

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Alleghany County, Virginia held on Tuesday, May 5, 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
Shannon P. Cox
Courtney F. Howard
Cletus W. Nicely

and Ken McFadyen, County Administrator
Suzanne Adcock, Director of Finance
Beverley Bowers, Deputy Director of Public Works
Jim Guynn, County Attorney
Melissa A. Munsey, Deputy Clerk to the Board

ABSENT: S. Miller Brantley

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 April 7, 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

- Tree and brush removal on Rts. 220S, 159, 311S, 42, 687, 629, and 639.
- Graded dirt roads - Rts. 770, 613, 658, 614, and 600.
- Boom axed Rts. 18 and 696.
- Cleaned pipe on Rts. 18, 850, and various secondary routes.
- Repaired shoulders on Rt. 619.
- Plant mix patched Rt. 42.
- Patched potholes on Rts. 220S, 18, 159, 311S&N, and various secondary routes.
- Pipelining complete on Rts. 60 near the intersection of Wrightstown and Grayson Avenue.
- Removed 32 bags of trash and many dead deer.
- Median barrier wall completed on I-64 at MM17.

Upcoming

- As weather permits, will be laying plant mix on Rt. 18 and pothole patching adjacent routes.
- Interstate paving will start up again in the next two weeks then Adams will move onto Rt. 60 and the ramps at night.

Other

- The dollar value for the Six-Year Plan 2032 included \$35,310 from Telefee and \$14,746 from District Unpaved Funds. No public hearing is required this year as the value is under \$100,000 and there are no new projects.

Mrs. Cox asked if the repairs to Vine Patch Road have been completed. Mrs. Hammond replied that she thinks it has, but she will check.

MR. CORBIN STONE, ROBINSON FARMER COX ASSOCIATES - PRESENTATION OF THE COUNTY AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025:

Mr. Corbin Stone, Robinson Farmer Cox Associates, stated that the Board has a copy of the audit for year ending June 30, 2025, as well as a presentation included in the agenda packet is at each seat. He commented that there was a finding on the last couple of pages of the full audit (i.e., bank reconciliation of Fund 910) and minor recommendations (jail inmate bank account internal controls, not monitoring the use of opioid abatement funds that went to the AHCSB, and emergency procurement procedure). He reviewed the presentation which included: (1) a chart showing a comparison of the General Fund from 6/30/16 to 6/30/25 (shows annualized growth rates with total revenues having a 3.47% growth and expenditures a 3.14%

growth) and a fund balance of \$23,479,261 which would have been less if the School Board had not spent down their cash balances by approximately \$2.6 million reducing the required transfer from the County; (2) a graph showing general fund revenues by fiscal year; (3) a graph showing general fund expenditures by fiscal year (School Board spent down their cash balances by approximately \$2.6 million); (4) a chart showing a summary of original tax assessments (total annualized growth rate of 0.74%); (5) a chart showing select financial data (general fund balance of \$21,679,261 which excludes unspent debt proceeds and a debt per capita of \$3,267.34 with the State's debt per capita \$6,473.00); (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 commented that the County has a healthy fund balance with low debt service.

Mr. Griffith asked if invoices are needed for the opioid money. Mr. Stone replied that the AHCSB would need to send invoices to the County.

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

APPROVE REQUEST FROM SHERIFF KYLE MOORE FOR RESOLUTIONS TO THE VDOT COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD REQUESTING MEMORIAL HIGHWAY DESIGNATIONS FOR SHERIFF EDWIN BUTLER (DOLLY ANN DRIVE) AND DEPUTY SAMUEL BROWN (MORRIS HILL ROAD):

Sheriff Kyle Moore reviewed a memo from him to the Board which is included in the agenda packet along with two resolutions with maps showing the location of the roads. The memo is as follows:

I am requesting that Morris Hill Rd. be named as a Memorial Highway in honor of Deputy Samuel Brown, who was killed in the line of duty July 8, 1927.

I am also requesting that Dolly Ann Drive be named as a Memorial Highway in honor of Sheriff Edwin Blair Butler, who was killed in the line of duty on August 12, 1922.

To my knowledge no memorial has been established for either of these two individuals who gave their lives in defense of the citizens of Alleghany County.

Mr. Garten asked if the State would be updating the signage. Sheriff Moore replied that the street names would not change, but Memorial Highway signs would be added. He commented that the cost of the signs is minimal (@ \$100/each) and his department can take care of that cost if need be. He mentioned that he will be having an event on May 22nd at the Sheriff's Office and the Brown family will be present.

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

**Highway Naming of Route 625 "Dolly Ann Drive"
from the City of Covington/Alleghany County Line to the End of
State Maintenance (165' East of Valleybrook Lane - Private Road)
as the "Sheriff Edwin Butler Memorial Highway"**

WHEREAS, Sheriff Edwin Butler was shot in the line of duty on August 9, 1922 and subsequently died of his wounds on August 12, 1922; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Edwin Butler was attempting to arrest John Adams, who fled the scene and was later captured after firing the fatal shots at Sheriff Butler; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Edwin Butler was duly elected by the citizens of Alleghany County in 1920 and served in that capacity until his death; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to give suitable names to state highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities and change the names of any highways, bridges, interchanges, or other transportation facilities forming a part of the systems of state highways; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities named by the CTB and requires that the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining such signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Alleghany County, in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, does hereby request that the CTB name the 1.785 mi. segment of highway on Route 625 "Dolly Ann Drive" from the City of Covington/Alleghany County line to the End of State Maintenance (165 feet east of Valleybrook Lane - private road) the "Sheriff Edwin Butler Memorial Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Alleghany County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

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

**Highway Naming of Route 666 "East Morris Hill Road"
from the Intersection of Route 641 "Indian Draft Road" to the
Intersection of Route 605 "Coles Mountain Road" in Alleghany County as the
"Deputy Samuel A. Brown III Memorial Highway"**

WHEREAS, Deputy Samuel A. Brown III was shot in the line of duty on July 8, 1927 and subsequently died of his wounds; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Samuel A. Brown III was attempting to arrest a suspected thief, who gained access to his duty weapon and shot and killed Deputy Brown; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Samuel A. Brown III was a native of Alleghany County, where he resided with his family; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to give suitable names to state highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities and change the names of any highways, bridges, interchanges, or other transportation facilities forming a part of the systems of state highways; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities named by the CTB and requires that the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining such signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Alleghany County, in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, does hereby request that the CTB name the 3.7 mile segment of highway on Route 666, "East Morris Hill Road" from the Intersection of Route 641, "Indian Draft Road" to the Intersection of Route 605 "Coles Mountain Road" in Alleghany County as the "Deputy Samuel A. Brown III Memorial Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Alleghany County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

APPROVE CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN HEALTH PARTNERS FOR INMATE MEDICAL SERVICES:

Sheriff Kyle Moore stated that an RFP was issued and three bids were received with the lowest price from Southern Health Partners. He commented that Major Ray Keen, the Jail Administrator, is present to give an overview.

Major Keen reviewed a memo from Sheriff Moore to the Board which is included in the agenda packet. The memo is as follows:

Due to a situation beyond our control at the Allegheny 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.

He continued that they looked into all solutions and the best financially with coverage was from Southern Health Partners and is comparable to what is being paid for salaries. The annual contract is \$334,560. He asked the Board to consider the optional Electronic Medical Record (EMR) portion as well which is \$14,160.

Sheriff Moore stated that with the EMR system in place, the deputies would not have to hand carry medical records of inmates when they are transferred, and would just need to hit send on the computer to transfer those documents. He mentioned that Mr. Guynn is revising the contract at this time.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegheny County Board of Supervisors approve the award of a contract to Southern Health Partners for inmate medical services at the Allegheny Regional Jail in an amount not to exceed \$334,560 annually.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board agree with including the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system option in the amount of \$14,160 in the FY27 budget.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board authorize the Sheriff's Office to sign a contract with Southern Health Partners for the abovementioned services that is approved to form by the County Attorney.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

APPROVE AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS SERVICE, LTD. (ESS) DUE TO A RATE INCREASE:

Ms. Bowers reviewed a memo from her to the Board which is included in the agenda packet. The memo is as follows:

We are requesting to amend the contract with Environmental System Services, Ltd. (ESS) due to actual expense increases, federal consumer pricing index increases, and a lack of certified Wastewater Works Operators. Due to our longstanding working relationship and history of consistent collaboration, we are requesting that our contract with ESS be amended to state the following:

- *Increase in percentage of operations and maintenance costs annually from 2% effective July 1st of each year, to 5% effective July 1st of each year, until the contract expiration date of June 30, 2029.*

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

She added that both wastewater treatment permits have been renewed and commented that testing requirements have become stricter. She mentioned that ESS has been utilized since 2011. She stated that this service was last put out to bid in 2024 and they were the only bidder.

Mr. Garten commented that it appears that the increase is around \$3,000/year which is minimal.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors approve an amendment to the contract with Environmental Systems Service, Ltd. (ESS) July 1, 2024 due to an increase in operations and maintenance costs at the Lower Jackson Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Low Moor Wastewater Treatment Plant annually from 2% to 5% effective July 1st of each year until the contract expiration date of June 30, 2029.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes Mr. Ken McFadyen, County Administrator, to sign the contract amendment on behalf of the County.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

APPROVE REQUEST FROM FALLING SPRING FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEE IN RELATION TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ADDITION TO THEIR FIREHOUSE:

Mr. Garten stated that there is a letter in the agenda packet from the Falling Spring Fire Department to the Board requesting a waiver of the building permit fee (\$621.80) for an addition to the firehouse. The letter is as follows:

The Falling Spring Fire Department respectfully requests a waiver of the \$621.80 building permit fee associated with the construction of the new addition to our firehouse located at 303 Friels Drive in Covington.

This addition is essential to improving our operational readiness, enhancing equipment storage, and ensuring that our volunteers have the space and resources necessary to continue providing reliable emergency services to the residents of Alleghany County. As a volunteer-based organization, we rely heavily on the County and community support, fundraising, and responsible budgeting to meet our obligations. Waiving this fee would significantly assist us in directing more of our limited funds toward construction materials, safety equipment, and other mission-critical needs.

We greatly appreciate the Board's continued support of our department and the vital services we provide. Your consideration of this request will directly contribute to strengthening emergency response capabilities within our community.

Thank you for your time and attention.

*Respectfully submitted,
/s/ James Downer
Secretary Falling Spring Fire Department*

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors approve waiving up to \$1,000 for the building permit fee (estimated to cost \$621.80) for the Falling Spring Fire Department associated with the construction of a new addition to the firehouse located at 303 Friels Drive.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS IN FY26 (SCHOOL SOQ BONUS FUNDS AND VDOT EDAP GRANT):

Ms. Adcock stated that there are two 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 funds for a bonus from the Department of Education for SOQ staff in the amount of \$373,027 and a grant from VDOT for the Economic Development Access Program for design work to improve Piney Ridge Road.

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mrs. Howard, 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. <u>School System - SOQ Bonus:</u>		
<u>Revenue Account</u>		
State School Revenue (26000000-400061)		\$373,027.00
<u>Expenditure Account</u>		
School Expenditures (26062001-566008)		\$373,027.00
2. <u>Economic Development - VDOT (Economic Development Access Program Grant):</u>		
<u>Revenue Account</u>		
Piney Ridge Development (11000000-400237)		\$250,000.00
<u>Expenditure Account</u>		
Piney Ridge Development (11081130-500505)		\$250,000.00

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

APPROVE SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS IN FY26:

Ms. Kim Halterman, Superintendent of Schools, stated that there are three capital projects that are being brought before the Board per the School Funding Agreement as they each individually exceed \$100,000. She mentioned that no new funds are being requested. She stated that the first two projects will utilize funding that is currently in the School Construction and Modernization Fund and the third will come from the Operating Fund.

- AHS Sewer Line Repairs - Approximately \$120,000. The school system plans to utilize Covington’s sewer equipment and camera to see the extent of the damage.
- Callaghan Elementary School Asbestos Abatement - Approximately \$272,000. The cost was adjusted due to inflation and the project could continue beyond June 30th.
- Phase 1 Tennis Court Overall Drainage System at AHS - Approximately \$414,281. Phase I for preservation of all land behind AHS from Piney Ridge Road to the Jackson River. Drainage work Phase 1 of overall Tennis Court Project. Current work includes drainage-related work near the “junior parking lot”, track, and possible future tennis courts.

Mr. Griffith suggested changing “Phase 1 Tennis Court” to “Track and Field Drainage System.” The Board agreed by consensus to make the change in the draft resolution.

Ms. Melinda Snead-Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, stated that they are trying to do projects that are the most important at this time and they have made repairs to the current tennis courts.

Mr. Bennett commented that the drainage project will help protect the assets that the school system already has.

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, pursuant to Section 2.2.4 of the Alleghany-Covington School Funding Agreement dated August 10, 2021, approve the following capital projects with funding currently in the school system’s FY26 budget:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
• Sewer Line Repairs (AHS)	\$120,000.00
• Asbestos Abatement (Callaghan ES)	\$272,000.00
• Track and Field Drainage System (AHS)	\$414,281.00

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
S. Miller Brantley	Absent
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
Courtney F. Howard	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 which are a part of the records of this meeting, as well as the attachments mentioned:

Four Upcoming Events

- A. *The Chamber of Commerce is arranging a re-dedication of the historical marker at Falling Springs Falls for Friday, May 15th at 11:30 AM. The invitation is included. Please plan to attend as you are able.*
- B. *We ask the Board to adjourn tonight's meeting to Monday, May 18th at 6 PM for the FY27 budget work session.*
- C. *The public input meeting for the Alleghany Highlands Solid Waste Management Plan is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th at 3 PM here in the County's Board Room.*
- D. *Access to Healthcare Community Gathering - As a reminder, we have scheduled the Access to Healthcare in the Alleghany Highlands for May 21st at 6:30 PM at the Masonic Theatre. The event has been announced to the community and the details are falling into place. The flyer is attached.*

Updates

- E. *Requests for Proposals - We are soliciting proposals for a new County website and for a salary & compensation study.*
- F. *Tourism Promotion Services RFP - We plan to have a contract for services ready for the Board of Supervisors' June 2025 regular meeting.*
- G. *Commerce Center Pad Sites - The Commonwealth Transportation Board approved our grant request of \$250,000 for design and permitting improvements of Piney Ridge Road, adjacent to the pad sites.*
- H. *For the June meeting, the Department of Social Services/Children's Services Act has requested a supplemental appropriation to close out the FY26 activity. The supplemental appropriation is necessary to cover mandated services. The amount of the appropriation is being confirmed and the local share is approximately 30%.*
- I. *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.*
- J. *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. One specific project is evaluating the development of Innovation Park at Exit 29 for residential purposes.*

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

Mr. Bennett commented that the consolidation of the E-911 centers would be a good move.

Mr. McFadyen stated that the consultant is assessing five locations and will let the committee know the top three.

Mrs. Cox asked for an update on Broadband and the 114 remaining households. Mr. McFadyen replied that CBEC is extending the Broadband access that would serve around 300 addresses in the project area. He mentioned that the 114 unserved were not a part of the project and he hopes to have the project extended to that area. He commented that CBEC operates under the classification as a CLEC and to utilize Dominion Energy poles with a majorly reduced regulatory utilization fee CBEC would need to reclassify as an ILEC. He stated that the cost is three times more as a CLEC. He commented that if CBEC does not or can not reclassify then he will contact Dominion Energy on any alternatives as the cost is holding up extending to those households. He mentioned that Delegate Austin has offered to assist.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (INQUIRIES/REPORTS):

Miscellaneous

Mr. Nicely thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mr. Bennett commented that a lot was accomplished at the meeting tonight.

Mrs. Howard thanked Ms. Hammond and VDOT for all they do, Mr. Stone and Ms. Nicely for a good job done on finances, Sheriff Moore and Major Keen for their good work, Ms. Hallterman and Ms. Snead- Johnson for their report, and Mr. McFadyen for his work on the upcoming healthcare forum.

Mrs. Cox commented that Major Keen does an excellent job at the Dunlap Fire Department and it is amazing that people come from everywhere to participate in their bingo nights. She mentioned that this shows trust within the community and she knows that he does his research. She wished Mrs. Munsey a happy birthday.

Mr. Griffith thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He stated that he would like to find a way to create a Heritage Trail and have a better relationship with the Forest Service. He mentioned that existing trails could be used that would cover multiple areas with the Boiling Spring Elementary School used as an RV park and trailhead. He commented that it could increase traffic for tourism and we could work with Bath County, Craig County and Rockbridge County for connections. He stated that he would like to have seed money to get going so Mr. McFadyen can move on the project (i.e., \$100,000 for engineering) asked the Board for consent to allocate funding. He added that the project could tie in with Forestry, schools, mountain biking, ATV's, walking, etc.

Mr. Garten commented that this would help re-purpose a non-performing asset since the school closed as there is a lot of dead expense involved with upkeep. He stated that it would be good to use and grow the site. He mentioned connection to the Iron Ore Trail.

Mr. McFadyen stated that he would just need direction from the Board to assemble plans and get pieces to put together along with potentially including funding in the next budget.

Mr. Griffith commented that there could also be grant funding available.

Mr. Bennett mentioned that the Forest Service is trying to get out of things they used to do (i.e. timber sales, etc.) and are looking for partnerships.

The Board agreed by consensus for Mr. McFadyen to begin assembling planning information and include funding as part of the FY27 budget.

Mr. Garten stated that he is looking forward to the Boiling Springs project. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and to look out for the kids as it is almost summer.

CLOSED MEETING:

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mr. Bennett, 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 Mrs. Cox, seconded by Mr. Nicely, that the Board come out of the Closed Meeting with the following certification:

CERTIFICATION
SECTION 2.2-3712

To the best of our knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the session.

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

After the Closed Meeting, the following action was taken:

CONSENT FOR ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO SUBLET TO THE ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS YMCA:

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, pursuant to Section 15-Assignment or Sublet of the Deed of Ground Lease dated August 2, 2022, consent to allow the Alleghany Highlands Public Schools to sublet a portion of the property located at 100 Central Circle, Low Moor, to the Alleghany Highlands YMCA for a term of two years beginning June 1, 2026 and ending May 31, 2028 with an additional one-year optional renewal.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mrs. Cox, seconded by Mrs. Howard, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m. to Monday, May 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Alleghany County Governmental Complex. Motion carried.

G. Matt Garten
Chairman