. to assist with recruitment and retention of employees.

Mrs. Cox commented that the increase is very much needed even though starting out at \$11.00/hr. would still be hard on a single person. She mentioned that she knows the County has lost several employees to the City as they have a higher pay plan.

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Garten, that the revisions to the County Classification Pay Plan be adopted as follows to become effective July 1, 2019:

**COUNTY CLASSIFICATION PAY PLAN  
TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019**

<b>Pay Group A - Supervisory</b>		
<b>Minimum Starting Salary \$13.00</b>		
<b>Maximum Starting Salary \$21.50</b>		
1	Public Works Coordinator	Exempt
1	Recreation Supervisor	Exempt
<b>Minimum Starting Salary \$13.25</b>		
<b>Maximum Starting Salary \$22.25</b>		
2	County Planner	Exempt
2	Special Projects Coordinator	Exempt
2	Transfer Station Superintendent	Exempt
2	Code Compliance Officer/Maintenance Coordinator	Exempt
<b>Minimum Starting Salary \$14.50</b>		
<b>Maximum Starting Salary \$23.50</b>		
3	Director of Public Safety	Exempt
<b>Minimum Starting Salary \$16.50</b>		
<b>Maximum Starting Salary \$29.50</b>		
4	County Engineer	Exempt
4	Director of Parks and Recreation	Exempt
4	Public Works Superintendent	Exempt
4	Accountant	Exempt
<b>Minimum Starting Salary \$22.00</b>		
<b>Maximum Starting Salary \$47.00</b>		
5	Director of Finance	Exempt
5	Assistant County Administrator	Exempt
5	Director of Public Works	Exempt

<b>Pay Group B - Administrative Clerical</b>		
<b>Minimum Starting Salary \$11.00</b>		
<b>Maximum Starting Salary \$12.50</b>		
1	PT Temporary Office Assistant	Non-Exempt
1	Assistant Registrar	Non-Exempt
<b>Minimum Starting Salary \$11.00</b>		
<b>Maximum Starting Salary \$12.80</b>		
2	Office Assistant	Non-Exempt
<b>Minimum Starting Salary \$11.00</b>		
<b>Maximum Starting Salary \$15.00</b>		
3	PT Grant Writer	Non-Exempt
3	Human Resources Technician	Non-Exempt
3	Secretary II	Non-Exempt
3	Purchasing Clerk	Non-Exempt
3	Accounts Payable Clerk	Non-Exempt
3	Utility Billing Clerk	Non-Exempt
3	Administrative Secretary	Non-Exempt

<b>Pay Group B - Administrative Clerical</b>		
<b>Minimum Starting Salary \$11.00</b> <b>Maximum Starting Salary \$15.20</b>		
4	Recreation Assistant Supervisor	Non-Exempt
4	Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk to the Board	Non-Exempt

<b>Pay Group C - Maintenance/Technical</b>		
<b>Minimum Starting Salary \$11.00</b> <b>Maximum Starting Salary \$12.00</b>		
1	PT Maintenance Custodian	Non-Exempt
1	PT Maintenance Assistant	Non-Exempt
1	PT Transfer Station Laborer	Non-Exempt
1	PT or Temporary Laborer	Non-Exempt
1	PT Sanitation Worker I	Non-Exempt
1	PT Van Driver	Non-Exempt
<b>Minimum Starting Salary \$11.00</b> <b>Maximum Starting Salary \$13.50</b>		
2	Sanitation Worker I	Non-Exempt
2	Laborer	Non-Exempt
2	Maintenance Assistant	Non-Exempt
2	Sanitation Worker II	Non-Exempt
2	Maintenance Custodian	Non-Exempt
2	Parks and Recreation Maintenance Technician	Non-Exempt
<b>Minimum Starting Salary \$11.00</b> <b>Maximum Starting Salary \$13.75</b>		
3	Transfer Station Operator I	Non-Exempt
3	Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator I	Non-Exempt
3	Maintenance Technician I	Non-Exempt
3	Equipment Operator I	Non-Exempt
3	Utility Maintenance Technician I	Non-Exempt
<b>Minimum Starting Salary \$11.00</b> <b>Maximum Starting Salary \$14.00</b>		
4	Sanitation Truck Driver	Non-Exempt
4	Transfer Station Operator II	Non-Exempt
4	Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator II	Non-Exempt
4	Maintenance Technician II	Non-Exempt
4	Equipment Operator II	Non-Exempt
4	Utility Maintenance Technician II	Non-Exempt
<b>Minimum Starting Salary \$11.00</b> <b>Maximum Starting Salary \$15.20</b>		
5	Animal Warden	Non-Exempt
5	Mechanic I	Non-Exempt
5	Building Inspector/Maintenance Worker	Non-Exempt
5	Utilities Construction Supervisor	Non-Exempt
5	Utility Maintenance Technician III	Non-Exempt
5	Meter Reader/Maintenance Technician	Non-Exempt
5	Mechanic II	Non-Exempt
5	PT Code Compliance Officer	Non-Exempt
5	Temporary Project Inspector	Non-Exempt
5	Facility Maintenance Supervisor	Non-Exempt
5	Parks and Maintenance Supervisor	Non-Exempt
<b>Minimum Starting Salary \$17.50</b> <b>Maximum Starting Salary \$21.50</b>		
6	Chief Operator (Wastewater Treatment Plant)	Non-Exempt

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 CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE (LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA GRANT):

Ms. Adcock stated that the Circuit Court Clerk's Office annually applies for funding from the Library of Virginia for preservation of records. She commented that a supplemental appropriation is needed for the reimbursement of expenditures made.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors budget and approve the following supplemental appropriation for the Circuit Court Clerk's Office for FY18-19 due to the award of a grant from the Library of Virginia:

<u>Revenue Account</u>	
Circuit Court Grants (1100-4230825)	\$13,033.00
<u>Expenditure Account</u>	
Circuit Court Grants Awarded (210611-54025)	\$13,033.00

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 TO COVER VOLUNTEER FIRE/EMS MEMBERS FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION:

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

*In February of this year, the County issued a RFP for the provision of vehicle and accident/health insurance on behalf of the United Fire and Rescue Association since the term with the current provider (Chesterfield Insurers) expires on June 30, 2019. As a result of the RFP, the County and the Association elected to award the upcoming term to Volunteer Fireman's Insurance Service, Inc. (VFIS), represented locally by J. Mark Bowery Insurance, Inc. This was due to a cost savings and the inclusion of coverage through the Workers' Compensation Act provided through a partnership between VFIS and VACORP. However, pursuant to the Code of Virginia 65.2-101, the Workers' Compensation Act does not automatically provide coverage for volunteer members of fire and rescue departments serving public entities. If coverage is desired for these volunteers, a resolution defining them as employees for the purposes of workers' compensation coverage only must be adopted by the governing body.*

*County staff is requesting that the Board approve the attached resolution to allow the County's volunteer fire and EMS personnel to have coverage through the Workers' Compensation Act. VACORP has provided guidance with this issue and other localities have approved similar resolutions for their volunteers. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.*

Mr. Griffith asked if the attorney's have reviewed the resolution. Mr. Guynn replied that they are fine as long as VACORP was comfortable with it.

Mr. Bennett asked if the compensation is based upon the individual's salary from where they currently work as these are volunteers. Mr. Muterspaugh replied that they would coordinate with the individual's employer, it would not count against the County, and benefits would be through VFIS.

Mr. Bennett mentioned that the individual from Eagle Rock that was hurt is unable to go back to work and having this would have helped him.

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

WHEREAS, the Workers' Compensation Act does not automatically provide coverage for volunteer members of fire and rescue departments serving public entities; and

WHEREAS, if coverage is desired for these volunteers, a resolution defining them as employees for the purpose of

workers' compensation coverage must be adopted by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors does hereby desire to designate the volunteer members of the fire and rescue departments of Alleghany County as employees in order to provide for workers' compensation coverage for said volunteers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors hereby designates the volunteer members of the fire departments and rescue squads of Alleghany County as employees for the purposes of the Workers' Compensation Act of the Commonwealth of Virginia and are entitled to coverage provided under said Act.

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

REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. JONATHAN LANFORD TO THE COURT-COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS REGIONAL COMMUNITY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOARD:

Mr. Bennett stated that the term of Mr. Jonathan Lanford (County Administrator) on the Court-Community Corrections Regional Community Criminal Justice Board expires June 30, 2019. Terms are for three years and Mr. Lanford is eligible for reappointment.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that Mr. Jonathan A. Lanford, County Administrator be reappointed to the Court-Community Corrections Regional Community Criminal Justice Board for a term of three years beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022.

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

APPOINTMENT OF MS. CLARA MOSELEY TO THE ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS REGIONAL LIBRARY:

Mr. Bennett stated that the term of Ms. Debbie Henderson on the Alleghany Highlands Regional Library Board expires June 30, 2019. Terms are for four years and Ms. Henderson is not eligible for reappointment. The appointment can be from any district. He mentioned that there is a letter of interest in the agenda packet from Ms. Clara Moseley.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that Ms. Clara Moseley (Covington District), 200 Sherry May Street, Covington, VA 24426 be appointed to the Alleghany Highlands Regional Library Board for a term of four years beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2023.

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

REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. KATHY NICELY AND MR. JOHN STONE TO THE RECREATION BOARD:

Mr. Bennett stated that the term of Ms. Kathy Nicely (Sharon District) and Mr. John Stone (Boiling Springs District) on the Recreation Board expires June 30, 2019. Terms are for three years and both are eligible for reappointment. He mentioned that he understands both want to be reappointed.

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mrs. Cox, 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, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022:

Kathy Nicely (Sharon District), 508 Railroad Avenue (P.O. Box 328), Iron Gate  
John Stone (Boiling Spring District), 4200 Pitzer Ridge Road, Covington

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

APPOINTMENT OF MR. THOMAS "TY" DOBBS, II TO THE RECREATION BOARD:

Mr. Bennett stated that Mr. Thomas "Ty" Dobbs, II (Jackson River District) is interested in being appointed to the Recreation Board for a term of three years to replace Mr. James Smith whose term expires June 30, 2019.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that Mr. Thomas "Ty" Dobbs, II, (Jackson River District), 2304 Sulfur Spring Road, Clifton Forge, VA 24422 be appointed to the Recreation Board for a term of three years beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022.

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

REAPPOINTMENT OF MRS. SHANNON COX AND APPOINTMENT OF MS. JOAN VANNORSDALL TO THE ROANOKE VALLEY-ALLEGHANY REGIONAL COMMISSION:

Mr. Bennett stated that the term of Mrs. Shannon Cox (Elected Representative) and Mr. Richard Shull (Elected Representative) on the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission expires June 30, 2019. Terms are for three years and both are eligible for reappointment.

Mrs. Cox commented that she would like to be reappointed.

Mr. Shull mentioned that he is not interested in being reappointed.

Ms. Vannorsdall volunteered to serve on the RV-ARC.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that Ms. Shannon Cox (Elected Representative) be reappointed to the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission for a term of three years beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board that Ms. Joan Vannorsdall (Elected Representative) be appointed to the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission for a term of three years beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022.

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 gave an update on the following item:

Housing Study

The housing study has been completed and they have identified a need on a number of different levels as there is a potential opportunity for multi-family homes, single-family homes, detached homes, senior living facilities, etc. There is a demand for up to 207 units. This need will be discussed with VHDA on the next step and the report will be released to developers.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (INQUIRIES/REPORTS):

Miscellaneous

Mr. Griffith stated that he hopes a deal can be worked out with Covington. He mentioned that there are more important and positive things that could be worked on. He thanked Sheriff Hall for his patience and Ms. Adcock and Mr. Lanford for their work on the budget.

Mr. Shull congratulated Mr. Lane for his reappointment to the School Board and commented that he knows he will do a good job. He stated that he hopes things can be worked out with Covington. He mentioned that Mr. Lanford is great to work with.

Mr. Garten thanked Clifton Forge Council representatives and school system employees for being in attendance tonight. He thanked Mr. Richard A. Shull for applying for the School Board appointment and Sheriff Hall.

Mrs. Cox thanked the candidates for the School Board appointment. She commented that Mr. Lane had support of the school system employees and has knowledge. She mentioned that Mr. Richard A. Shull was a wonderful candidate and the Board will have to find something else to appoint him to. She stated that she was afraid to get too vocal with the law enforcement issue as she is passionate about it. She commented that with Sheriff Hall and Mr. Lanford in leadership the area could not hope for more. She mentioned that she is going to think positive and hope Covington is willing to negotiate. She stated that she is happy about the Workers' Compensation coverage for volunteer fire and rescue members.

Ms. Vannorsdall commented that there was obvious support tonight for lower wage employees and for Workers' Compensation coverage for volunteers. She stated that she is happy that there is an emphasis on negotiations with Covington on fairness for public safety. She mentioned that Heritage Day was held this past weekend. She commented that it is good to see representatives from Clifton Forge, the school system, and others present tonight.

Mr. Bennett stated that he has worked with Mr. Lanford on the housing study. He commented that some school systems are upset with new growth and have to build schools. He mentioned that the County has capacity for water, sewer, and schools and can support growth. He thanked Sheriff Hall and mentioned that the negotiations will be a test in cooperation.

CLOSED MEETING:

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Garten, that the Board go into a Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) and (8) for the purpose of: (1) consultation with legal counsel on appointment to the School Board. Unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Garten, 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/Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
/s/M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
/s/Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
/s/Shannon P. Cox	Yes
/s/G. Matt Garten	Yes
/s/James M. Griffith	Yes
/s/Richard L. Shull	Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Ms. Vannorsdall, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m. to Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Governmental Complex. Motion carried.

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Stephen A. Bennett  
Chairman