

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Alleghany County, Virginia held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Alleghany County Governmental Complex, Covington, Virginia, thereof:

PRESENT: G. Matt Garten, Chairman
James M. Griffith, Vice-Chairman
Stephen A. Bennett
Shannon P. Cox
Gregory A. Dodd
Ronald S. Goings

and Reid Walters, County Administrator
Suzanne Adcock-Nicely, Director of Finance
Ricky Bourne, Director of Public Works
Jonathan Fitch, Director of Public Safety
Jim Guynn, County Attorney
Melissa A. Munsey, Deputy Clerk to the Board

ABSENT: Cletus W. Nicely

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 May 2, 2023; (2) an adjourned meeting held on May 16, 2023; and (3) an adjourned meeting held on May 22, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL - REZONING REQUEST FROM EMILY MAYS:

Public Hearing was held to consider an application from Emily Mays to rezone the property at 2501 Valley Ridge Road from a Residential R-1 zone classification to a Business B-2 zone classification to operate a veterinary clinic. The applicant is preparing to buy the property contingent to the rezoning. The property is further identified as Tax Map 58, Lot 10B and is currently owned by Dr. Erlinda Aldea. The property is located in a "Highlands Area" as contained in the Comprehensive Plan.

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 and Tuesday, May 30, 2023 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-92
Name of Petitioner(s): Emily Mays – Highland Veterinary Clinic
Date Request Filed: April 6, 2023
Public Hearing Date: May 10, 2023 (PC) June 6, 2023 (BOS)
Staff Reviewer: Elizabeth Stull, Zoning Administrator

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

The applicant is requesting to rezone the property at 2501 Valley Ridge Road from a Residential R-1 zone classification to a Business B-2 zone classification to operate a veterinary clinic. The property was previously used as a medical clinic. The applicant is preparing to buy the property contingent to the rezoning. The property is further identified as Tax Map 58 Lot 10B and is currently owned by Dr. Erlinda Aldea.

The location, formerly Jackson River Pediatrics, is currently a vacant building.

Ms. Mays is proposing to relocate her veterinary clinic, Highlands Vet Clinic, from its current location at 1121 Richmond Street to this property.

The property is currently zoned Residential R-1 and for Ms. Mays to operate her business at the Valley Ridge property she will need to have the property rezoned to Business B-2 to allow for 'Animal Hospital/Veterinary Clinic'.

The property is joined by the Jackson River and I-64 to the south and Valley Ridge Road to the north. The surrounding properties located across Valley Ridge Road are zoned Residential R-1 and are used primarily for residential purposes. The Community Dialysis Center is located to the north of the parcel and is zoned Residential R-2. The Shenandoah Autism Center is located to the west and is zoned Residential R-2. The Valley Ridge community has a mix of single family and multi-family residences.

Dr. Alea's property is zoned R-1 and the use of the property as a "Professional Office" is a grandfathered (or non-conforming) use. If any nonconforming use, structure, or activity is discontinued for a period exceeding two years after November 1, 1988, it shall be deemed abandoned, and any future use shall conform to the requirements of Chapter 66 – Zoning. The use of

'Animal Hospitals – Veterinary Offices' are only acceptable in a B-2 Business zone. They are allowed in an AR Agricultural/Rural Residential zone but require a special exception only if located within 300 feet of two or more dwellings.

The property is located in a "Highlands Area" as shown on the Future Land Use Map of the County Comprehensive Plan. These areas are characterized by forests, mountain terrain, and open space that exemplifies Allegheny County's rural heritage. Scattered residences are located on large lots, roughly one per five acres. There are opportunities for rural business in these areas associated with farming, recreation, Eco-tourism, and providing services to rural residents.

This property is located within the Enterprise Zone indicated on the Allegheny Highlands Enterprise Zone map.

The applicant is not proposing screening and buffering. The zoning ordinance requires a minimum of 10 feet of buffering and screening for side yards adjacent to a residential district. There is currently a wooded area separating the Autism Center and the medical offices.

Access to the property is from Valley Ridge Road and will not change. Compliance with Article XXIII-Off Street parking will be met by utilizing the existing parking areas.

A portion of the property is located within a flood hazard area according to the FEMA maps (FIRM Panel 51005C0220D). However the location of the building on the parcel is outside of a flood hazard area.

The property has existing connections 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 Allegheny County. Current utilities will not be impacted.

A copy of the rezoning request was submitted to VDOT for their review for compliance with TIA requirements on April 17, 2023. On April 19, 2023, Alvin Trout with VDOT responded:

"Lexington Residency has reviewed the application for rezoning. Based on the fact that this facility, and associated entrance, has served as a doctor's office in the past and the proposed use will generate similar traffic volumes, we do not take exception to this request. We approve the continued use as a Low Volume Commercial Entrance. If changes are made to the building (i.e. expansion of the current building), or if any changes are made to the current entrance configuration, we will need to revisit this topic."

Considering the proposed limited uses of the property and the commercial uses on adjoining properties, as well as, being within an Enterprise Zone, there should not be any detrimental effects on the adjoining properties.

Additional Notes/Comments:

Prior to the Planning Commission's public hearing, no one contacted me regarding the rezoning, either for or against the rezoning.

One property owner contacted me last week and questioned whether there would be kennels placed on the property. I explained the rezoning would not include kennels and there would be no overnight stay or boarding of animals unless it is required after surgery. Shelter may be provided within the building or structure during the period of treatment.

If the rezoning request is approved, future development of the property will require compliance with all applicable local, state and federal regulations.

The Allegheny County Planning Commission held a public hearing on this request on May 10, 2023. They made a recommendation at that time to the Board to approve the rezoning request.

Mr. Garten asked if the property should have been zoned B-2 when Dr. Aldea had her office there. Ms. Stull replied yes, but the use was grandfathered as it was there prior to the adoption of the zoning ordinance.

Dr. Goings asked if the dialysis center is zoned R-2. Ms. Stull replied that it is and is considered a professional office.

There being no one else who wished to speak, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed. He asked the Vice-Chairman to continue with the voting portion of the request as he is an agent for both parties in the transaction and will need to abstain from voting.

On motion of Mr. Bennett, seconded by Dr. Goings, 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	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
Ronald S. Goings	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Abstain

On motion of Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Dodd, that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, an application was received from Emily Mays to rezone the property at 2501 Valley Ridge Road from a Residential R-1 zone classification to a Business B-2 zone classification to operate a veterinary clinic. The property is further identified on the Real Property Identification Maps as Map 58, Lot 10B and is currently owned by Dr. Elinda Aldea; 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 23, 2023 and May 30, 2023, and adjoining property owners were notified in writing by certified mail on May 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Alleghany County Planning Commission on May 10, 2023 and 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 6, 2023; 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 Highlands 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 Emily Mays be approved as requested.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
Ronald S. Goings	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Abstain

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

- Patched potholes with cold mix on secondary and primary routes County-wide.
- Added stone and graded secondary gravel routes.
- County-wide brush cutting around signs for sight distance.
- Primary mowing is complete. Secondary mowing is underway.
- Cleaning culverts and leave dams on secondary routes County-wide.
- Clearing trees and debris on primary and secondary routes.
- Plant mixed cross pipes on Rt. 159, Rumsey Road, Rt. 60 at Boys' Home, and the soil nail wall.
- Replaced culvert in Iron Gate at Chalybeate Avenue.
- Rt. 18 slope repair is underway.

Construction

- Rural Rustic Road Project Turner Road is complete.

Mrs. Cox mentioned an issue with a ditch overflowing at 4910 Midland Trail (near Roger's Road). She commented that they had called VDOT six to seven weeks ago, but have not seen anyone. She stated that a lot of work has been done on the Rt. 18 slope repair project and asked if the guardrail will be put back. Ms. Hammond replied that the guardrail was taken out temporarily and will be put back.

Mr. Bennett thanked Ms. Hammond for having one of the stop signs removed at the Rich Patch Union Church intersection.

Mr. Garten mentioned that the Rt. 220 barricades are overflowing with slate. He asked if the ditches will be pulled on Rt. 220N from the falls to the County line as water is going out in the road. Ms. Hammond replied that may require a permit due to threatened and endangered species.

Mr. Garten stated that they have a family farm on Rt. 220 where there is a large drop at the entrance that could pull a vehicle if a tire goes in it. He asked if they can put slate in the drop-off or if it is something VDOT needs to do. Ms. Hammond replied that she will look at it and email him.

Mr. Dodd stated that coming into Clifftondale Park (on same side as the wall) there is a big tree still leaning there.

MR. KEVIN KYLE, DISTRICT RANGER - FOREST SERVICE UPDATE:

Mr. Kevin Kyle, District Ranger, read the following prepared statement:

Thank you for inviting me to come by and give an update on what is going on with the USFS on the James River and Warm Springs Regional Districts.

My name is Kevin Kyle and I assumed the role of District Ranger back in February. I am honored to be back here. My family on both sides are from Alleghany and Bath counties. This is where I gained my love of the outdoors. I have worked in the natural resources field for almost 35 years, including private industry and as a consultant forester and the last 15 years being with the agency. I have worked for the agency in northern California and western Colorado before returning to Virginia 10 years ago.

The facilities and campgrounds opened at Lake Moomaw just before Memorial Day and things are going pretty well. We have full amenities on the Alleghany County side (Morris Hill campground, Coles Point day use area, and the Fortney Branch boat launch). We are currently finalizing the commissioning of the wastewater treatment plant at Bolar Mountain after the repair work that we did over winter, although a temporary fix, and we expect to offer full amenities there within the month. Three of four campgrounds at Bolar Mountain are open and we currently have portable toilets in place. We are planning the new wastewater treatment plant to replace the current plant and hope to have that in place within a couple of years.

We burned almost 2,400 acres this spring mostly in the Hidden Valley area to improve wildlife habitat and forest resiliency.

We are beginning the planning of several forest management projects to improve wildlife habitat and restore oak and pine communities through timber harvesting and prescribed fire. We will have more information on this coming soon.

Thanks for the opportunity to update you on what is happening on the George Washington National Forest. It has been a pleasure working with Teresa Hammond and the Alleghany Highlands Outdoor Recreation Group. Do you have any questions?

There was some discussion regarding an advertised co-op deal with the game commission timber sale (good neighbor authority that encourages State & Federal agencies to work together to expand capacity with land management agencies); it is good that Mr. Kyle has knowledge of the area; there has been previous absentee ownership of the Lake Moomaw facilities with a lack of maintenance and repairs (there is a backlog of maintenance items that they are working hard to get through); Clifton Forge wanting to have trails for mountain biking; etc.

Mr. Kyle asked the Board to contact him with any questions and concerns.

MS. ANN GARDNER, COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY - REQUEST (AND APPROVAL) FOR EMPLOYEE BONUSES:

Ms. Ann Gardner, Commonwealth's Attorney, stated that her office represents the County, Covington, Clifton Forge, and Iron Gate and work with local and State law enforcement agencies. She commented that her office has not been fully staffed and have not been able to fill the Chief Deputy position. She mentioned that others in the office are absorbing that work and are on call 24/7. She introduced staff members present: Lauren Cassel, Sean Moran, Scott Meyer (Assistant

Commonwealth Attorney's) and Tammy Johnson and Jennifer Cales (Legal Assistants). She asked the Board to consider approving bonuses outlined in the letter she submitted for the agenda packet (\$1,000 each for 3 legal assistants and \$2,000 each for 3 assistant attorneys) and added that funds are currently in her budget.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors authorize a bonus in FY23 to Commonwealth's Attorney employees utilizing funds currently in their budget as follows:

	<u>Bonus Amount</u>
3 Legal Assistants	\$1,000.00/each
3 Assistant Commonwealth's Attorneys	\$2,000.00 each

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

APPROVE FINANCIAL AUDITING SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ROBINSON FARMER COX ASSOCIATES:

Ms. Adcock-Nicely stated that the County sends out a Request for Proposals for auditing services every few years. She commented that three proposals were received by the May 22, 2023 deadline and were reviewed by her and Mr. Walters. She mentioned that they recommend entering into a contract with Robinson Farmer Cox Associates.

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

WHEREAS, the County advertised a Request for Proposal for firms to submit proposals for financial audit services for fiscal years ending June 30, 2023 through June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received from three firms (ASK International, Inc., Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates, and TitanProz) by the May 22, 2023 deadline; and

WHEREAS, a committee consisting of Mr. Reid Walters, County Administrator, and Ms. Suzanne Adcock-Nicely, Director of Finance, reviewed the proposals; and

WHEREAS, the committee recommends that the Board accept the proposal received from Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates (RFCA) in the amount of \$68,500.00 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 with fees for subsequent fiscal years increasing annually by 3.5%;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors accept the abovementioned proposal from Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates for financial audit services for fiscal years ending June 30, 2023 through June 30, 2025, with the option to renew the contract for up to two additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement of both parties;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorize Mr. Reid Walters, County Administrator, to sign documents in relation to Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates conducting these audits on behalf of the County.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

APPROVE GENERAL REASSESSMENT SERVICES CONTRACT WITH WAMPLER EANES APPRAISAL GROUP, LTD.:

Mr. Garten stated that the County sent out a Request for Proposal for reassessment services and three proposals were received by the April 20, 2023 deadline. He commented that the proposals were reviewed by the Reassessment Committee which consisted of him, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Walters, and Ms. Bruffey who recommend entering into a contract with Wampler Eanes Appraisal Group, Ltd.

Mr. Griffith suggested doing a reassessment in the future every four years as it can be a sticker shock to citizens when six years go by to the next reassessment.

Mr. Garten commented that is something to look at during the next cycle.

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

WHEREAS, the County advertised a Request for Proposals for firms to submit proposals for a general reassessment to be effective in the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, proposals were received from three firms (Cowan Services, LLC, Pearson's Appraisal Services, Inc., and Wampler-Eanes Appraisal Group, Ltd.) by the April 20, 2023 deadline; and

WHEREAS, a committee consisting of Mr. Reid Walters, County Administrator; Mrs. Valerie Bruffey, Commissioner of the Revenue; Mr. Matt Garten, Supervisor; and Mr. James Griffith, Supervisor, examined the proposals to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the committee recommends that the Board accept the proposal from Wampler Eanes Appraisal Group, Ltd. for \$22.65 per parcel and \$22.65 per mobile home to perform the 2025 General Reassessment for Alleghany County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation from the committee to accept the proposal from Wampler Eanes Appraisal Group, Ltd. for \$22.65 per parcel and \$22.65 per mobile home to perform the 2025 General Reassessment for Alleghany County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorize Mr. Reid Walters, County Administrator, to implement a contract in a form approved by the County Attorney with the recommended reassessment firm and to sign any and all documents necessary for implementation and completion of the 2025 General Reassessment.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN FY23 (VARIOUS):

Ms. Adcock-Nicely stated that there are several items that need a supplemental appropriation that are included in the agenda packet. They include: funds received from insurance proceeds, ARPA grant funds, sale of vehicles, funds remaining in former project accounts, additional Fire Services Grant funds, and additional Litter Control Grant funds.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors budget and approve the following supplemental appropriations in FY 23:

- Sheriff - Law Enforcement - receipt of insurance proceeds:***
Revenue Account

	Insurance Recoveries (1100-4150212)	\$15,345.48
	<u>Expenditure Account</u>	
	Vehicle/Power Supplies (310211-55408)	\$15,345.48
2.	<i>CARES/COVID Cont'b - ARPA Grant (Sheriff's Office vehicles):</i>	
	<u>Revenue Account</u>	
	Federal CARES Act/ARPA (190-4190115)	\$415,000.00
	<u>Expenditure Account</u>	
	Purchase of Vehicles (1902-57005)	\$415,000.00
3.	<i>Refuse Collection, Water/Sewer Administration/General Maintenance - Proceeds from sale of vehicles:</i>	
	<u>Revenue Accounts</u>	
	Sale of Vehicles (110-4150205)	\$20,302.00
	Sale of Vehicles (530-4150205)	\$2,681.56
	<u>Expenditure Accounts</u>	
	Vehicle/Power Supplies (4203-55408)	\$14,700.00
	Vehicle/Power Supplies (4401-55408)	\$2,681.56
	Vehicle/Power Supplies (4305-55408)	\$5,602.00
4.	<i>Program Income Accounts (CDBG & IPR) - Appropriate funds from former project accounts:</i>	
	<u>Fund Equity</u>	
	Fund 230-Fund Equity (230-33001)	\$3,880.00
	Fund 280-Fund Equity (280-330001)	\$22,635.00
	<u>Expenditure Accounts</u>	
	CDBG Boiling Spring-Program Income (9001-50350)	\$3,880.00
	IPR-Program Income (4319-50350)	\$22,635.00
5.	<i>Volunteer Fire Departments - Received additional Fire Services Grant funds:</i>	
	<u>Revenue Account</u>	
	Fire Services Grant (110-4240415)	\$9,801.00
	<u>Expenditure Accounts</u>	
	Boiling Springs-State Fire (3202-5560415)	\$1,960.20
	Dunlap-State Fire (3202-5560425)	\$1,960.20
	Falling Spring-State Fire (3202-5560435)	\$1,960.20
	Selma-State Fire (3202-5560455)	\$1,960.20
	Sharon-State Fire (3202-5560465)	\$1,960.20
6.	<i>Recycling - Received additional Litter Control Grant funds from DEQ:</i>	
	<u>Revenue Account</u>	
	Litter Control Grant (110-4240407)	\$4,636.00
	<u>Expenditure Account</u>	
	Anti-Litter Supplies (4206-55416)	\$4,636.00

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

REAPPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO THE ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MR. GREG MADSEN, MR. RAY LIPES, AND MR. JAMES GRIFFITH):

Mr. Garten stated that the terms of Mr. Greg Madsen, Mr. Ray Lipes, and Mr. James Griffith on the Alleghany Highlands Economic Development Corporation expire June 30, 2023. Terms are for three years and all are eligible for reappointment.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors reappoint the following individuals to serve on the Alleghany Highlands Economic Development Corporation (AHEDC) Board of Directors for a term of three years beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026:

1. James Griffith, Elected Official
2. Ray Lipes, Business Owner
3. Greg Madsen, Other

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

APPOINTMENT OF MS. ANNE DEAN TO THE ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD:

Mr. Garten stated that the term of Ms. Clara Moseley (Covington District) on the Alleghany Highlands Regional Library Board expires June 30, 2023. Terms are for four years. Ms. Moseley does not wish to be reappointed and the appointment can be from any district. He mentioned that there is a letter in the agenda packet stating that Ms. Anne Dean would like to fill this position.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Dr. Goings, 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 appointed to the Alleghany Highlands Regional Library Board for a term of four years beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2027.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

REAPPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO THE RECREATION BOARD (MR. CHRIS RICE, MR. JOHN BATTEN, MR. JACK SIMPSON, AND MS. WANDA DAVIS):

Mr. Garten stated that the terms of Mr. Chris Rice, Mr. John Batten, Mr. Jack Simpson, and Ms. Wanda Davis on the Recreation Board expire June 30, 2023. Terms are for three years and all are eligible for reappointment.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Dr. Goings, 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, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026:

John Batten (Falling Spring District), 195 W. Morris Hill Road, Covington
Wanda Davis (Clifton Forge West District), 58 Verge Street, Clifton Forge
Christopher Rice (Covington District) 216 Dusty Road, Covington
Glen Ray "Jack" Simpson (Clifton Forge East District), 1313 Willow Lane, Clifton Forge

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. REID WALTERS TO THE ROANOKE VALLEY-ALLEGHANY REGIONAL COMMISSION:

Mr. Garten stated that the term of Mr. Reid Walters (Noon-Elected Representative) on the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission expires June 30, 2023. Terms are for three years and Mr. Walters is eligible for reappointment.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that Mr. Reid Walters (Non-Elected Representative), 9212 Winterberry Avenue, Covington, VA 24426 be reappointed to the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission and Executive Committee for a term of three years beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

APPOINTMENT OF MR. JASON HELMINTOLLER AND MS. PATRICE JEFFERSON TO THE SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD:

Mr. Garten stated that two appointments need to be made to the Social Services Board. One would complete the term of Ms. Tonya Angle beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2026 and the other is a new appointment that would be for a term of four years beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2027. The appointments can be from any district. He commented that this has been discussed with the Social Services Director and it has been suggested to appoint Ms. Patrice Jefferson for the four year term and Mr. Jason Helmintoller to complete the term of Ms. Angle.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that Mr. Jason R. Helmintoller (Sharon District), 103 Mathews Lane, Clifton Forge, VA 24422 be appointed to the Social Services Board to complete the term of Ms. Tonya D. Angle beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ms. Patrice M. Jefferson (Clifton Forge West District), 1005 Tremont Street, Clifton Forge, VA 24422 be appointed to the Social Services Board for a term of four years beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2027.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Walters handed out and gave a report on the following items which is a part of the records of this meeting:

Commerce Center Pad Site: Virginia Business Ready Site Program

County staff met with Branch Construction and established a timeline for the development of the pad site. County Administrator Walters, on behalf of the Covington-Alleghany Industrial Development Authority, issued the Notice to Proceed. Mobilization will begin June 12th and the Alleghany Highlands Economic Development Corporation is planning an official ground breaking ceremony on June 28th at 11:00 a.m.

Regional Activities

Alleghany County is exploring the viability of a water and sewer authority with Clifton Forge and Iron Gate. County Administrator Walters, County staff, and staff from the other localities are meeting with the Western Virginia Water Authority to help gather information regarding this possibility. This study will take no earlier than 18 months to formulate.

Wells Fargo Building in Covington

The County is under contract with Wells Fargo for the purchase of their former bank located in downtown Covington. This building will alleviate current space needs for the courthouse as well as the jail.

Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI)

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) only allotted \$60M in VATI funds this round and the project in western Alleghany County was not funded.

DHCD is in the process of formatting a new program called the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program and have encouraged Alleghany County to submit an application. County Administrator Walters has already begun working with our local broadband providers to stage for this application process. This funding is not anticipated to be awarded until Spring 2024.

Mrs. Cox asked if DHCD gave any insight on what our VATI application lacked. Mr. Walters replied that there were not enough number of passes to justify the funds requested, but things look better with the new funding source.

Jackson River Scenic Trail

Work continues on the retaining walls. Progress has been made and all the walls should be completed in the next couple weeks. Once the walls are done the contractor will get the trail to final grade, install culverts and ditches then install the surface. The drain field for the septic system has been installed and we anticipate the well being drilled soon. The restroom building is now scheduled to be delivered and installed on the 22nd.

The JRST 5k, 10k, half marathon & marathon was held this past Saturday. The Alleghany Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Tourism does a fantastic job with this event every year. There were over 450 registered runners coming from all across the country as well as some from other countries. The participants raved about the quality of the event, about how amazing the Jackson River Scenic Trail is, and the beauty of the Alleghany Highlands. We thank the volunteers, sponsors, Chamber, and Parks staff all of whom made this event a terrific success.

Budget Timeline

The budget hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13th at 6:00 p.m. and proposed adoption is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Next Board of Supervisors Meeting Date

The first Tuesday of July falls on July 4th, therefore, the next Board meeting will be held Wednesday, July 5th at 7:00 p.m., per the Board of Supervisors by-laws.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (INQUIRIES/REPORTS):

Miscellaneous

Mr. Dodd thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and he appreciates what Ms. Gardner and her staff do. He mentioned that Clifton Forge Main Street and Clifton Forge Merchants will be holding "Fridays in the Forge" beginning June 30th from 6-9 p.m. with the next one being held on July 28th. He congratulated the AHS baseball team for their win tonight.

Mr. Bennett stated that this is the first time he has met the Commonwealth's Attorney staff and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

Mrs. Cox thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and also thanked the Commonwealth's Attorney and staff for attending. She commented that her passion is law and she studied it years ago. She commented that Ms. Tammy Wilson, Social Services Director, had a Social Services event at the Greenfield Center and she heard that individuals found out about a number of services available that they had not heard about before. She mentioned that her son graduated from the Cardinal Police Academy last week so she could not attend.

Dr. Goings commented that Ms. Lisa Hicks has been the Library Director for over 20 years and a retirement reception will be held for her on June 13th. He commented that it is hard to find another librarian and this is happening to a lot of

agencies. He mentioned that at the "Fridays in the Forge" event Clifton Forge is attempting to have all stores open that evening.

Mr. Griffith thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He stated that the 4th of July holiday is coming up and asked everyone to be safe.

Mr. Garten thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He congratulated the AHS baseball team for winning tonight and moving on in the playoffs.

Ms. Teresa Hammond, Director of the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, thanked Parks and Recreation and the Board for the Jackson River Scenic Trail as it is an asset. She commented that she heard tons of positive comments regarding the trail.

CLOSED MEETING:

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Dr. Goings, that the Board go into a Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(7) for the purpose of: (1) actual or probable litigation. Unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Dr. Goings, 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/G. Matt Garten	Yes
/s/James M. Griffith	Yes
/s/Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
/s/Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
/s/Ronald S. Goings	Yes
/s/Shannon P. Cox	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Absent

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Cox, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Governmental Complex. Motion carried.

G. Matt Garten
Chairman