

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Alleghany County, Virginia held on Tuesday, August 6, 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. Mrs. Cox gave the invocation and the audience remained standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

Hearing no corrections or deletions, the Chairman declared the following minutes approved as submitted: (1) a regular meeting held on July 2, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT):

Ms. Pamela Marshall, Clifton Forge Vice-Mayor, read the following prepared statement which is a part of the records of this meeting:

*Chair, Vice-Chair, Administrator, Supervisors. I am here to invite you all to what I hope to be the Town of Clifton Forge's Inaugural Hometown Hero Celebration, where we honor those in and from Clifton Forge that have started small and gone on to become successful in whatever their chosen career. Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00, the Town of Clifton Forge will be honoring Hometown Hero Trudi Lacey on the Town Hall steps. The celebration will be moved inside in the event of inclement weather.*

*Trudi was born and raised in Clifton Forge. She went through the Clifton Forge school system (Elementary West, East, and Clifton Forge High School) graduating on a full-ride basketball scholarship to NC State in 1977. She excelled in college and went on to be named to the USA Basketball Team in Taiwan; represent the USA in the World University games in Romania; served as head coach and general manager at Queens University of Charlotte and the Washington Mystics. In 2012, she founded her own company focusing on leadership development. She is currently serving as Athletic Director for Johnson & Wales University. They have won two National Championships under her guidance. In addition to her many accomplishments and awards, she is also a certified leadership coach, speaker, and author.*

*Every time she is interviewed, she is sure to say that she is a native of Clifton Forge. And, the Town is very proud of her and will honor her by proclaiming August 10<sup>th</sup> Trudy Lacey Day in the Town of Clifton Forge and presenting her with a key to the Town. Refreshments will follow at the Clifton Forge Public Library.*

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

- Rt. 220 north patching has started between the City Limits and Intervale. The pipe that has settled is going to be replaced.
- Rt. 616 sinkhole repair is complete.
- Patched Smokey Bear Lane in preparation for plant mix resurfacing.
- Performing County-wide brush cutting and tree removal.
- Will continue to patch County-wide.
- Pipe replacement on Rt. 616 near quarry will be scheduled soon. Will have public notification in advance.
- Advertisement for snow removal contractors is out for bid.

Construction

- Stone Mountain Road, rural rustic project, has been completed.

Ms. Hammond introduced Mr. Alvin Trout, Assistant Resident Engineer/Land Use Engineer, who will be attending Board meetings at times on her behalf.

Mr. Garten commented regarding the issues on the highwall on Rt. 220 near Honda Nissan. He stated that near where the road was patched on Rt. 220 that the Dominion contractors were cutting trees around their lines and left debris that could wash down into the road.

Ms. Vannorsdall commented that Mr. Jeff Irvine mentioned that there is a ditch that needs cleaned out near 809 Chestnut Street (past Oak Hill Bible Church).

Mr. Nicely stated that there is a tree in Longdale near the stacks that looks like it is going to fall.

Mr. Bennett commented that a lot of stone is coming out of the quarry and the trucks hauling the stone are cutting out the edges of the road. He also mentioned that the road on Hays Gap about half-way down has sunk.

Mrs. Cox stated that trees were removed in the Crows area, but there are still more that may come down, but they might not be in the VDOT right-of-way (between Alleghany United Methodist Church and the West Virginia line). She commented that the chevron signs on Mill Ridge are awesome and mentioned that temporary rumble strips were put down by the workers and it does work in slowing down traffic.

MRS. INGRID BARBER, ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - DISCUSS AND APPROVE FY19 PERFORMANCE CONTRACT WITH THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES:

Mrs. Ingrid Barber, AHCS Executive Director, handed out to the Board two charts showing Psychiatry Visit information for the jail and FY 2018 Moral Reconciliation Therapy Groups in the jail which are a part of the records of this meeting. She stated that the Board has a copy of Exhibit A from the performance contract in its agenda packet. She read the following prepared statement:

*Chairman Bennett, Mr. Lanford, and other members of the Board of Supervisors, I am Ingrid Barber, Executive Director of the Alleghany Highlands CSB and my purpose tonight is to present and seek approval of our 2019/2020 performance contract for Alleghany Highlands Community Services under the Code of Virginia. But before I begin, I want to thank you for the local funding and support for the CSB and the jail psychiatric and therapy services program. I would like to provide an update on the psychiatric contacts and therapy sessions within the jail. From July 2018 through June 2019, 43 males and 25 females were served in the therapy program and in 2018 a total of 254 jail clients had psychiatry visits in the jail.*

*Some of the new initiatives that we plan to work on in the jail include looking at instituting medication assisted treatment also in the jail with grant and State funding, and also a group of local stakeholders are meeting on August 21, 2019 to discuss a local drug court. Some of the changes to the performance contract this year include requirements regarding protocol for starting new programming and closing current programs, SPQM (service process quality management), where language was added to ensure that all CSB's will use and work with the Department on data elements necessary to measure efficacy and productivity, and finally new language was added regarding the employment of a CSB Executive Director. The Human Resources office of the Department will be involved in the employment process of executive directors.*

*Please turn your attention to the handout Exhibit A and we will entertain any questions that you may have..*

Mrs. Barber then reviewed Exhibit A - Resources and Services.

Mr. Nicely asked if they carry forward funds. Mrs. Barber replied that they do to help take care of their facilities or emergencies that occur (vehicles, repairs to buildings, etc.).

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors approve the performance contract between the Alleghany Highlands Community Services Board and the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for FY 20.

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 LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE ALLEGHANY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE

SUNNYMEADE PROPERTY:

Mr. Lanford stated that there is a draft lease agreement in the agenda packet with the Alleghany County School Board. He commented that it would replace the existing lease which has expired for the bus garage in Sunnymeade. The lease is for 25 years.

Mr. Garten asked if item #5 regarding the fuel tank indemnifies the County. Mr. Bennett replied that it states that the School Board is responsible for upkeep and maintenance of the tanks as well as complying with all environmental laws and regulations which should cover the County.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors approve the lease agreement for the Sunnymeade property between the County and the Alleghany County School Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorize Mr. Stephen A. Bennett, Chairman, to sign the abovementioned lease agreement 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

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:

Joint Revenue Sharing

Work is ongoing. RVARC staff is assisting the City of Covington and Alleghany County with detailed mapping, which will define areas subject to joint investment/revenue sharing. Mapping will be part of an ordinance adopted by both governing bodies.

Housing Study

Bath County is currently pursuing a Housing Study, similar to ours. I spoke with Ashton Harrison yesterday and discussed hosting a regional summit to include Bath and the Alleghany Highlands. He is interested in pursuing this as a next step. In addition, we continue to meet and share our report with potential developers.

Regional Drug Court

I would like to thank Commonwealth Attorney Ann Gardner for her efforts coordinating a meeting to discuss creating a regional Drug Court. Representatives from Rockbridge, Alleghany, Botetourt, Buena Vista, and Covington will meet in this room on August 21<sup>st</sup> with staff from the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Floyd County/Bland County Resolution

Please see information at your seat (resolution opposing the I-81 fuel tax). Would the Board like for us to add a similar resolution to your September meeting for consideration?

The Board agreed by consensus to have the resolution on the September agenda for consideration.

Virginia Tech/Carillion Meeting

Please see email at your seat. I am planning to attend and would ask you to consider attending as well. If at least three of you are interested, we will adjourn your regular September meeting to this Regional Meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (INQUIRIES/REPORTS):

Miscellaneous

The Board thanked everyone for coming, representatives in attendance from Clifton Forge and Iron Gate, and former Board member Mr. Dave Price who is also in attendance.

Mr. Garten added for all to keep an eye out for the kids and school buses as school is starting back this week.

Mrs. Cox asked everyone to remember the State's that had tragedies this week.

Ms. Vannorsdall commented that she likes seeing the area partnering with others as the County Administrator's report mentions a number of regional efforts.

Mr. Bennett commented that Mr. Griffith has placed a piece of information at each seat for Board members to read.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Shull, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

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Stephen A. Bennett  
Chairman