

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Alleghany County, Virginia held on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Alleghany County Governmental Complex, Covington, Virginia, thereof:

PRESENT: G. Matt Garten, Chairman  
James M. Griffith, Vice-Chairman  
Gregory A. Dodd  
Cletus W. Nicely  
M. Joan Vannorsdall

and Suzanne T. Adcock, Director of Finance  
Ricky Bourne, Director of Public Works  
Chad Williams, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Chris Dadak, Assistant County Attorney  
Melissa A. Munsey, Deputy Clerk to the Board

ABSENT: Stephen A. Bennett  
Shannon P. Cox  
Jonathan A. Lanford, County Administrator

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chairman called the regular meeting to order. Rev. Lynn Wright 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 May 4, 2021; and (2) an adjourned meeting held on May 12, 2021.

RECOGNITION OF STATE CHAMPION BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY TEAM AND STATE RUNNER-UP GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM:

Mr. Garten read the draft resolutions in the agenda packet and presented both teams with a framed resolution in honor of their achievements. A group picture was taken with the Board.

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

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE ALLEGHANY HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY TEAM**

WHEREAS, the Alleghany High School Boys' Cross Country Team achieved excellence on April 22, 2021 when they won the Class 2 Cross Country State meet at Green Hill Park in Salem; and

WHEREAS, members of the 2020-2021 Virginia High School League State Cross Country Champions team include:

- Levi Counts
- Randall Deschler
- Jeffrey Harris
- Erik Honaker
- Mason Honaker
- Baron Leitch
- Brennon Mahon
- Andrew Middleton
- Gabe Miller
- Andrew Peck
- Jackson Ross

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors hereby commends and congratulates the Alleghany High School Boys' Cross Country Team, and Coaches Jeremy Bartley, Erin Bartley, and Seth Davis for their hard work and dedication in achieving the school's first Team State Championship and being named the 2020-2021 Virginia High School League State Cross Country Champions.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Absent
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

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

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE ALLEGHANY HIGH SCHOOL  
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM**

WHEREAS, the Alleghany High School Girls Cross Country Team achieved excellence on April 22, 2021 when they were Runner-Up at the Class 2 Cross Country State meet at Green Hill Park in Salem; and

WHEREAS, members of the 2020-2021 Virginia High School League State Cross Country Runner-Up team include:

- Gracie Barron
- Macyn Cash
- Cassy Evans
- Alivia Hoover
- Abby Martin
- Lucy Nicely
- Darcy Ross

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors hereby commends and congratulates the Alleghany High School Girls Cross Country Team, and Coaches Jeremy Bartley, Erin Bartley, and Seth Davis for their hard work and dedication in achieving Virginia High School League’s State Runner-Up for the 2020-21 Cross Country Season.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Absent
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

**PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL - THE CAR SHOP REZONING REQUEST:**

Public Hearing was held to consider an application from The Car Shop, Inc. to rezone a parcel located at 1807 Selma-Low Moor Road from a Residential R-2 zone classification to a Business B-1 zone classification to allow for an automobile repair service shop. The property is further identified as Tax Map 43 Parcel 19 and is currently owned by James and Carolyn Bush. 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, May 18, 2021 and Tuesday, May 25, 2021 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

Ms. Beth Stull, Zoning Administrator, reviewed the staff report which is as follows:

**STAFF REPORT**

**Case Number:** RZ-81  
**Name of Petitioner(s):** Car Shop, Inc.  
**Date Request Filed:** March 23, 2021  
**Public Hearing Date:** May 12, 2021 (PC) June 1, 2021 (BOS)  
**Staff Reviewer:** Elizabeth Stull, Zoning Administrator

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST**

*The applicant is requesting to rezone the parcel at 1807 Selma-Low Moor Road from a Residential R-2 zone classification to a Business B-1 zone classification to allow for automobile repair service shop. The property was previously used for an auto-body shop. The applicant is preparing to buy the property contingent to the rezoning. They are planning to use the property to store/repair vehicles before they are placed at the dealership in Covington. The property is further identified as Tax Map 43 Parcel 19 and is currently owned by James and Carolyn Bush.*

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

*Present Use:* Vacant - storage.

*Proposed Use:* Automobile repair service or shop, minor means the replacement or repair of any automobile part that does not require removal of the engine head or pan, engine transmission, or differential, but may include limited incidental body and fender work, minor painting and upholstery service, non-mechanical car washing and detailing, with all storage areas enclosed by fencing or contained in a building.

*Current Zoning:* Residential R-2.

*Proposed Zoning:* Business B-1.

*Surrounding Land Use and Zoning: The site and immediate surrounding properties on one side are zoned R-2 and the property along the other side is zoned M-1 Industrial.*

*Ingress and Egress: Existing entrance.*

*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 proposing fencing at front of property. The sides and rear of property are wooded areas. All storage areas must be enclosed by fencing or contained within a building as required by the zoning ordinance.*

*Zoning Requirements: Automobile repair services (minor) are not allowed within the Residential R-2 zone district, but are allowed in the Business B-1 zone district; therefore, a rezoning is required at this location. The use of warehousing is an acceptable use in the B-1 zone district. The Car Shop, Inc. has been informed that a survey plat of the rezoned area must be recorded if rezoning approval is obtained.*

*Floodplain: The property is not located within a flood hazard area according to the FEMA maps as shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel 51005C0236D.*

*Utilities/Refuse Collection: The property has 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 request was submitted to VDOT for their review for compliance with TIA requirements.*

*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-1 zone classification would not be detrimental to the surrounding properties.*

*The Planning Commission held their public hearing on this request on May 13, 2021 and at that time made a recommendation to the Board to approve the rezoning request.*

Mr. Nicely asked if the property used to be a body shop. Mr. Bush, applicant, replied that it was a body shop.

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

On motion of Mr. Griffith, 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:

Stephen A. Bennett	Absent
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

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

WHEREAS, an application was received from The Car Shop, Inc. to rezone a parcel located at 1807 Selma-Low Moor Road from a Residential R-2 zone classification to a Business B-1 zone classification to allow for an automobile repair service shop. The property is further identified on the Real Property Identification Maps as Map 43, Parcel 19 and is currently owned by James and Carolyn Bush; 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 May 18, 2021 and May 25, 2021, and adjoining property owners were notified in writing by certified mail on May 5, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Alleghany County Planning Commission on May 12, 2021 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 June 1, 2021; 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 The Car Shop, Inc. be approved as requested.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Absent
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL - AMENDMENT TO THE FY21 BUDGET (FEDERAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS):

Public Hearing was held to consider an amendment to the County Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21 in the amount of \$1,443,190.50. The amendment is needed due to the receipt of Federal American Rescue Plan Act funds.

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

Ms. Adcock stated that these are funds the County received on May 17<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$1,443,190.50 from the Federal American Rescue Plan Act which needs to be budgeted and appropriated. She commented that the guidelines for the funds just came out that have different rules from past funds and appear to be less stringent.

Ms. Vannorsdall asked what the deadline is for expenditure of the funds. Ms. Adcock replied that she thinks it is in 2024, but she will check into this. She commented that the County will receive another \$1.4 million in the next year.

Mr. Nicely asked if the funds can be used to offset the County's budget. Ms. Adcock replied that it can if the lost revenue was directly related to COVID-19 (i.e., lodging tax).

Mr. Ron Goings, 1717 Ridgevue Avenue, commented that other funds the County received from the Federal government was to also be given to other localities. He asked if a part of this money will also be split. Ms. Adcock replied that Clifton Forge and Iron Gate will receive funding directly this time.

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

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Dodd, 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:

Stephen A. Bennett	Absent
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Gregory A. Dodd	Yes

Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors, after holding a public hearing on June 1, 2021 to amend the FY 20-21 budget in the amount of \$1,443,190.50, hereby budget and approve the following supplemental appropriation due to the receipt of Federal American Rescue Plan Act funds:

<u>Revenue Account</u>	
Fund 190 - CARES Act COVID-19 (190-4190115)	\$1,443,190.50
<u>Expenditure Account</u>	
Fund 190 - Professional Services (1900-53002)	\$1,443,190.50

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Absent
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	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 a report on the following VDOT activities:

Maintenance

- Completed street sweeping on primary bridges, medians, and walls.
- Cleared trees and debris County-wide.
- Spread stone and graded gravel roads County-wide.
- Plant mix patched Rts. 661, 608, 1408, Clearwater Park, and Catholic Hill.
- Cleaned and prepped spreaders for spring inspection.
- Primary and secondary route mowing is underway.
- Met with geologist to review three slopes in the County. One of which was the bank above Honda/Nissan. Currently no significant change. Scaling rate is normal and will continue to be monitored.
- Paving on Rt. 220 north of Covington will start near the end of July. I-64 east and west will be paved between MM16-MM18.5.

Construction

- Rt. 696 bridge replacement project - Precast beams will be placed next Monday. Project is on schedule and budget.

Mr. Garten asked if the interstate will be new asphalt with the coated abrasive. Ms. Hammond replied that it will just be traditional pavement and there will be milling in some areas to get water down into ditches.

Mr. Griffith thanked Ms. Hammond for having the bridge fixed (pothole on interstate bridge heading towards Love's).

Mr. Garten commented regarding keeping an eye on the Rt. 220 highwall near Honda Nissan. He commented that areas in Intervale were not repaved after water and sewer lines were put in and it is showing a lot of wear (especially the top road).

REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. JACOB WRIGHT AND APPOINTMENT OF MR. JASON HELMINTOLLER TO THE SCHOOL BOARD:

Mr. Garten stated that there was one candidate (Mr. Jacob Wright) for the Boiling Spring District School Board appointment.

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

WHEREAS, the term of the School Board member from the Boiling Spring District expires June 30, 2021 and a public hearing was advertised and resumes solicited; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 and a resume was received from Mr. Jacob L. Wright;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that Mr. Jacob L. Wright, 3730 Llama Drive, Covington, VA 24426 be reappointed to the Alleghany County School Board as the member from the Boiling Spring District for a term of four years beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2025.

Adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Absent
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	No
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

Mr. Garten stated that emails were received from Mr. Charles Hurley and Mr. Jason Helmintoller expressing interest after the deadline for the Sharon District School Board appointment and were presented to the Board at the public hearing. He commented that both individuals have submitted full resumes which are included in the agenda packet.

Ms. Vannorsdall asked if Mr. Helmintoller could speak briefly since he was unable to attend the public hearing. Mr. Garten agreed.

Mr. Jason Helmintoller, 103 Mathews Lane, stated that he was unable to attend the public hearing, but would be glad to answer any questions. He commented that he has submitted a cover letter and his resume to the Board which were included in the agenda packet. He reviewed the cover letter which is as follows:

*I wanted to take a brief minute and write a letter to accompany my resume. I am very excited about possibly being appointed to serve on the school board. As many of you probably know I am a life long Alleghany County resident and proud graduate of Alleghany High School class of 1997. I left briefly for 2 ½ years to finish my education at James Madison University, but even then my home was in Alleghany County. I have been fortunate to be blessed with an opportunity to work at Alcovia Mortgage for the last 18+ years. I started my office in Covington in March of 2003 and have expanded my territory since then, but I consider my home office in Alleghany County.*

*If appointed to the school board I feel it would allow me to really focus on two things that I love. First, the youth of Alleghany County have been a passion of mine since coming back to the area. I have volunteer coached, mentored and fund raised for Alleghany County students since coming back from college. Second, I would be able to help my hometown in serving on this board. I feel like this would allow me to be part of a board that is very crucial to the continued success and development of the Alleghany Highlands. Our children are our greatest assets and it would be a honor to help develop these children while serving on the school board.*

*In closing, I look forward to being at the next Board of Supervisors meeting to answer any questions that you may have for me at that time. In the meantime, if you need something please don't hesitate to reach out to me.*

*Thank you for your consideration for this appointment. If appointed, I promise to give my best effort.*

*Jason Helmintoller*

Mr. Helmintoller added that the community has been really good to him and he wants to give back as the kids are our future. He mentioned that the education system in this area has done a lot for him and he had a lot of teachers that left their thumb print on him.

Ms. Vannorsdall asked Mr. Helmintoller what skills he would bring to the table. Mr. Helmintoller replied that he is a good listener; does not react immediately, but takes in information before making a decision; works well with others; and feels he is approachable.

Mr. Garten added that Mr. Helmintoller serves on the Athletic Subcommittee.

Mr. Dodd asked if he supports keeping Sharon Elementary open. Mr. Helmintoller replied that he would and there is a lot of pride in that building. He commented that he went to Sharon for grades 1-3 until his parents moved and he had friends that went there that moved back to the area in that District so that their kids could attend Sharon.

Mr. Griffith asked if he was up against a situation where you had a poll/survey and the results did not come in to your liking would you redo the poll. Mr. Helmintoller replied that if he had a poll he hopes that it would be researched initially, put out the poll, and stick with the results.

Mr. Garten asked Mrs. Munsey to do a roll call vote with Board members stating the name of the individual they wish to be appointed for the Sharon District School Board appointment.

**Roll Call**

Gregory A. Dodd	Jason R. Helmintoller
Cletus W. Nicely	Charles Hurley
Joan M. Vannorsdall	Jason R. Helmintoller
James M. Griffith	Jason R. Helmintoller
G. Matt Garten	Jason R. Helmintoller
Stephen A. Bennett	Absent
Shannon P. Cox	Absent

As Mr. Jason R. Helmintoller had the most votes, he was appointed to the Alleghany County School Board as the member from the Sharon District to complete the term of Ms. Jennifer Seckner beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2022.

**DISCUSS PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COUNTY CODE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Mr. Garten stated that Mr. Lanford has prepared a memo to the Board which is at each Board member's seat. The memo is a part of the records of this meeting and is as follows:

*As discussed at our May meeting, I recommend the following related to above:*

**ARTICLE XXVI - Site Plans:**

*Item 9B(1) is a much needed addition to our Code section as this is currently left to "negotiation" between staff and the developer. However, I recommend sending the current draft back to the Planning Commission as Section 66-76(b)(1) is incomplete. Suggest asking the Planning Commission to complete this section and return to Board of Supervisors for future consideration.*

**ALLEGHANY COUNTY SOLAR FACILITY SITING ORDINANCE:**

*Item 9B(2) is required by State Code and must be adopted upon completion. Recommend returning to Planning Commission at this time as ARTICLE VII - RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (R-PUD) is incomplete. Suggest asking the Planning Commission to complete this section and return to Board of Supervisors for future consideration.*

**CHAPTER 54 SUBDIVISIONS:**

*Item 9B(3) contains proposed changes to the Subdivision Ordinance, which are highlighted in yellow. County Administration does not suggest adopting any of the proposed changes as the current Ordinance has served to regulate orderly development.*

*From staff perspective, any new development should be required to have publicly maintained roads. We advocated for this in 2005 when the ordinance was last revised. What resulted was a compromise that required publicly maintained roads for divisions with lots less than 5 acres in size and private roads within divisions containing lots greater than 5 acres in size.*

*Private roads are problematic long term as they deteriorate with the costs to maintain far exceeding the adjoining property owners ability to do so.*

*With regard to exempting proposed lots greater than 5 acres in size from the on-site sewer requirement, I offer the following: 1 - When subdivision/lots are approved by Alleghany County staff, there is an assumption made by potential buyers that those lots are suitable to build upon. Without certifying either access to public sewer or an approved location on each lot for an on-site septic system, you could be creating lots which are unbuildable; 2 - Because of the unique geology and topography of our region, you could very easily create lots in excess of five acres that are not suitable for an on-site solution without completing an assessment of each proposed lot and certifying same.*

Mr. Griffith asked that discussion on this item be tabled until the full Board is present. The Board agreed.

**SHERIFF KEVIN HALL - REQUEST FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY TO ADD JUNETEENTH AS AN OBSERVED HOLIDAY:**

Sheriff Kevin Hall stated that he is a member of the Alleghany Commission on Racial Equality (CORE) group that has discussions on racial injustices. He commented that the Governor declared a holiday last year for June 19<sup>th</sup> (Juneteenth) which

has a long history. He asked the Board to adopt having Juneteenth as an observed holiday for employees. He mentioned that Covington and Clifton Forge have approved this holiday.

Mr. Nicely mentioned that this is already a State holiday and asked how many others are doing this. Sheriff Hall replied that a number of localities are observing the holiday.

Mr. Griffith asked how this would affect the budget. Ms. Adcock replied that it would be a minor impact with some cost for shift workers that need to be on duty.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors approve an amendment to Section 5.15-Holidays of the Personnel Policy to add Juneteenth (June 19<sup>th</sup>) as a holiday..

Adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Absent
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	No
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

APPROVE EXECUTIVE SEARCH FIRM FOR INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND PERMANENT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

Mr. Garten stated that there is a memo from Mr. Lanford for the Board at each seat with a recommendation for the Executive Search firm for an Interim County Administrator and County Administrator. The memo is a part of the records of this meeting and is as follows:

*Following proper procurement procedures in accordance with Virginia Code and Alleghany County Policy, a Request for Proposals for Executive Search Services for an Interim County Administrator and a Full-Time County Administrator was issued. Proposals were due on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. EST.*

*Three proposals were received by due date. Those include: GovHRUSA, Slavin Management, and Berkley Group. Interviews were conducted with each firm during the week of May 24<sup>th</sup>.*

*After review of proposals and conclusion of interview process, staff recommends the use of Berkley Group, as they were most responsive and responsible in regard to both Interim and Full-Time needs requested. Staff would also suggest authorizing use of operating contingency in a not to exceed amount of \$30,000 to allow for interim and full-time recruitment services.*

*Staff respectfully requests Board authorization to execute contract in a form acceptable to and approved by County Attorney.*

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

WHEREAS, proposals were received for Executive Search Services for an Interim County Administrator and permanent County Administrator; and

WHEREAS, after review of the proposals, the proposal from The Berkley Group was more highly qualified than the other proposals received and is deemed to be in the best interest of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors authorize Mr. Jonathan A. Lanford, County Administrator, to enter into a contract with The Berkley Group for Executive Search Services for an Interim County Administrator and permanent County Administrator, in form approved by the County Attorney, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorize the transfer of \$30,000 from Operating Contingency (9100-5.4001) to County Administrator-Professional Services (1201-5.3002).

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Absent
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

APPROVE RESOLUTION HONORING MR. WAYNE STRICKLAND ON HIS RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ROANOKE VALLEY-ALLEGHANY REGIONAL COMMISSION:

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

**Resolution Honoring the Service and Career of Wayne G. Strickland on His Retirement as Executive Director of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission**

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2021, Wayne G. Strickland announced his retirement as Executive Director of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission effective June 30, 2021, after 42 years of service to Alleghany County and the region; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Strickland earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Political Science and Geography from Georgia State University in 1972 and 1974, respectively, and in 1979, earned a Master of City Planning degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Mr. Strickland joined the Regional Commission, then known as the Fifth Planning District Commission, as a Regional Planner; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, he was promoted to Chief of Land Use and Environmental Planning; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Mr. Strickland became Executive Director of the Regional Commission and has served in that capacity for 34 years; and

WHEREAS, many key regional initiatives such as the Greenway Commission, Western Virginia Water Authority, the Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, the Partnership for a Livable Roanoke Valley, and the Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority benefited from Mr. Strickland's support during his tenure, and have been supported by the Regional Commission in numerous ways since their inception; and

WHEREAS, during his time at the Commission, Wayne has participated in numerous business and civic activities in the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany region such as serving as a Board member of the Roanoke-Blacksburg Technology Council, the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce, Freedom First Credit Union, the Roanoke Valley Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, the Cabell Brand Center, the Council of Community Services, the Roanoke Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Arts Council of the Blue Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Strickland also assumed leadership roles in various professional organizations during his tenure as Executive Director including serving as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Association of Development Organizations, Chairman of the Southeast Regional Directors Institute, President of the Development District Association of Appalachia, President of the Rural Planning Caucus of Virginia, President of the Southwest Virginia Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, Vice-President of the Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association, and Second Vice-President of the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors expresses its sincere appreciation to, and honors the outstanding service and career of, Wayne G. Strickland in his role as Executive Director of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board extends its best wishes to Mr. Strickland for a happy retirement and in all of his future endeavors.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Absent
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

DISCUSS PROPOSED FEE CHANGES:

Mr. Bourne stated that the Board has in its agenda packet a memo on proposed fee changes with updates made since the budget work session. He commented that proposed amendments include the water and sewer tap fees increasing by \$500, an updated chart on building permit fee changes, erosion and sediment control fee changes, planning and zoning fee changes, and overnight truck fee.

Mr. Garten stated that the proposed fee changes will be advertised. Mrs. Munsey added that a public hearing on most of the amendments will be held at the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

REAPPOINTMENT OF SHERIFF KEVIN HALL TO THE ALCOHOL SAFETY ACTION PROGRAM:

Mr. Garten commented that the term of Sheriff Kevin Hall on the Alcohol Safety Action Program expires June 20, 2021. Terms are for three years and Sheriff Hall is eligible for reappointment.

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 Sheriff Kevin Hall be reappointed to the Regional Policy Board of the Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP) for a term of three years beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Absent
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. DENNIS NELSON TO THE ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD:

Mr. Garten stated that the term of Mr. Dennis Nelson (Covington District) on the Alleghany Highlands Regional Library Board expires June 30, 2021. Terms are for four years and Mr. Nelson is eligible for reappointment.

Mr. Griffith commented that Mr. Nelson does wish to be reappointed.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that Mr. Dennis Nelson (Covington District), 828 White Oak Drive, Covington, VA 24426 be reappointed to the Alleghany Highlands Regional Library Board for a term of four years beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2025.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Absent
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

APPOINTMENT OF MR. MATT GARTEN TO THE SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD:

Mr. Garten stated that the term of Mrs. Shannon Cox (Board Member) on the Social Services Board expires June 20, 2021. Terms are for four years and Mrs. Cox is not eligible for reappointment as this is her second consecutive term.

Mr. Griffith suggested that Mr. Garten be appointed.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that G. Matt Garten (Board Representative), 215 Wade Drive, Covington, VA 24426 be appointed to the Social Services Board for a term of four years beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2025.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Absent
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Garten stated that the Board has a memo from Mr. Lanford at their seat with his report. The memo with attachments is a part of the records of this meeting:

Fireworks Ordinance

Attached, please find a copy of Botetourt County's Fireworks Ordinance and Alleghany County's current Fireworks Ordinance. Mr. Nicely has received several complaints in his district related to fireworks, as have staff over the years throughout the County. We would recommend you review both of the attached and consider implementing some change to the current Alleghany Ordinance to reflect what Botetourt has in place. With the change in availability to commercial grade fireworks, local backyard events certainly are changing, which could lead to injury or substantial property damage.

Mr. Nicely commented that he has only had one person complaining and he will get with Mr. Lanford.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (INQUIRIES/REPORTS):

Miscellaneous

Mr. Nicely congratulated Mr. Helmintoller on his appointment and that he appreciates his willingness to run. He also congratulated Mr. Wright.

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

Ms. Vannorsdall thanked both Cross Country Teams and congratulated Mr. Wright and Mr. Helmintoller on their appointments. She mentioned that the Masonic Theatre will be having a free movie on June 19<sup>th</sup> called BlackKkKlansman. She stated that the next CORE meeting will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and this will be the last zoom meeting before having future meetings in person. She suggested that individuals contact Mr. Lanford if they want to participate.

Mr. Griffith congratulated the School Board appointments and the athletes for their excellent job.

Mr. Garten congratulated the School Board members and the Cross Country team for doing a fantastic job.

CLOSED MEETING:

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Ms. Vannorsdall, that the Board go into a Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Sections 2.2-3711(A)(3) for the purpose of: (1) discuss the acquisition of real property for a public purpose. Unanimously adopted.

On motion of Ms. Vannorsdall, seconded by Mr. Nicely, 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/James M. Griffith	Yes
/s/G. Matt Garten	Yes
/s/M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
/s/Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
Stephen A. Bennett	Absent
Shannon P. Cox	Absent

After the Closed Meeting, the following action was taken:

APPROVE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FROM ANTHONY AND MARY HODGE IN ROSEDALE:

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors authorize the purchase of property in the amount of \$70,000 from Anthony and Mary Hodge located at 510 Stoughton Lane, Covington, VA 24426 in the Rosedale area of the County which is identified as follows:

- Property ID# - 039C0-03-0D0-001A
- Property ID# - 039C0-03-0D0-001B

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorize the County Administrator to sign any and all documents in relation to the purchase of the abovementioned properties on behalf of the County.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Absent
Shannon P. Cox	Absent
Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
M. Joan Vannorsdall	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Griffith, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m. to Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Governmental Complex. Motion carried.

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G. Matt Garten  
Chairman