

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Alleghany County, Virginia held on Tuesday, December 3, 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

and Jonathan A. Lanford, County Administrator  
Chad Williams, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Ryan Muterspaugh, Director of Public Safety  
Jim Guynn, County Attorney  
Melissa A. Munsey, Deputy Clerk to the Board

ABSENT: M. Joan Vannorsdall

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chairman called the regular meeting to order. Due to the large number of individuals in attendance, the meeting was then moved to Gleason Forum Hall at Clifton Middle School. Once at Clifton Middle School, the Chairman called the meeting back to order.

Rev. Bill Hartsfield gave the invocation and the audience remained standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bennett asked for the Board's consensus to alter the agenda by moving Item 10A under New Business (discuss request for position on the second amendment) to the beginning of the agenda. The Board agreed by consensus.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE RESOLUTION ON A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY:

Mr. Bennett stated that Mr. Jonathon Aldridge has requested to be on the agenda to speak on the Second Amendment Sanctuary County topic.

Mr. Jonathon Aldridge, 305 Commerce Avenue, read the following prepared statement which is a part of the records of this meeting:

*My name is Jonathan Aldridge and I am a citizen of the Alleghany Highlands.*

*I'm also a Public Servant, both as a Volunteer and in a paid capacity, I'm a Firefighter-EMT and have been a Reserve Deputy Sheriff in Shenandoah County, as well as the Crisis Intervention Team Coordinator for the Alleghany Highlands, teaching law enforcement officers how to interact with people in crisis. I've also taken 227 hours of formal firearms training to date, 55 of which were becoming a firearms instructor so I could teach people the safe and effective use of firearms. I mention these positions I've served in so that you can understand the place that I speak from. Having seen the best of people and people on their worst day (Rescue Task Force).*

*I want to further mention my time as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff because in undertaking those duties I swore an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States, this is an oath I take very seriously even after having left that role.*

*We are absolutely a nation of laws and the Constitution is the supreme law of the land, but the proposed legislation from Richmond completely flies in the face of both our US Constitution and our State Constitution. These laws would be in direct violation of Article 6, Paragraph 2 of the US Constitution, known as the Supremacy Clause, which deals with the abilities of the states to create laws within their borders, it however also indicates that state laws cannot supercede things under the purview of the national government, that it cannot supercede the Constitution. That being said, the proposed legislation is a violation of the Bill of Rights, Amendment 2, The Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms. The Constitution has preemption over any and all other legislation, which would make these proposed laws Unconstitutional.*

*The passage of these laws does nothing but turn citizens of the Commonwealth, citizens of our community, into felons overnight. People who are honest, hardworking, and prior to the passing of these Unconstitutional laws who are amongst the most law abiding in our communities. These proposed laws may even turn some of you Board members into felons if the laws pass. All based on the types of firearms a person owns.*

*The enforcement of these laws would only further endanger our communities, more specifically the citizens, the people that make up our communities. It would put our law enforcement officers, the people we've entrusted the security of our communities to, at undue risk. Because the expectation from Richmond would be that they go out and enforce these laws against people who before the stroke of a pen were not criminals. (People who are not apt to give up their personal property.)*

*The options for people after the passage of these laws would be to turn over their personally owned property to the State, or become a criminal.*

*As elected representatives, you too swore an oath to uphold the Constitution. I come to you as a citizen of*

*the Alleghany Highlands asking that you do just that, uphold the Constitution by passing the sample resolution that was presented to you in tonight's packet.*

*In doing so, as a community, we will send Richmond a clear message that our rights cannot just be swept under the rug and be forgotten about at the whim of someone who will not fulfill their duty to uphold the Constitution.*

*Thank you for your time tonight. For my last few moments I'd like to turn the podium over to Mr. Corey Clark.*

Mr. Corey Clark, 1229 Ingalls Street, read the following prepared statement which is a part of the records of this meeting:

*Introduction:*

*Hello, my name is Corey Clark and I am 33 years old. I am a former United States Marine with multiple deployments to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. I have been a lifelong resident of the Alleghany Highlands for the past 33 years minus my time serving this great nation. I also have a business in this County and have done so for the past 7 years.*

*We all know what we are here for and here is a bit of a history lesson combined with my personal views of what is happening.*

*My Thoughts:*

*Before you take part in any military branch in the United States you take an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States from enemies, foreign & domestic.*

*I signed up for the United States Marine Corps at the age of 17 outside of the cafeteria of Alleghany High School. According to Governor Northam's proposed legislation, it would be illegal for me to train for duty at this age.*

*I went on 3 different deployments at my early age and saw brothers blown to pieces, car bombs, improvised explosive devices (IED's). I live every day with these mental tattoos daily.*

*Gun Confiscation History:*

*Adolf Hitler confiscated firearms from the citizens of Germany in the late 1930's. Following gun confiscation, there was no power to be held by the citizens. The Holocaust then followed shortly after in 1941 to 1948.*

*If you are unfamiliar of the Holocaust, the Nazi controlled government murdered the Jewish European population by pogroms, mass shootings, death by hard labor, concentration camps, and gas chambers.*

*In Hitler's advances through Europe for world control, he by-passed Switzerland. Why you ask. The German Nazi Regime knew that all Switzerland civilians were armed.*

*Current Terror Attacks for the United States & Europe:*

*United States - From the Oklahoma City Bombing until now, I have calculated roughly 42 terror attacks on our home soil.*

*Europe - Year 2013-now has a total of 66 terror attacks.*

*For time allotted, I did not write down each and every one, but you can feel free to look it up on the Internet.*

*Mass Shooting:*

*We do have a mass shooting problem in the United States. All mass shootings are happening at "NO GUN ZONES" - county administration buildings, schools, churches, now shopping malls and entertainment venues.*

*This proposed legislation coming out of Richmond is taking away my right to defend my family, myself, and your family. I am a legal concealed weapon permit holder and highly trained to defend in any situation. So, when you take that away, you take away the safety of others in your homes and in public. Because wherever I go, my weapon goes. Would you rather have someone prepared and able to handle the situation or to be helpless. There are many of you that I pass in town and have a firearm on my side to protect your family first and me second - that is how I was trained.*

*For the legislation that is being proposed and someone standing behind it, you may as well take a trip to Arlington National Cemetery and spit on every grave. Because, what is being proposed is a disgrace to the American Flag, our American Hero's, and our American Values.*

*In short, I ask you, the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors, to make Alleghany County, VA a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Sanctuary for the ones that fought and died for the flag to defend the Constitution of the United States.*

Mr. Bennett thanked everyone for speaking from the heart. He commented that the County received various resolutions from all over the State and received a resolution after the agenda went out that was passed by Botetourt County on November 26<sup>th</sup> which the Board feels confident with. He mentioned that a copy of that resolution was also given to Mr. Aldridge. He asked Mr. Lanford to read the Botetourt resolution which he did.

Mr. Bennett stated that he also received an email from Sheriff Hall which he read and is a part of the records of this meeting. The email is as follows:

*Mr. Bennett,*

*I'm writing this email about support for the second amendment resolution on the agenda tonight. I have a previous commitment or I would be in attendance. I was asked prior to the election to be a mentor at the new sheriff's school in Richmond. I hope you will inform the other Board members and public of my support for this resolution being a lifelong gun owner and sportsman.*

*Thanks, Sheriff Kevin W. Hall.*

Mr. Nicely stated that we would not be here tonight if there had been a turnout at the November election. He commented that we all need to exercise our right to vote. He mentioned that the Democratic majority has taken over and they are coming after guns. He urged all to attend a hearing on January 20<sup>th</sup> in Richmond and to speak to or call their legislators.

Mrs. Cox stated that she appreciates all who came to the meeting tonight. She commented that we need people to express their opinion and to vote. She mentioned that you hear that one vote does not count, but it does.

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

**A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE  
UNITED STATES AND VIRGINIA AND DECLARING  
ALLEGHANY COUNTY A SECOND AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Supervisors of Alleghany County have taken an oath to defend and uphold the constitutions of the United States and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution reads: "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed;" and

WHEREAS, Article I, § 13 of the Virginia Constitution reads: "That a well regulated militia, composed of the body of the people, trained to arms, is the proper, natural, and safe defense of a free state, therefore, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed;" and

WHEREAS, the Board has no legislative, regulatory, or enforcement authority related to "the purchase, possession, transfer, ownership, carrying, storage or transporting of firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof," as provided by Section 15.2-915 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and has no authority over the independent execution of the duties of the constitutional officers involved in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Board is concerned that introduced legislation for the 2020 Virginia General Assembly, if passed, could infringe upon rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, § 13 of the Virginia Constitution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Alleghany County declares Alleghany County a Second Amendment Sanctuary County and fully affirms its support of the rights ensured and protected by the constitutions of the United States and Virginia, including the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board urges the Virginia General Assembly, the United States Congress, and other agencies of State and Federal government to vigilantly preserve and protect those rights by rejecting any provision, law, or regulation that may infringe, have the tendency to infringe, or place any additional burdens on the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board directs its staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the County's elected representatives in the Virginia General Assembly and the United States Congress and to the Governor 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	Absent
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

RECESS:

The Board held a brief recess at this time. The Chairman then called the meeting back to order. He commented that a Closed Meeting is being added to the end of the agenda to discuss a personnel matter.

MINUTES:

Hearing no corrections or deletions, the Chairman declared the following minutes approved as submitted: (1) a regular meeting held on November 6, 2019.

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES FOR 2019 AND APPROVE RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION:

Mr. Bennett asked Mr. Lanford to read the list of retirees.

Mr. Lanford stated that the following individuals retired from the County in 2019.

- Vickie Kerns, Social Services - 6 years, 10 months
- Susan Lewis, Commissioner of the Revenue Office - 12 years, 9 months
- Deborah Rogers, Commonwealth Attorney Office - 13 years
- Wanda Simpson, Treasurer's Office - 14 years, 2 months
- Stanley Bush, Jr., Sheriff's Office - 18 years, 3 months
- Robin Hall, Sheriff's Office - 24 years, 2 months
- Jimmy Powell, Jr., Public Works - 30 years, 4 months
- Alicia Carter, Sheriff's Office - 35 years, 1 month

Mr. Bennett thanked the retirees for their service and mentioned that there are draft resolutions of appreciation in the agenda packet which he asked the Board to approve.

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Vickie Kerns retired from Social Services on January 31, 2019 after providing 6 years, 10 months of service to the citizens of Alleghany County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kerns has faithfully served the County in the capacity of Family Services Specialist II;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors recognizes Ms. Vickie Kerns for her invaluable contribution to the citizens of Alleghany County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board extends its appreciation to Ms. Kerns for her service to the County, congratulations upon her retirement, and best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

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	Absent
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Susan Lewis retired from the Commissioner of the Revenue Office on October 31, 2019 after providing 12 years, 9 months of service to the citizens of Alleghany County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lewis has faithfully served the County in the capacity of Deputy I;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors recognizes Mrs. Susan Lewis for her invaluable contribution to the citizens of Alleghany County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board extends its appreciation to Mrs. Lewis for her service to the County,

congratulations upon her retirement, and best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

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	Absent
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Deborah Rogers retired from the Commonwealth Attorney Office on November 30, 2019 after providing 13 years of service to the citizens of Alleghany County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rogers has faithfully served the County in the capacity of Office Assistant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors recognizes Ms. Deborah Rogers for her invaluable contribution to the citizens of Alleghany County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board extends its appreciation to Ms. Rogers for her service to the County, congratulations upon her retirement, and best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

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	Absent
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wanda Simpson retired from the Treasurer's Office on June 30, 2019 after providing 14 years, 2 months of service to the citizens of Alleghany County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Simpson has faithfully served the County in the capacity of Treasurer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors recognizes Mrs. Wanda Simpson for her invaluable contribution to the citizens of Alleghany County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board extends its appreciation to Mrs. Simpson for her service to the County, congratulations upon her retirement, and best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

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	Absent
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Stanley Bush, Jr. retired from the Sheriff's Office on January 31, 2019 after providing 18 years, 3 months of service to the citizens of Alleghany County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bush has faithfully served the County in the capacity of Deputy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors recognizes Mr. Stanley Bush, Jr. for his invaluable contribution to the citizens of Alleghany County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board extends its appreciation to Mr. Bush for his service to the County, congratulations upon his retirement, and best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

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	Absent
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Robin Hall retired from the Sheriff's Office on February 28, 2019 after providing 24 years, 2 months of service to the citizens of Alleghany County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hall has faithfully served the County in the capacity of Dispatcher/E911 Coordinator;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors recognizes Ms. Robin Hall for her invaluable contribution to the citizens of Alleghany County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board extends its appreciation to Ms. Hall for her service to the County, congratulations upon her retirement, and best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

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	Absent
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Jimmy Powell, Jr. retired from the Public Works Department on November 30, 2019 after providing 30 years, 4 months of service to the citizens of Alleghany County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powell has faithfully served the County in the capacity of Utility Construction Supervisor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors recognizes Mr. Jimmy Powell, Jr. for his invaluable contribution to the citizens of Alleghany County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board extends its appreciation to Mr. Powell for his service to the County, congratulations upon his retirement, and best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

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	Absent
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Alicia Carter retired from the Sheriff's Office on February 28, 2019 after providing 35 years, 1 month of service to the citizens of Alleghany County; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carter has faithfully served the County in the capacity of Clerical;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors recognizes Ms. Alicia Carter for her invaluable contribution to the citizens of Alleghany County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board extends its appreciation to Ms. Alicia Carter for her service to the County, congratulations upon her retirement, and best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

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	Absent
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT):

No one spoke at this time.

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

- *Placed plant-mix patches on Rt. 220 between Covington City limits and the falls. Also past Falls Hollow on the low shoulders.*
- *Repairing shoulders in Rich Patch. This is still underway. Also, patched two pipe crossings.*
- *Patched Rt. 311 at pipe crossing between Snake Run and Cove Creek.*
- *Patched pipe repair on Rt. 159 near Derrick Barr's.*
- *Clearing trees and debris County-wide from damaging winds.*
- *Paving complete on Smokey Bear Lane and Rt. 18.*
- *I-64 fall brush cut nearly complete. Contractors are on western side of Covington.*

Construction

- *Karnes Creek bridge replacement project awarded November 14<sup>th</sup>. Preconstruction will be next week and will determine mobilization plan.*

Mr. Garten commented about the great job done on Smokey Bear Lane and the patches on Rt. 220. He mentioned that the high wall on Rt. 220 past Honda is starting to have more slides due to the change in weather. He added that there are problems with speeding on Indian Draft Road/W. Morris Hill Road that may need to be looked into (study, etc.).

Mrs. Cox stated that both sides of the tunnels are flooding in heavy rains. She mentioned that paving was done on Rt. 18 and the reflectors were taken down. She asked if they would be put back up. Ms. Hammond replied that they would be put back up. Mrs. Cox commented that she noticed in the Paint Bank area that there are a number of reflectors over banks, etc.

Mr. Bennett stated that shoulders were being built up on Rt. 616, but they quit work before Thanksgiving. He asked if they would be coming back to finish. Ms. Hammond replied that they would be coming back.

APPROVE DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH HURT &

PROFFITT FOR PHASE 5 OF THE JACKSON RIVER SCENIC TRAIL PROJECT:

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

*I am requesting the Board authorize Mr. Lanford to execute Phase 2 of the Scope of Services with Hurt & Proffitt Inc. for design, engineering and construction services for Phase 5 of the Jackson River Scenic Trail project. Phase 2 of the Scope of Services includes engineering, design, environmental services, bidding services, and construction services. The total cost of Phase 2 is \$122,109. Half of the funds will come from the VDOT revenue sharing grant and the other half will come from funds obtained from the U. S. Forest Service through the Secure Rural School and Community Self Determination Act.*

There was some discussion regarding Phase 5 being from the Alleghany County line into Bath County; if there has been cooperation with Bath County on costs (Bath County put \$5,000 toward the survey phase, Secure Rural School funding was in cooperation with Bath County, and they have been very supportive of the project); the Homestead reaping benefits from the trail by charging customers; etc.

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 a contract with Hurt & Proffitt Inc. for Phase 2 design, engineering and construction services for Phase 5 of the Jackson River Scenic Trail project in the amount of \$122,109.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorize Mr. Jonathan A. Lanford, County Administrator, to sign the abovementioned contract 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	Absent
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

APPROVE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ALLEGHANY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM BECOMING A LICENSED EMS NON-TRANSPORT FIRST RESPONDER AGENCY:

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

*The Emergency Response Team (ERT) from the Alleghany County Sheriff's Office is seeking the Board of Supervisors' support to obtain licensure from the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Service to become a Basic Life Support, non-transport, EMS agency operating within the context of ERT callouts. The EMS providers, who are members of the ERT, will serve as the immediate responders should an ERT member(s) become injured during a callout. Transport to local hospitals will still be provided by local EMS transport agencies. The Sheriff's Office has been in contact with local EMS agencies and will put the necessary mutual aid agreements in place. The annual operational cost will be minimal and will be absorbed into the current ERT budget. A member of the Sheriff's Office will be in attendance at the meeting should you have any questions. Please feel free to reach out to me in the interim. Thank you.*

He added that Deputy Bobby Wright is present tonight if the Board has any questions.

Mr. Garten asked if an officer is injured could the ERT transport. Deputy Wright replied that they would not be able to transport, but to care for them on-site. He commented that they have reached out to EMS agencies in the area and they are fine with them being a non-transport first responder agency.

Mr. Nicely asked about funding. Deputy Wright responded that they have already collected a lot of items (external defibrillators, backboards, etc.) and it would have been approximately \$568 for startup if they had nothing.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors support the Alleghany County Sheriff's Office

Emergency Response Team (ERT) in their endeavor to become a licensed EMS Basic Life Support non-transport First Responder agency through the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors authorize the County Administrator to send a letter to this effect on behalf of the Board.

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	Absent
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN FY20 DUE TO THE AWARD OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT:

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

*Alleghany County was awarded the 2019 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) by FEMA through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. The grant amount is for \$7,500 and will be utilized to purchase additional portable radios for mutual aid purposes to supplement the new radio system. The funding is pass-through and will be reimbursed by VDEM after the radios have been procured. County staff is requesting a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$7,500 to account 3204-5700891.*

*Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.*

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 in FY20 due to the award of a Local Emergency Management Performance Grant by FEMA through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management:

<u>Revenue Account</u>	
FEMA Money (110-4320403)	\$7,500
<u>Expenditure Account</u>	
United Fire/Rescue Assn. - Fire/Rescue Equip. Grant (3204-5700891)	\$7,500

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	Absent
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

REAPPOINTMENT OF MS. ANNE DEAN TO THE ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD:

Mr. Bennett stated that the term of Ms. Anne Dean on the Alleghany Highlands Community Services Board expires December 31, 2019. Terms are for three years and Ms. Dean is eligible for reappointment. He mentioned that there is memo in the agenda packet that she does wish to be reappointed.

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 Mrs. Anne Dean (Covington District), 110 Maple Lane, Covington, VA 24426 be reappointed to the Alleghany Highlands Community Services Board (AHCSB) for a term of three years beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 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	Absent
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

APPOINTMENT OF MS. ROBIN SWEENEY TO THE ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD:

Mr. Bennett stated that the term of Mr. Nolan Nicely on the Alleghany Highlands Community Services Board expires December 31, 2019. Terms are for three years; however, this is Mr. Nicely's third and final term which makes him ineligible for reappointment. Ms. Robin Sweeney is interested in the appointment which can be from any district.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that Ms. Robin Sweeney (Jackson River District), 909 E. Dolly Ann Drive, Covington, VA 24426 be appointed to the Alleghany Highlands Community Services Board (AHCSB) for a term of three years beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 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	Absent
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Lanford wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (INQUIRIES/REPORTS):

Miscellaneous

The Board thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Nicely also thanked the retirees for over 155 years of service to the County.

Mr. Bennett commented that to have this many people present tonight for such an emotional issue that they conducted themselves very well and the Alleghany Highlands was very well represented.

CLOSED MEETING:

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Garten, that the Board go into a Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of: (1) discussion on a personnel matter. Unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Griffith, 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/Richard L. Shull	Yes
/s/Shannon P. Cox	Yes
/s/Stephen A. Bennett	Yes

/s/James M. Griffith	Yes
/s/G. Matt Garten	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Absent

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mr. Garten, seconded by Mr. Nicely, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried.

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Stephen A. Bennett  
Chairman