

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Alleghany County, Virginia held on Wednesday, November 5, 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
Shannon P. Cox
Gregory A. Dodd
Ronald S. Goings

and Jonathan Fitch, Director of Public Safety
Jim Guynn, County Attorney
Melissa A. Munsey, Deputy Clerk to the Board

ABSENT: Cletus W. Nicely
Ken McFadyen, County Administrator
Suzanne T. Adcock-Nicely, Director of Finance

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chairman called the adjourned 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 October 7, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL - AMENDMENTS TO CH. 2-ADMINISTRATION OF THE COUNTY CODE (OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES):

Public Hearing was held to consider amendments to Chapter 2-Administration of "The Code of the County of Alleghany, Virginia" to amend Article II-Office of Emergency Services to bring this section up to date with current State regulations.

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 and Wednesday, October 29, 2025 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

Mr. Fitch stated that there is a memo from him to the Board included in the agenda packet. The memo is as follows:

During the review and update of the County's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) (which will be discussed later in the agenda), it was recommended by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) that we update the County Code to coincide with the EOP revisions. The changes will also align with current State Code regulations and with best practices in Emergency Management across the Commonwealth. These changes were drafted and reviewed with the assistance of VDEM. A letter from Mike Guzo of VDEM is attached.

The red-lined edits are shown in the draft County Code amendment.

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

The memo from Mr. Mike Guzo of VDEM included in the agenda packet is as follows:

Dear Mr. McFadyen,

Following discussions with Public Safety Director Jonathan Fitch, I have reviewed the proposed revisions to the Alleghany County Code concerning the establishment and responsibilities of the Department of Emergency Management. I support these changes and recommend their adoption, as they align with recognized best practices in emergency management and the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Services and Disaster Law of 2000.

The proposed language:

- *Clearly defines the roles of the Director and Coordinator of Emergency Management.*
- *Establishes a centralized Department of Emergency Management to coordinate all disaster-related activities.*
- *Maintains the authority of existing departments as outlined in the Alleghany County Emergency Operations Plan.*
- *Provides updated and comprehensive definitions for key terms such as "disaster", "emergency services", and "local emergency" ensuring consistency with State law.*
- *Clarifies the chain of command and operational responsibilities during emergency situations.*

These updates will enhance the County's ability to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies efficiently and in coordination with state and federal partners. I recommend moving forward with the adoption of these changes to ensure your code reflects current standards and supports a resilient emergency

management framework.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information or support as you finalize this process.

/s/ Respectfully,
Mike Guzo
Chief Regional Coordinator, Region 6
Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Mr. Bennett mentioned that he was Chairman of the Board of Supervisors during the Derecho and it was a lot of work on him making decisions as Director of Emergency Management when it should have been the County Administrator in that position with assistance of the Director of Public Safety. He commented that this is a good change.

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

On motion of Mrs. Cox, 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	Yes

On motion of Mrs. Cox, seconded by Dr. Goings, the following amendments proposed at the Public Hearing held on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 to The Code of the County of Alleghany, Virginia in Chapter 2 entitled "Administration" be adopted as follows:

CH. 2 ADMINISTRATION

CURRENT:

ARTICLE II. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Sec. 2-31. Purpose of article.

In order to develop and maintain an emergency services organization to ensure that preparations are adequate to deal with disaster or emergencies resulting from enemy attack, sabotage or other hostile action, manmade disaster, resource shortage, fire, flood, earthquake or other natural cause and generally to protect the public peace, health and safety and to preserve the lives and property and economic well-being of the people, it is found and declared to be necessary to provide and authorize an office of emergency services pursuant to the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Services and Disaster Law of 1973 (Code of Virginia, § 44-146.13 et seq.).

Sec. 2-32. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

Director means the director of emergency services.

Emergency services means the preparation for and the carrying out of functions, other than functions for which military forces are primarily responsible, to prevent, minimize and repair injury and damage resulting from natural or manmade disasters, together with all other activities necessary or incidental to the preparation for and carrying out of such functions. These functions include, without limitation, firefighting services; police services; medical and health services; rescue; engineering; warning services; communications; radiological, chemical and other special weapons defense; evacuation of persons from stricken areas; emergency welfare services, emergency transportation; emergency resource management; existing or properly assigned functions of plant protection; temporary restoration of public utility services; and other functions related to civilian protection. These functions also include the administration of approved state and federal disaster recovery and assistance programs.

Local emergency means the condition declared by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to section 2-37 when, in its judgment, the threat or actual occurrence of a disaster is or threatens to be of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant coordinated local government action to prevent or alleviate the damage, loss, hardship or suffering threatened or caused thereby. However, a local emergency arising wholly or substantially out of a resource shortage may be declared only by the governor, upon petition of the Board of Supervisors, when he deems the threat or actual occurrence of a disaster to be of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant coordinated local government action to prevent or alleviate the damage, loss, hardship or suffering threatened or caused thereby. Nothing in this article shall be construed as prohibiting the Board from the prudent management of its water supply, in the absence of a declared state of emergency, to prevent a water shortage.

Cross reference— Definitions generally, § 1-2.

State Law reference— Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 44-146.16(6).

Sec. 2-33. Director designated.

The chairman of the Board of Supervisors is designated as the director of emergency services.
State Law reference— County director of emergency services, Code of Virginia, § 44-146.19(B)2.

Sec. 2-34. General duties of director.

The director of emergency services shall be responsible for organizing emergency services and directing emergency operations through the regularly constituted government structure and shall utilize the services, equipment, supplies and facilities of existing departments, offices and agencies of the county to the maximum extent practicable. The officers and personnel of all such departments, offices and agencies are directed to cooperate with and extend such services and facilities to the director upon request.

Sec. 2-35. Coordinator.

The coordinator of emergency services shall be the county administrator. He shall coordinate and administer emergency services operations in the county on a day-to-day basis.

Sec. 2-36. Operations plan and mutual aid agreements.

The director of emergency services shall prepare or cause to be prepared and kept current a local emergency operations plan. He may, in collaboration with other public and private agencies within this commonwealth or within an adjacent state, develop or cause to be developed mutual aid agreements for reciprocal assistance in a disaster or an emergency too great to be dealt with unassisted.

State Law reference— Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 44-146.19(D), (E).

Sec. 2-37. Declaration of local emergency.

(a) A local emergency may be declared by the director of emergency services, with the consent of the Board of Supervisors. If the Board of Supervisors cannot convene due to the disaster or other exigent circumstances, the director or coordinator or any member of the Board of Supervisors, in the absence of the director and coordinator, may declare the existence of a local emergency, subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors at its next regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting within 14 days of the declaration, whichever occurs first. The Board, when in its judgment all emergency actions have been taken, shall take appropriate action to end the declared emergency.

(b) A declaration of a local emergency shall activate the response and recovery programs of all applicable local and interjurisdictional emergency operations plans and authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder.

State Law reference— Similar provisions, Code of Virginia, § 44-146.21.

Sec. 2-38. Persons contributing to emergency or disaster responsible for expenses.

Any person causing or contributing to an emergency or disaster shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by the county in responding to, controlling and handling such emergency or disaster. Such expenses may include but not be limited to equipment cost; material; hazardous material; emergency response operations; immediate accident or incident site cleanup costs; all expenses incurred in preventing or alleviating damage, loss, hardship or suffering caused by accidents or incidents involving hazardous materials; and any other incidents beyond hostile fires or medical emergencies. The local coordinator of emergency services is authorized to seek such reimbursement by any legal means, including civil process in the appropriate courts in the commonwealth.

Secs. 2-39—2-65. Reserved.

CHANGE TO:

ARTICLE II. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Sec. 2-31. Purpose of article.

(a) In accordance with the Code of Virginia, §44-146.19, the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Services and Disaster Law of 2000, Chapter 3.2, as amended, the purpose of this article is to establish an office that will ensure the complete and efficient utilization of the county’s facilities to combat disasters, which are defined in this article.

(b) The department of emergency management established herein shall be the county department charged with disaster and emergency management for the County of Alleghany and will be the coordinating department for all disaster and emergency management services activities encompassed within the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Services and Disaster Law of 2000. The department will be the working force through which the Board of Supervisors exercises the authority and discharges responsibilities for the county concerning such law.

(c) This article will not relieve any county department of the responsibilities or authority given to it in the Alleghany County emergency operations plan.

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The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning.

Coordinator means the coordinator of emergency management (“coordinator”) who shall be the director of the department of public safety or, if there is no such director, the person appointed by the County Administrator to fulfill those responsibilities.

Director means the director of emergency management (“director”) who shall be the Alleghany County Administrator.

Disaster means (i) any man-made disaster, including any condition following an attack by any enemy or foreign nation upon the United States resulting in substantial damage of property or injury to persons in the United States including by use of bombs, missiles, shell fire, or nuclear, radiological, chemical, or biological means or other weapons or by overt paramilitary

actions; terrorism, foreign and domestic; cyber incidents; and any industrial, nuclear, or transportation accident, explosion, conflagration, power failure, resources shortage, or other condition such as sabotage, oil spills and other injurious environmental contaminations that threaten or cause damage to property, human suffering, hardship, or loss of life; and (ii) any natural disaster including any hurricane, tornado, storm, flood, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, earthquake, drought, fire, communicable disease or public health threat, or other natural catastrophe resulting in damage, hardship, suffering, or possible loss of life.

Emergency services means the preparation for and the carrying out of functions, other than functions for which military forces are primarily responsible, to prevent, minimize and repair injury and damage resulting from disasters, together with all other activities necessary or incidental to the preparation for and carrying out of such functions. These functions include, without limitation, firefighting services; police services; medical and health services; rescue; engineering; warning services; communications; radiological, chemical and other special weapons defense; evacuation of persons from stricken areas; emergency welfare services; emergency transportation; emergency resource management; existing or properly assigned functions of plant protection; temporary restoration of public utility services; and other functions related to civilian protection. These functions also include the administration of approved state and federal disaster recovery and assistance programs.

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(b) A declaration of a local emergency shall activate the response and recovery programs of all applicable local and interjurisdictional emergency operations plans and authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder.

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Secs. 2-39—2-65. Reserved.

Adopted: November 5, 2025
Effective Date: November 6, 2025
Adopted by the following roll call vote:

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mrs. Cox	Yes
Mr. Dodd	Yes
Mr. Garten	Yes

Dr. Goings	Yes
Mr. Griffith	Yes
Mr. Nicely	Absent

ALLEGHANY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Deputy Clerk to the Board

PUBLIC COMMENT (5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT):

Mrs. Marie Fitzpatrick, 444 E. Hugh Street, spoke regarding community reconciliation in relation to the actions that occurred at the September 19th football game between the Sheriff and Mr. Richard Jordan. She mentioned that elected officials serve at the pleasure of constituents, that law enforcement should de-escalate situations versus escalating them, the need for diversity training, and suggested the formation of a citizens advisory council to promote harmony and inclusion in the Alleghany Highlands.

Mr. Greg Rice, 552 E. Oak Street, spoke regarding the incident that occurred at the football game between Mr. Richard Jones and the Sheriff and that actions taken were too aggressive.

Mrs. Susan Goings, 1717 Ridgevue Avenue, shared information with the Board regarding the Clifton Forge Women’s Club Holiday Home Tour which will be held on December 6th. She also mentioned that the Holiday Joy Silent Auction will be held from December 5th-6th in the Underground of The Historic Masonic Theatre. Pictures of the six homes that are part of the tour were displayed on an easel throughout the meeting.

Ms. Deloris Quarles, 701 Wrightstown Avenue, spoke regarding the incident that occurred in September at the football game with Mr. Richard Jordan and the Sheriff and that accountability for actions needs to be addressed.

MS. SUSAN HAMMOND, VDOT RESIDENT ENGINEER - VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPDATE:

Mr. Garten read an update on VDOT activities from Ms. Susan Hammond, VDOT Resident Engineer, who was unable to be present tonight. The update is as follows:

Maintenance

- *Performed ditching and shoulder repair on Rts. 770, 658, 614, 600, 616, 619, 617, 613, 615, 618, and 602.*
- *Last secondary route mowing of the year underway and working west.*
- *Cut brush on Rts. 850, 220S, 614, 600, 1401, and 609.*
- *Repaired fording on Rt. 609.*
- *Replaced pipes on Rts. 613, 770, 18, and 1217.*
- *Cleaned pipes on Rts. 770, 619, 617, 618, 602, 616, 600, and 613.*
- *Patched potholes on Rts. 42, 18, 220N, 220S, 269, 696, and 687.*
- *Rt. 42 bridge repairs should be completed by end of the week.*
- *Rt. 770 slope repair is complete.*
- *Will be placing plant mix on secondary routes along with ditching as weather permits. Will be starting with brush and tree removal after November 15.*

Mr. Garten commented that if the Board has any questions to email Ms. Hammond.

RECOMMEND APPOINTMENT OF MR. CARL BYER, JR. TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

Mr. Garten stated that a recommendation needs to be made to the Circuit Court Judge to appoint Mr. Carl W. Byer, Jr. (Falling Spring District) to the Board of Zoning Appeals to replace Mr. Shawn Simmons whose term expired October 31, 2025.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors endorses the appointment of Mr. Carl W. Byer, Jr., 400 Big Cedar Drive, Hot Springs, VA 24445 to represent the Falling Spring District on the Alleghany County Board of Zoning Appeals for a term of five years beginning November 1, 2025 and ending October 31, 2030.

The resolution of endorsement is to be submitted to the Judge of the Circuit Court to make the appointment.

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 AMENDMENTS TO THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN:

Mr. Fitch reviewed a memo from him to the Board which is as follows:

According to State law, the County's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) must be reviewed, updated, and re-adopted by the locality every four years. County staff obtained assistance from local stakeholders and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) for the update. They were instrumental in ensuring we met the stringent criteria for such a document by recommending how best to revise the EOP to meet current standards.

Updates to the plan include the following: contact lists, resource lists, additional emergency shelter information, operational information, and language revision/rewording in some Annexes to clarify operations.

A copy of the document is available in the County Administration Office for review by any Board member. I respectfully request that the Board consider formally approving the revised EOP at its November 5, 2025 regular meeting.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me with any questions. Thank you.

He added that the Emergency Operations Plan is a very large document that is a working document utilized for a wide-range of disasters.

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

WHEREAS, the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors is greatly concerned with the health, safety, and well-being of its citizens and desires that the best possible emergency services be available to them; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Services and Disaster Law of 2000 requires that each city and county develop and maintain an Emergency Operations Plan which addresses its planned response to emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, such a plan has been revised and updated by County staff and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, with input from responsible local agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors that on this date it does hereby officially adopt the Alleghany County Emergency Operations Plan, as amended.

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

Ms. Deloris Quarles, 701 Wrightstown Avenue, asked if the Emergency Operations Plan is available on-line. Mr. Fitch replied that there is a copy in the County Administration Office which can be viewed.

APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN FY26 (VARIOUS):

Mr. Garten stated that there is a draft resolution in the agenda packet showing various supplemental appropriations needed in relation to Gov Deals sales and insurance recoveries. He mentioned that this is a housekeeping item.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors budget and approve the following supplemental

appropriations in FY26:

1. Gov Deals Sales (Various Depts.):

Revenue Accounts

Sale of Vehicles (11000000-415205)	\$41,225.00
Sale of Materials/Supplies (11000000-415207)	\$ 7,919.00
Sale of Vehicles-Joint (11000000-485500)	\$ 4,750.00
Sale of Vehicles (53000000-415205)	\$ 5,000.00
Sale of Materials/Supplies (53000000-415207)	\$ 10.00

Expenditure Accounts

Vehicle/Power Supplies (11012210-550408)	\$ 162.00
Purchase of Vehicles (11031021-57005)	\$ 4,750.00
Purchase of Vehicles (11042030-570005)	\$34,500.00
Purchase of Vehicles (11042050-570005)	\$ 3,800.00
Machinery & Equipment (11042050-570001)	\$ 3,450.00
Other Operating Supplies (11043020-554013)	\$ 47.00
Machinery & Equipment (11071100-570001)	\$ 7,185.00
Machinery & Equipment (53044010-570001)	\$ 10.00
Purchase of Vehicles (53044010-570005)	\$ 5,000.00

2. Sheriff's Office - Insurance Recoveries:

Revenue Account

Insurance Recoveries (11000000-481600)	\$14,006.72
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Expenditure Accounts

Purchase of Vehicles (11031021-570005)	\$ 5,975.00
Vehicle/Power Supplies (11031021-550408)	\$ 8,031.72

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:

There was not a report as Mr. McFadyen was unable to attend the meeting.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (INQUIRIES/REPORTS):

Miscellaneous

Mr. Dodd thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and commented that the School Superintendent and the School Board Chairman are also in attendance. He stated that he saw the videos of the altercation at the game and feels something needs to be done.

Mr. Bennett mentioned that the Sheriff is a Constitutional Officer and commented that the public has a right to present comments to the Board.

Mrs. Cox thanked Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Rice and Ms. Quarles for speaking. She stated that she saw the videos and the comments as well from the game and that things could have been done differently. She mentioned that the Sheriff is an elected official. She thanked Mrs. Goings for the information on the holiday home tours and the School Superintendent and School Board Chairman for being here. She asked everyone to have a safe Thanksgiving and to be careful if traveling.

Dr. Goings thanked everyone for their opinion on the football event. He commented that he has not received an explanation of what happened and that the Board has no control over his office. He suggested addressing the situation with him personally. He stated that there are a number of new businesses in the downtown area at the former Sonabank building (i.e., Hawt Stuph & Wicked Weiners, Olive Oyl, and others) and during the fall festival he went to the new ice cream shop. He mentioned that a home health agency has bought his former building in Clifton Forge although he was hoping to get in a new doctor. He commented that he would like to know any plans the hospital has to expand healthcare in the area as there is a physician shortage.

Mr. Griffith thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for those that expressed their opinions regarding the Sheriff.

He commented that the County has five Constitutional Officers that it has no control of although we are a sounding board. He asked that everyone have a blessed Thanksgiving. He mentioned that it is a special time for him as he came home that day from a medical issue.

Mr. Garten thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for their comments. He wished everyone a wonderful November and Thanksgiving.

CLOSED MEETING:

On motion of Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Griffith, that the Board go into a Closed Meeting under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) for the purpose of: (1) property acquisition and disposition. Unanimously adopted.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Griffith, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

G. Matt Garten
Chairman