

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Alleghany County, Virginia held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 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  
S. Miller Brantley  
Shannon P. Cox  
Courtney F. Howard

and Ken McFadyen, County Administrator  
Suzanne Adcock-Nicely, Director of Finance  
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 March 3, 2026; and (2) an adjourned meeting held on March 30, 2026.

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

- Removed brush and trees from Rts. 18, 220, 269, 159, 311 and various secondary routes.
- Graded and shaped ditches on Rts. 770, 614, 600, 602, 658 and 608.
- Replaced pipe on Rt. 159.
- Cleaned debris and pipe on Rts. 269, 18 and various secondary routes.
- Patched potholes on Rts. 42, 269, 220, 18 and various secondary routes.
- Repaired shoulders on Rts. 652, 661, 666 and 616.
- Removed 45 bags of trash and 20 dead animals.
- Bridge rail repair on Rt. 18 is underway. Should finish up this week.
- Interstate paving started this week.

Upcoming

- Replacing large pipe on Rt. 607 (Jonestown Road) as soon as permit clears. Road will be closed to through traffic due to size of pipe.
- Plant mix to start on Rt. 42 as weather permits.
- Rocky Forge project will increase large truck traffic and delays on Rt. 60/220 from Exit 27 though Iron Gate into Botetourt County.
- Secondary Six Year Plan and Construction budget draft complete. County may forgo the public hearing until next year as the annual allocation is less than \$100,000 and no new projects were added.
- Primary Six Year Plan hearing will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at Weyer's Cave from 4-6 p.m. This is for large projects.
- Interstate drop inlets along the barrier wall will be cleaned starting April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Barrier wall repair from wreck just east of Exit 16 will begin on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Left lanes both east and west will be closed to accommodate the repair and concrete curing.
- Sweeping of bridges/ramps/barrier wall/curb and gutter at interchanges and on interstate will begin April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Pipe flushing along barrier wall on I-64 will begin April 27<sup>th</sup> with daytime left lane closures.

Mrs. Cox asked if the white X's painted at Chipper Arritt's are to show the trees to be cut. Mrs. Hammond that they are painted so the contractor knows what to cut.

Mr. Garten mentioned that the area that was paved on Rt. 687 at the rock ledges is now getting potholes from the winter weather.

Mr. Bennett asked how much grinding has been done along the interstate. Ms. Hammond replied that they have

completed east bound from mile marker 10 to Exit 24.

SHERIFF KYLE MOORE - QUARTERLY UPDATE:

Sheriff Kyle Moore handed out a memo to the Board and a quarterly update (January-March 2026) which are a part of the records of this meeting. He stated that at the next regular he will be requesting to name two separate roadways (Morris Hill Rd. and Dolly Ann Drive) as Memorial Highways in honor of two Alleghany County deputies killed in the line of duty. The deputies are Deputy Samuel Brown, who was killed in the line of duty July 8, 1927, and Sheriff Edwin Blair Butler, who was killed in the line of duty on August 12, 1922. He added that to his knowledge no memorial or recognition has been done for either. He commented that the resolutions will then be forwarded to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for action. He mentioned that he is planning a ceremony in May and will mention at that time that this is in the works. He reviewed the memo to the Board in relation to inmate medical services which is as follows:

*Due to a situation beyond our control at the Alleghany Regional Jail, I am looking at contracting our medical services for the inmate population. Currently we have a Registered Nurse who has decided to retire and I am currently left with only one part-time RN and one LPN who are taking care of the jail 24/7 due to other part-time nurses refusing to be placed on the schedule. After conversing with Mrs. Adcock-Nicely and figuring up the amount of money we currently are paying out with salaries, benefits, and a small comp board amount we will be very near to what we would contract for.*

*Contract medical companies provide everything except medicine. They are insured, provide their own medical director and offer more total coverage.*

There was some discussion regarding when the inmate medical services RFP responses are due (April 15<sup>th</sup>); if the company guarantees coverage (can call local nurses temporarily if needed and also use travel nurses); potential cost of the service; the Board will wait until all bids received to consider approval at the next meeting; is there a backup plan (utilize part-time help in the meantime, on-call on weekends, or at the worst utilize the National Guard); etc.

Sheriff Moore reviewed the quarterly update (January-March 2026) handout. Items reviewed included number of complaints answered by dispatchers, civil process papers served, criminal arrests, incident based reports, traffic summons issued, jail transports, inmate information (population/number processed), Crisis Intervention Team transports, and fire/EMS calls dispatched. Information not on the update that he mentioned included animal control calls, enforcement with the Virginia State Police on distracted driving, participation with Ruritan clubs on trash cleanup, the inmate work crew is doing a wonderful job picking up in bad areas which helps them work time off their detainment; etc.

APPROVE RESOLUTION OF RESPECT FOR MAYOR FRED F. FORBES, III:

Mr. Garten read the draft Resolution of Respect for Covington Mayor Fred F. Forbes, III.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Fred F. Forbes, III, Mayor of the City of Covington since July 2025, passed away on March 14, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Forbes gave unselfishly of his time to the community and the Alleghany Highlands, setting an example of citizenship throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Forbes served in numerous capacities to better the Alleghany Highlands, including as a member of Covington City Council and its current Mayor, member of the Roanoke Regional Partnership Board of Directors, Alleghany Highlands Economic Development Corporation, Chief Local Elected Officials, Recovery Court Advisory Board, and the local and Roanoke TAP Boards; as well as attending many community events and ribbon cuttings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors, in honor and respect, does hereby recognize the life of Mr. Fred. F. Forbes, III for his loyalty, dedication, and service to his community, the County of Alleghany, and the Alleghany Highlands;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board extends its sincere condolences and sympathy to the family of Mr. Forbes.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
S. Miller Brantley	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
Courtney F. Howard	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

APPROVE RESOLUTION OF RESPECT FOR MR. DAVID P. PRICE, SR.:

Mr. Garten read the draft Resolution of Respect for former Board member David P. Price, Sr. who represented the Boiling Springs District.

Mrs. Cox mentioned that Mr. Price coined the phrase “The Lost Colony” for the Boiling Springs District.

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

WHEREAS, Mr. David P. Price, Sr., former member of the Board of Supervisors representing the Boiling Springs District from January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2010, passed away on March 14, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Price gave unselfishly of his time to the community and the Alleghany Highlands, setting an example of citizenship throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Price served in numerous capacities to better the Alleghany Highlands, including as a former member of the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors, the Alleghany Highlands Community Services Board, the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, the Social Services Board, and the Alleghany Highlands Economic Development Authority, as well as having served our country in the United States Navy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors, in honor and respect, does hereby recognize the life of Mr. David P. Price, Sr. for his loyalty, dedication, and service to his community, the County of Alleghany, and the Alleghany Highlands;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board extends its sincere condolences and sympathy to the family of Mr. Price.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
S. Miller Brantley	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
Courtney F. Howard	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

APPROVE REFUND OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES TO PACCAR FINANCIAL CORPORATION:

Ms. Adcock-Nicely stated that there is a memo to the Board in the agenda packet from Mrs. Sheila Selleck, Commissioner of the Revenue, which she reviewed. The memo is as follows:

*Due to an incorrect sales price reported by the Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles, Paccar Financial Corporation was improperly assessed on a heavy weight truck. The correct sales price has since been verified through the bill of sale.*

*The assessments for tax years 2022, 2023, and 2024 have now been corrected accordingly. As a result of these adjustments, Paccar Financial Corporation is due a refund for each of these years. Please see the attached memorandums detailing the corrected assessments.*

*I respectfully request your approval of these refunds so that the Treasurer may proceed with issuing payment.*

*I will be unable to attend the meeting. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me by phone or via email at [sselleck@co.alleghany.va.us](mailto:sselleck@co.alleghany.va.us).*

*Thank you for your time and consideration.*

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors authorize the Treasurer to refund \$26,488.50 to Paccar Financial Corporation for overpayment of personal property taxes in tax years 2022, 2023 and 2024. Reason for refund: Incorrect sales price reported by the Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles and Paccar Financial Corporation was improperly assessed on a heavy weight truck. The breakdown by year is as follows:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$10,595.39
2023	\$10,595.39
2024	\$ 5,297.72

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
S. Miller Brantley	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
Courtney F. Howard	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Abstain

APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN FY26 (SHERIFF'S OFFICE GRANTS, PUBLIC WORKS SURPLUS, AND VEDP GRANT):

Ms. Adcock-Nicely stated that there are several items listed in the draft resolution to appropriate the revenue and expenditure side for grants and revenue received during the year following budget adoption. She commented that they include the sale of surplus material at the transfer station, insurance recovery for the Sheriff's Office, grants received by the Sheriff's Office (technology, VSP Heat, and VLEPSC), and the award of funding from the VEDP Accelerated Due Diligence Grant for the Commerce Center.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Bennett, 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. **Sale of Surplus Materials (Public Works):**

<u>Revenue Account</u>	
Sale of Scrap-Transfer Station (11000000-415210)	\$ 1,200.00
<u>Expenditure Account</u>	
Repairs & Maint. Supplies (11042050-550407)	\$ 1,200.00
  
2. **Sheriff's Office - Insurance Recoveries:**

<u>Revenue Account</u>	
Insurance Recoveries (11000000-481600)	\$ 1,120.90
<u>Expenditure Account</u>	
Vehicle/Power Supplies (11031021-550408)	\$ 1,120.90
  
3. **Sheriff's Office - Grants (Technology, VSP Heat, VLEPSC):**

<u>Revenue Account</u>	
Miscellaneous Grants (11000000-485200)	\$91,079.45
<u>Expenditure Accounts</u>	
Police Supplies (11031021-554009)	\$ 9,929.45
Purchase of Vehicles (11031021-570005)	\$80,000.00
Computer Equip. & Software (11031021-570007)	\$ 1,150.00
  
4. **Economic Development - VEDP Accelerated Due Diligence Grant (ARCC):**

<u>Revenue Account</u>	
VEDP Pad-Ready Reimb. (11000000-418151)	\$190,000.00
<u>Expenditure Account</u>	
Pad-Ready Reimb. to IDA (11081130-500500)	\$190,000.00

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
S. Miller Brantley	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
Courtney F. Howard	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

APPROVE RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROPOSED COMBINED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RESOLVING OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST ASSOCIATED PHARMACIES, INC., J M SMITH CORPORATION, LOUISIANA WHOLESALE DRUG COMPANY, INC., MORRIS AND DICKSON CO., NORTH CAROLINA MUTUAL WHOLESALE DRUG COMPANY, INC., AND UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC.:

Mr. Guynn stated that these are smaller producers and they are being handled the same way as the other settlements. He commented that there is no exact amount of the settlement at this time and funds will be distributed in the future once settled.

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALLEGHANY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVING OF THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED COMBINED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RESOLVING OPIOID-RELATED CLAIMS AGAINST ASSOCIATED PHARMACIES, INC. (AND AMERICAN ASSOCIATED PHARMACIES); J M SMITH CORPORATION; LOUISIANA WHOLESALE DRUG COMPANY, INC; MORRIS AND DICKSON CO.; NORTH CAROLINA MUTUAL WHOLESALE DRUG COMPANY, INC.; and UNITED NATURAL FOODS, INC. (INCLUDING ITS SUBSIDIARIES SUPERVALU AND ADVANTAGE LOGISTICS) (COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE SIX REMNANT DEFENDANTS), AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND/OR THE COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO 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 six opioids defendants, Associated Pharmacies, Inc (and American Associated Pharmacies); J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc. (including its subsidiaries SuperValu and Advantage Logistics) ("Six Remnant Defendants") to pay approximately \$97,625,000 nationwide to resolve opioid-related claims by state subdivisions against it; and

WHEREAS, Alleghany County will be entitled to a portion of the settlement proceeds despite not having filed suit against any of the Six Remnant Defendants; and

WHEREAS, the County 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's outside opioid litigation counsel has recommended that the County participate in the Six Remnant Defendants settlement in order to recover its share of the funds that the settlement would provide; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026, approves of the County's participation in the proposed settlement of opioid-related claims against the Six Remnant Defendants and their related corporate entities, and directs the County Attorney and/or the County Administrator to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the County's participation in the settlement, including the required release of claims against the Six Remnant Defendants.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
S. Miller Brantley	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
Courtney F. Howard	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

ENDORSE APPOINTMENT OF MR. JACK "RUSTY" HAMMOND TO THE CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

Mr. Garten stated that the Board needs to endorse the appointment of Mr. Jack A. "Rusty" Hammond to the Circuit Court Judge to represent the Covington District on the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term to begin immediately and end October 31, 2029.

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 endorses the appointment of Mr. Jack A. "Rusty" Hammond, II, 102 Maple Lane, Covington, VA 24426 to represent the Covington District on the Alleghany County Board of Zoning Appeals to complete the term of Ms. Penny McFall beginning immediately and ending October 31, 2029.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
S. Miller Brantley	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
Courtney F. Howard	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Absent
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. McFadyen handed out and gave a report on the following items which are a part of the records of this meeting, as well as the attachments mentioned:

- A. Access to Healthcare Community Gathering - In keeping with the Board of Supervisors' FY2027 Goals and Priorities, we have scheduled the Access to Healthcare in the Alleghany Highlands for May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 at the Masonic Theatre. The goals and desired outcomes for the community gathering include: informing the community about how health care works (the economics and decision making for providers, for example), outlining the current availability of health care services in the Alleghany Highlands, pinpointing the community's desired services that may be missing (pediatrics has been mentioned), and informing the community about how we can support health care providers to deliver and maintain the desired levels and offerings of health care in the Alleghany Highlands. We will be announcing this Community Gathering more fully during the next two weeks.
- B. Public Works - Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) - Includes recommendations for needed repairs and maintenance to the water and sewer infrastructure. There will need to be additional review and decision-making during this Spring's budget process. At this time, Public Works staff has identified top priority projects, totaling \$12.7 M. We are contacting our General Assembly delegation and Virginia and federal agencies that provide grants and financing to localities for these capital needs.
- C. Parks and Recreation - Kids Fishing Day is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Boys Home, registration is at 8 a.m. And, the VA250 schedule of celebration events is attached.
- D. Rural Regional Transportation Plan - Coordinated by the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, there is a community survey that is available online or here at the County Administration building for citizens to complete. We will promote the survey and Rural Regional Transportation Plan through our social media channels.
- E. VDOT - The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will conduct a public meeting in our area to give citizens the opportunity to provide comments on projects and programs to be included in the Fiscal Year 2027-2032 Six Year Improvement Program (FY2027-2032 SYIP), including highway, rail and public transportation initiatives. Public comments can be submitted through June 1, 2026. Citizens may send comments to the Infrastructure Investment Director at 1221 E. Broad Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, West, Richmond, VA 23219 or e-mail to: [SixYearProgram@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:SixYearProgram@vdot.virginia.gov). For transit and public transportation, you may send your comments to Public Information Office, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, 600 East Main Street, Suite 2102, Richmond, VA 23219 or email to [DRPTPR@drpt.virginia.gov](mailto:DRPTPR@drpt.virginia.gov). The FY26 projects for Alleghany County are attached. There will also be a VDOT meeting with localities in early June in Staunton.
- F. Public Works - Our contractor that operates our two wastewater treatment plants has requested an increase to the annual cost escalator (based on the consumer price index). We are evaluating the contract and any alternatives we may have and will keep the Board informed of developments.
- G. April 21<sup>st</sup> Special Election - Alleghany County General Services is assisting the Registrar and Electoral Board with preparations for onsite polling place voting, scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>, specifically ensuring handicapped accessibility at the polling places and moving voting machines and equipment under the Registrar's direction.
- H. Tourism Promotion Services RFP - We received ten proposals. A committee of County staff and Board of Supervisors' leadership is scheduled to meet later this month to review the proposals. We hope to have a contract for services ready not later than the Board of Supervisors' June 2025 regular meeting.
- I. Alleghany Highlands Public Schools - During the March 30<sup>th</sup> Alleghany Highlands Public Schools budget presentation, the City and County received a capital request for a roof replacement at Mountain View Elementary and Clifton Academy. We are working with the School System staff to better understand the need and to identify any cost savings. I appreciate Superintendent Halterman's spirit of cooperation and teamwork. We will keep the Board informed of details as they further develop.

- J. Commerce Center Pad Sites - The Virginia Economic Development Partnership has awarded Alleghany County and the Alleghany-Covington Industrial Development Authority a Virginia Business Ready Sites Program grant in an amount not to exceed \$190,000 for additional engineering and due diligence related to the pad sites. The grant does require a 15% local match, or up to \$28,500. In addition, the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved the first reading of our grant request of \$250,000 for design and permitting improvements of Piney Ridge Road, adjacent to the pad sites. The final reading and consideration of CTB approval should be scheduled for this month.
- K. E-911 Center - City of Covington and County representatives recently visited the Rockbridge Regional E-911 Center. The Alleghany Highlands localities have met with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) to understand what would need to be done to consolidate the E-911 dispatch centers. This topic has been discussed for a long time and we are pursuing VDEM resources to evaluate the necessary considerations to consolidate E-911 operations to one location.
- L. Economic Development Corporation - Attached are the minutes from the November 2025 meeting. Also, the Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) has approved the renewal of Alleghany County's Enterprise Zone. Special thanks to Tyler Sizemore for working with the DHCD staff on the renewal application.
- M. Broadband - We are awaiting an update and cost estimate from the Craig-Botetourt Electric Cooperative concerning a needed broadband expansion project for Crows/Hematite residents. Approximately 114 addresses are slated to receive Starlink satellite internet service and residents want to have fiber connectivity. We would pursue grant funding to deliver broadband connectivity to these residents.
- N. Housing - We are preparing a scope for planning assistance for Virginia Housing which has offered to provide this assistance to the County as a further action from our housing study last year.
- O. Annual Budget - The County's annual budgeting process has begun. A budget committee of the Board of Supervisors Chair, Vice-Chair, and County staff should meet frequently during the process. We should expect a Board FY27 budget work session in May.

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

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (INQUIRIES/REPORTS):

Miscellaneous

Mr. Brantley thanked the presenters and commented that a lot of useful information was given. He expressed his condolences to the families of Mr. Forbes and Mr. Price. He encouraged everyone to participate in the Community Gathering on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Bennett thanked citizens, Ms. Deloris Quarles and Ms. Rebecca Irvine. for attending the meeting. He mentioned that a child in sports generally will not get in trouble as it wears them out.

Mrs. Howard encouraged everyone to enjoy the parks and trails with all the beautiful weather. She mentioned that the opening day for youth sports is April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. and Cora Dance will have a performance that evening. She commented that she is excited about the upcoming May 21<sup>st</sup> healthcare forum.

Mrs. Cox thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She mentioned that Mr. Price when he retired used to call her after each Board meeting to give her pointers whether or not he agreed with her. She commented that he told her to always speak her mind in a good way. She stated that she did not know Mr. Forbes well, but heard he was a wonderful gentleman. She asked everyone to enjoy the weather.

Mr. Griffith thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and to enjoy the weather.

Mr. Garten stated that spring is here, as well as the pollen. He suggested that everyone go out and watch the youth sports. He expressed his gratitude to the coaches, parents, and volunteers. He commented that he knew Mr. Price on a personal level and appreciates his service. He mentioned that he saw Mr. Forbes a lot at ribbon cuttings and enjoyed working with him.

CLOSED MEETING:

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Cox, 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. Unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Cox, 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/Shannon P. Cox	Yes
/s/Courtney F. Howard	Yes
/s/G. Matt Garten	Yes
/s/James M. Griffith	Yes
/s/Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
/s/S. Miller Brantley	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Absent

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mrs. Cox, seconded by Mr. Brantley, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried.

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G. Matt Garten  
Chairman