

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Alleghany County, Virginia held on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 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  
Gregory A. Dodd  
Cletus W. Nicely  
Ronald S. Goings

and Ken McFadyen, County Administrator  
Suzanne T. Adcock-Nicely, Director of Finance  
Jonathan Fitch, Director of Public Safety  
Matt Schmitt, Assistant County Attorney  
Melissa A. Munsey, Deputy Clerk to the Board

ABSENT: Shannon P. Cox

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chairman called the adjourned meeting to order

Mr. Nicely 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 August 5, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY25-26 (SCHOOL SYSTEM ATHLETIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, VIRGINIA 9-1-1 SERVICES BOARD GRANT AND INSURANCE PROCEEDS):

Public Hearing was held to consider amendments to the County Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26 in the amount of \$2,705,421.00. The amendment is needed for a supplemental appropriation to the School Operations Fund which will be expended in this fiscal year on Athletic Facility Improvements at the high school (tennis courts). The amendment is also needed due to the receipt of revenue from various sources: grant from the Virginia 9-1-1 Services Board and insurance proceeds.

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

Ms. Adcock-Nicely stated that any amendment over 1% of the approved budget requires a public hearing. She commented that in July there was a bad storm in the Falling Spring area which did damage to the trail. She mentioned that it has since been repaired and \$28,170 was received from insurance. She stated that the other item is a NG911 grant from the Virginia 9-1-1 Services Board that has been awarded to the County in the amount of \$150,000. She commented that the school system will speak regarding the athletic facility improvements (AHS tennis courts) request in the amount of \$2,527,251.

A memo from the school system was included in the agenda packet and is as follow:

*This correspondence serves as a request for a supplemental appropriation for the 2025-2026 fiscal year related to Athletic Facility Improvements.*

*Alleghany Highlands Public Schools is requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$2,527,251 for Athletic Facility Improvements at the high school. In July 2025, a fund balance of \$2,078,413 was returned to the County of Alleghany. This fund balance was targeted for construction projects related to former Alleghany County school facilities, one of which was the AHS tennis courts. This project will be funded with local funds from Alleghany County targeted specifically for capital improvements. Local funds from the City of Covington will not be used to fund the high school tennis court project.*

*The design phase for the tennis courts is 60% complete. The estimated cost for the project is \$2,527,251. The scope of this project includes a storm water management system, six lighted tennis courts which can be adapted to pickle ball in the future, fencing, a practice field for football/soccer, ADA accessible restrooms/dressing rooms with potable water, a pavilion, a paved driveway and lighted parking area which can be used for matches and for AHS/JRTC parking needs.*

*Please let me know the date on which the Board of Supervisors will address this matter so that I may be present in the event there are questions or concerns. Thank you.*

Ms. Kim Halterman, Superintendent of Schools, stated that the last time the tennis court project was discussed the Board requested more details. She mentioned that more information has been sent via email.

Ms. Melinda Snead-Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, commented that in November 2023 a geotechnical survey was ordered to look at the site. She mentioned that she and Mr. Shane Reid, Maintenance Department Manager, have worked on the project since 2024 along with Mr. Hunter Young of Civil Consulting Group, PC. She introduced Mr. Young who will be giving a presentation.

Mr. Young stated that his firm began engineering on the project approximately 20 months ago on the conceptual layout which just included tennis courts and sidewalks. He commented that six months ago they were asked to prepare documentation for bidding. He reviewed a PowerPoint presentation which is a part of the records of this meeting. The presentation included tennis court renderings (6 tennis courts with lighting), restroom and pavilion renderings, restroom plan and elevations, existing conditions, planimetric layout, grading plan, utility plan, preliminary estimate of probable construction cost, and pictures of existing courts located at Clifton Academy.

Dr. Goings asked how many practices/games are held after dark. Mr. Young replied that it depends upon how they want to utilize the facility.

Mr. Bennett asked if restrooms would be open for other functions. Mr. Young replied that he understands they would be open for other functions. He commented that the new restrooms would be ADA accessible which the current ones are not. He stated that the pavilion to the left of the restrooms would be 16'x28' and the road to the right of the restrooms would be for buses and wider than the current road.

There was further discussion regarding protecting the land beside JRTC for future expansion; drainage (construction ditch to be located on the far side of Piney Ridge Road to intercept water, upper side to drain across tennis court to keep water from going down to the baseball field, and 42" diameter pipe with manhole at the end engineered to release water over time, etc.); if core drilling has been done (yes and there was no rock); this is more than tennis courts which would only be approximately 30% of the total cost; phasing probably would not work due to the logistics of drainage, utilities, etc.; if the current tennis courts at Clifton Academy could be upgraded/repaved (the tennis courts at Clifton Academy are 25 years old with structural damage due to the land settling and potential water going underneath them, keep having to be repaired, may be newer techniques now, could be used for pickle ball, etc.); if a geological survey has been done at the current tennis courts (not recently); if the courts will be asphalt as there will always be maintenance with asphalt (they will be an asphalt mix with a finer aggregate); why would six courts be needed and are there enough kids for that many courts (there are 12-14 kids on the team, it is easier to practice with six courts, it makes matches go quicker, etc.); the cost estimate includes a 30% contingency; etc.

Mr. Ian "Bubby" Entsminger, student, stated that he is a tennis player and asked the Board to approve the funding request to have tennis courts at the high school. He commented that the courts at Clifton Academy have been deteriorating for quite a while with many cracks that cause problems with play. He stated that he hopes having a better facility would help the team grow and increase the amount of people to come to the matches. He mentioned that the tennis program made it to the semi-finals last year.

Ms. Kara Nicely, student, stated that the tennis courts at Clifton Academy have been cracked for quite some time. She commented that they hosted the first round of regionals this year and the boys team was undefeated. She mentioned that rocks/cracks on the court can mess things up if they are hit by the ball as well as being a hazard. She commented that matches can take a long time to finish and several times they have had to postpone when it got dark due to having no lighting.

Ms. Lexi Wills, student speaking for Ms. Alaina McCormick, stated that she (Alaina) has been on the team for four years. She commented that it is challenging to play on older courts as it makes the matches last longer to replay points if a ball bounces off a crack. She mentioned that when it gets dark they can not see as they do not have illuminated courts. She stated that even with the poor conditions both boy's and girl's teams have done very well in tournaments. She mentioned that to be taken seriously we need to offer adequate facilities. She asked the Board to consider approving the new tennis courts.

Mr. Seth Davis, boy's tennis coach, stated that the courts were totally resurfaced in the fall of 2018 and looked good, but in February of 2019 a lot of the cracks came back. He commented that they have been repaired since with crack filler to get through the seasons. He mentioned that playing tennis has an impact on kids and some go on to play at college. He stated that he enjoys coaching the kids. He commented that he knows the Board has to make a lot of decisions, but would like to see this approved for our kids and the community.

Mr. Dodd asked how many home games are played. Mr. Davis replied that there are usually 16 matches total with generally 8 at home and 8 away. He commented that generally the boys and girls matches are offset with one home and one away at the same time.

Ms. Katie Hinkle, girl's tennis coach, stated that having the new courts with lighting gives more flexibility with scheduling for games and practices. She commented that some higher level schools have great courts and mentioned an incident regarding one girl that came to a match here that did not want to play on our court. She stated that she wants the students to be able to take pride in where they play.

Mr. Davis mentioned that the two miles distance between the schools can be a detriment to students that do not have a way to get there and if the courts are at the high school then it could inspire more kids to try something different.

Mr. Nicely asked where the funding would come from as this is a new facility - if it would be just the County or would Covington share in the cost. Ms. Johnson-Snead replied that they were waiting to present this project to the County tonight and they would be glad to discuss that at a later time.

Mr. Garten stated that it would be best for the Board and staff to digest the information presented tonight as everyone only had the one-page request prior to the meeting. He commented that he would like the County staff and school board representatives to discuss this further; therefore, no action will be taken tonight.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT):

Mr. Eston Burge, Chairman of the Social Services Board, thanked the County for the work being done at the Rosedale building.

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

- Replaced pipes on Rts. 666, 600, 678, 220N and 615.
- Placed plant mix on Rts. 687, 220N, 615 and 18.
- Repaired shoulders on Rts. 220N, 850, 42, 269 and various secondary routes.
- Graded and ditched Rts. 770, 602, 603, 630 and 664.
- Erosion repairs made to Rts. 641, 666, 600, 220, 687 and 638.
- Secondary route mowing to be completed by mid/end September.
- Cutting brush County-wide.
- Rt. 42 no longer under night closures. Signalized single-lane closures will continue until project is complete.
- Rt. 770 slide repair starts September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Signing up snow contractors.

Upcoming Work

- Low hanging branches impacting buses will be addressed when bucket truck and limbrack are available.
- Rt. 220 slate cleanup behind concrete barrier.
- Ditching Rts. 18, 616, 269, 615 and 619.

Mr. Garten thanked VDOT for fixing the dip on Rt. 220N. He mentioned that the same thing is happening on Rt. 687 where culverts were put in.

Mr. Nicely mentioned that there are a lot of dead deer on the road on Rt. 220 and Rt. 42. Ms. Hammond commented that if they are reported to VDOT then the carcasses can be picked up.

MR. CORBIN STONE, ROBINSON FARMER COX ASSOCIATES - PRESENTATION OF THE COUNTY AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024:

Mr. Corbin Stone, Robinson Farmer Cox Associates, stated that the Board has a copy of the audit for year ending June 30, 2024 at each seat, as well as a presentation in the agenda packet. He mentioned that the audit is late this year mainly due to the implementation of new software and the consulting accountant running later with their review. He commented that there were a few minor recommendations generally in part due to the new system and new employees in relation to reconciliations (Special Welfare fund, Social Services Department laser system, and VIEW program), jail inmate account, and annual school reporting. He reviewed the presentation which included: (1) a chart showing a comparison of the General Fund from 6/30/15 to 6/30/24 (shows annualized growth rates with total revenues having a 3.81% growth and expenditures a 4.70% growth) and a fund balance of \$18,661,940 which would have been more if the \$3 million in sales tax for the school was included (this amount was provided directly to the School Board beginning in 2023); (2) a graph showing general fund revenues by fiscal year (increase in recovered costs due to Covington reimbursement for pad ready site); (3) a graph showing general fund expenditures by fiscal year (increase in community development due to development of pad ready site); (4) a chart showing a summary of original tax assessments (total annualized growth rate of 0.75%); (5) a chart showing select financial data (general fund balance of \$18,661,940 and a debt per capita of \$3,102.47 with the State's debt per capita \$6,381.00); (6) letter on governance with adjusting entries; and (7) audit recommendations memo. He commented that he is impressed with the County having an adequate fund balance (recommend at least \$8-\$9 million or 20% of annual budget) and low debt, as well as holding the line tight on expenditures. He mentioned that he is pleased with the condition of the books and putting in a new system is tough.

Mr. Garten asked the Board to contact Mr. Stone if they have any questions after reviewing the full audit report.

MRS. INGRID BARBER, ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - DISCUSS AND APPROVE FY26/27 PERFORMANCE CONTRACT WITH THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES:

Mrs. Ingrid Barber, Alleghany Highlands Community Services Executive Director, read the following statement:

*Chairman Garten and other members of the Board. Thank you for the opportunity to come before you tonight regarding the Community Services Board FY26/27 performance contract. The contract is the main mechanism for accountability and funding between the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the local CSB's. You will recall that we come to you every two years now. Under code sections 37.2-500, 512, and 601, the CSB's are the single point of entry and established to provide mental health, developmental disability, and substance use disorder services as an arm of local government. The contract is full of general information and contains conditions for State controlled funds. As always we appreciate your local support contributions and the contribution for jail services. At this time, I will review the financial summary and request your approval. In the essence of time, I had a power point presentation that I will send to Melissa to email to the Board.*

Mrs. Barber reviewed costs and services shown in Exhibit A which was included in the agenda packet. She stated that she will be happy to entertain any questions the Board may have.

There was some discussion regarding the number of houses the CSB has (there are three 24/7 homes with residents with one in the County, one in Clifton Forge, and one in Covington) and information given on the new opioid clinic (will have office space, group room, testing lab, community room, CIT and mobile crisis team, future detox area, etc.).

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors approve the performance contract between the Alleghany Highlands Community Services Board and the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for FY 26/27.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

APPROVE RESOLUTIONS IN RELATION TO OPIOID SETTLEMENTS:

Mr. Matt Schmitt stated that there are two memos in the agenda packet with accompanying resolutions from the County Attorney's office in regards to opioid settlements. He commented that one resolution is for participation in the proposed settlements of opioid related claims against Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus and their related corporate entities. He stated that the other resolution is to accept the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy plan and approving participation in the proposed direct settlement of opioid -related claims against the Sackler family. He suggested taking action on the resolutions separately.

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALLEGHANY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVING OF THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST ALVOGEN, AMNEAL, APOTEX, HIKMA, INDIVIOR, MYLAN, SUN, AND ZYDUS AND THEIR RELATED CORPORATE ENTITIES, AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND/OR THE COUNTY'S OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts Alleghany County by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by Alleghany County's various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, Alleghany County has been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of Alleghany County; and

WHEREAS, eight settlement proposals have been negotiated that will cause eight opioids manufacturers, Alvogen, Inc., Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Apotex Corp, Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., Indivior Inc., Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc., and Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA) Inc. (collectively the "Manufacturers") to pay approximately \$720 million nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against it; and

WHEREAS, Alleghany County has filed suit against certain of the manufacturers and their related corporate entities for their role in the distribution, manufacture, and sale of the pharmaceutical opioid products that have fueled the opioid epidemic that has harmed Alleghany County; and

WHEREAS, the County's suit seeks recovery of the public funds previously expended and to be expended in the future to abate the consequences and harms of the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the County has approved and adopted the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding (the "Virginia MOU"), and affirms that these pending settlements with the Manufacturers shall be considered a "Settlement" that is subject to the Virginia MOU, and shall be administered and allocated in the same manner as the opioid settlements entered into previously with the Distributors, Janssen, Teva, Allergan, Walmart, CVS, Walgreens, and Kroger; and

WHEREAS, the County's outside opioid litigation counsel has recommended that the County participate in the eight settlements in order to recover its share of the funds that the Manufacturers settlements would provide; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlements and concurs with the recommendation of outside counsel; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2025, approves of the County's participation in the proposed settlements of opioid-related claims against the Manufacturers and their related corporate entities, and directs the County Attorney and/or the County's outside counsel to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the County's participation in the settlements, including the required release of claims against the Manufacturers.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ALLEGHANY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACCEPTING THE PURDUE PHARMA BANKRUPTCY PLAN AND APPROVING OF THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED DIRECT SETTLEMENT OF OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST THE SACKLER FAMILY, AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY'S OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE PLAN AND EFFECTUATE THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SETTLEMENT**

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic that has cost thousands of human lives across the country also impacts Alleghany County by adversely impacting the delivery of emergency medical, law enforcement, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse services, and other services by Alleghany County's various departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, Alleghany County has been required and will continue to be required to allocate substantial taxpayer dollars, resources, staff energy and time to address the damage the opioid epidemic has caused and continues to cause the citizens of Alleghany County; and

WHEREAS, a settlement proposal has been negotiated that will cause the Sackler family, the owners of the Purdue Pharma family of companies, to pay an aggregate of \$6.5 billion dollars nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims against them and resolve Purdue Pharma's bankruptcy; and

WHEREAS, Alleghany County has filed suit against Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family for their role in the distribution, manufacture, and sale of the pharmaceutical opioid products that have fueled the opioid epidemic that has harmed Alleghany County; and

WHEREAS, the County's suit seeks recovery of the public funds previously expended and to be expended in the future to abate the consequences and harms of the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS; the County submitted a proof of claim in the bankruptcy and is thus entitled to vote on whether the bankruptcy court should accept or reject the associated bankruptcy plan;

WHEREAS, the County has approved and adopted the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund and Settlement Allocation Memorandum of Understanding (the "Virginia MOU"), and affirms that this pending settlement with the Sackler family shall be considered a "Settlement" that is subject to the Virginia MOU, and shall be administered and allocated in the same manner as the opioid settlements entered into previously with the Distributors, Janssen, Teva, Allergan, Walmart, CVS, Walgreens, and Kroger; and

WHEREAS, the County's outside counsel has reviewed the available information about the proposed settlement with the Sackler family and the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy plan and has recommended that the County accept the bankruptcy plan and participate in the settlement, in order to recover its share of the funds that the settlement would provide;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2025, accepts the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy plan and approves of the County's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against the Sackler family, and directs the County's outside counsel to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the County's participation in the settlement, including the required release of claims against the Sackler family, and accept the bankruptcy plan.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

APPROVE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (PPTRA) RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2025

Mr. Garten reviewed a memo from Mrs. Sheila Selleck, Commissioner of the Revenue, to the Board which is included in the agenda packet. The memo is as follows:

*As you may remember, the Personal Property Tax Relief percentage now changes from year to year. It is based on the total qualifying vehicles for the current year, and the set amount of money coming from the state, which does not change. We have completed the calculations for the personal property assessment book, and for 2025 the amount of relief granted will be 47%. As in the past, this applies to the first \$20,000 of value on cars, light trucks, and motorcycles. Also, vehicles valued at \$1,000 or less will receive 100% relief.*

*Melissa is preparing a resolution to this effect to be considered at your board meeting. I will be unable to attend the meeting, so please call or e-mail me at [sselleck@co.alleghany.va.us](mailto:sselleck@co.alleghany.va.us) if you have any questions.*

Mr. Garten added that the rate last year was 48%.

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

WHEREAS, the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, Virginia Code Sections 58.1-3523 *et seq* ("PPTRA"), has been substantially modified by the enactment of Chapter 1 of the Acts of Assembly, 2004 Special Session I (Senate Bill 5005), and the provisions of Item 503 of Chapter 951 of the 2005 Acts of Assembly (the 2005 revisions to the 2004-06 Appropriations Act); and

WHEREAS, this resolution is adopted pursuant to Ordinance O-05-13 which was enacted by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors on December 20, 2005 ("Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors now desires to set the rate of tax relief for tax year 2025 for purposes of this Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. That tax relief shall be allocated so as to eliminate personal property taxation for qualifying personal use vehicles valued at \$1,000 or less.
2. That qualifying personal use vehicles valued at \$1,001 - \$20,000 will be eligible for 47% tax relief.
3. That qualifying personal use vehicles valued at \$20,001 or more shall only receive 47% tax relief on the first \$20,000 of value.
4. That all other vehicles which do not meet the definition of "qualifying" (for example, including but not limited to, business use vehicles, farm use vehicles, motor homes, etc.) will not be eligible for any form of tax relief under this program.
5. That the percentages applied to the categories of qualifying personal use vehicles are estimated fully to use all available PPTRA funds allocated to Alleghany County by the Commonwealth of Virginia.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

APPROVE "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE VIRGINIA WATER AND WASTEWATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK (VAWARN) MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT":

Mr. McFadyen stated that there is information in the agenda packet along with a resolution that would authorize the execution of the Virginia Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network (VAWARN) Mutual Aid Agreement. He commented that it allows public/private utilities to request assistance to one another when needed. He mentioned that it is administered by EPA and VDEM.

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE  
VIRGINIA WATER AND WASTEWATER AGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK  
MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the National Infrastructure Protection Plan and in particular the Sector Specific Plan for the Water Sector developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency identifies the development of a Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network in each State as an important means of helping to ensure resilient water and wastewater infrastructure in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of such national Water Sector plan, Virginia's longstanding, nationally-recognized professional associations known as the Virginia Section of the American Water Works Association ("VA AWWA") and the Virginia Water Environment Association ("VWEA") have jointly formed the Virginia Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network ("VA WARN") Committee to develop the EPA-recommended network and associated procedures for implementation in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the VA WARN Committee has developed the attached for of a VA WARN Mutual Aid Agreement for use by public and private Water Sector utilities for purposes of requesting assistance and responding to such requests as well as a related form of an Event Agreement for providing assistance of a defined scope on defined terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, this VA WARN Mutual Aid Agreement is intended to supplement and integrate with the Statewide Mutual Aid Program administered by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, with the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, and with other mutual aid agreements of local, intrastate and interstate scope; and

WHEREAS, Alleghany County owns or operates wastewater facilities, is responsible for public water supply or wastewater management in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and is therefore eligible to participate in VA WARN and the VA WARN Mutual Aid Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors, that Mr. Kenneth McFadyen, County Administrator, is hereby authorized to execute the VA WARN Mutual Aid Agreement, which is hereby approved.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR HOSPITAL TO HOME, LLC (H2H EMERGENCY SERVICES) TO PROVIDE MEDICAL TRANSPORT SERVICES IN THE COUNTY:

Mr. Fitch stated that Hospital to Home, LLC intends to contract with Lewis Gale-ARH for private transport services in the County in a non-designated emergency response agency capacity and a resolution is required per the Code of Virginia.

Dr. Goings asked if there is already a service in place to take someone home from the hospital or transport (i.e. Republic). Mr. Griffith replied that Republic does not transport out of the area (i.e. hospital to hospital, etc.).

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

WHEREAS, Hospital to Home, LLC, d/b/a H2H Emergency Services (hereinafter, "H2H"), a Virginia limited liability company, operates a medical transport service licensed by the Virginia Department of Health - Office of Emergency Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, H2H is requesting approval to expand its services to operate its ambulance transport service (interfacility and facility-to-home transport) in Alleghany County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors must adopt a resolution pursuant to Virginia Code §15.2-955 and 12VAC5-31-420 before H2V may operate within the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that:

1. Hospital to Home, LLC, d/b/a H2H Emergency Services ("H2H"), is hereby granted local approval to provide medical transport services within the entire geographical area of Alleghany County.
2. This approval does not authorize H2H to respond to calls for emergency 911 services from the general public within the County unless requested by the County through its EMS System.
3. Nothing in this resolution shall be deemed to recognize H2H as an integral or essential part of the official safety program of the County.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

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

- *We are following up with developers who attended the August 14<sup>th</sup> Housing Summit. Developers have expressed interest in specific sites for potential housing development.*
- *The Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) community meeting last week went well with high attendance. The Dunlap Fire Department and Rescue Squad hosted the meeting. The VATI project is serving 370 addresses with fiber broadband connectivity. There are 114 separate addresses slated to receive Starlink satellite broadband connectivity. Members of the community did express a strong preference for fiber connectivity.*
- *Public Works has finalized the engineering task order for needed repairs to the Intervale wastewater pump station.*
- *Public Works is working through the process of permitting haulers to take certain industrial-type waste that cannot go through our Island Ford Transfer Station directly to the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority's landfill at Smith Gap. It is possible that permit application and procedures may be presented to the Board of Supervisors in the coming months.*
- *The Emergency Operations Plan update has been drafted and should be presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration in October.*
- *The Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission (RVARC) is assisting with the hazard mitigation and solid waste plans, which will be presented when ready.*
- *Public Works is receiving bids for electrical upgrade work at the Rosedale building, which is proving to be more involved than anticipated. We are asking our engineer to review the scope of the work and to recommend next steps.*

*Please let us know of any questions or comments. Thank you for your time and support.*

Mr. Griffith asked Mr. McFadyen if he could get the flow rate and water testing for Valley Ridge well and Pounding Mill. Mr. McFadyen replied that he has an upcoming meeting with the engineer and can add this to their assessment.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (INQUIRIES/REPORTS):

Miscellaneous

Mr. Dodd thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He thanked the school representatives, coaches, and students for their comments. He also thanked Mayor Irvine for being at the meeting. He wished everyone a safe September.

Mr. Nicely stated that he feels the Board accomplished a lot tonight. He mentioned that he will have to give the school request a lot of thought and commented that he would like an answer on Covington funding.

Mr. Bennett commented that the school system is designing an unclaimed piece of property which should lend well for building as that is cut out ground. He mentioned that he always felt that keeping a child busy would help them not get in trouble.

Dr. Goings thanked the coaches and payers for their comments and stated that he played a lot of tennis when he was younger, as well as his son. He commented that he hopes to visit the facilities of AHCSB and DSS to see updates made. He mentioned that he was told that there would be a frank discussion with school administration on their request and hopes things can be worked out.

Mr. Griffith stated that he feels that a meeting needs to be held with representatives of the school system to discuss the request further.

Mr. Garten thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He stated that he appreciates the additional information given in the presentation regarding the school project. He mentioned that sports season is here and asked everyone to support our teams.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Bennett, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

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G. Matt Garten  
Chairman