

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**  
**5:00 P.M.**

# AGENDA

Tuesday, September 8, 2020  
5:00 PM

## **5:00 CALL MEETING TO OPEN SESSION (Judy Wyant, Chair)**

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Request adoption of the August 11 and August 27, 2020 meeting minutes (Pg. 2-54)

## **FINANCIAL STATUS**

Inform the Board of the County's financial status – Lisa Richardson

## **PAYMENT OF INVOICES**

Consideration of appropriations and accounts payable as listed on the additional agenda

## **5:15 Citizen's Time**

### **1. New Business**

- a. COVID-19 Pandemic Presentation – Dr. Karen Shelton, Director of the Mount Rogers Health District (Pg. 55-62)
- b. Smyth County Community Hospital/Ballad Health Presentation – James Tyler, Vice-President/Hospital CEO
- c. Census 2020 Update – Peggy Hurley
- d. MOU for Childcare Services – Shawn Utt

### **2. Old Business**

- a. Class of 2020 Prom Donations – Shawn Utt

### **3. Attorney Report**

### **4. County Administrator/Staff Reports**

### **5. Supervisor Comment Time**

### **6. Continue Meeting – Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**

The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. The location of the meeting was in the First Floor Board Room of the County Office Building, 121 Bagley Circle, Suite 100, Marion, Virginia.


**PRESENT:** Chair, Judy Wyant, Royal Oak District Supervisor; Vice Chair Lori H. Deel, Rye Valley District Supervisor; Charles Atkins, Atkins District Supervisor; Michael Sturgill, Chilhowie District Supervisor; Phil Stevenson, North Fork District Supervisor; Roscoe Call, Saltville District Supervisor (6)

**ABSENT:** Kristopher S. Ratliff, Park District Supervisor (1)

**STAFF:** Special Project Manager/Planner Aaron Sizemore; Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson; County Attorney Don Martin (Farthing Law); Building and Zoning Administrator Clegg Williams; Administrative Assistant Christy Bise (5)

**OTHERS:** Smyth County Sheriff Chip Shuler and Department Deputy; citizens

 8/11/2020 5:00 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called the meeting to order. She welcomed those in attendance and also welcomed Chilhowie District Supervisor Mike Sturgill to his first meeting.

 8/11/2020 5:01 PM Clegg Williams, Building and Zoning Administrator, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Christy Bise, Administrative Assistant, gave the invocation.

 8/11/2020 5:02 PM A motion was made by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2020 meeting. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

 8/11/2020 5:02 PM Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson reviewed the County financial information.

 8/11/2020 5:07 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following payment of invoices:

<b>General County</b>	
<b>Accounts Payable Listing:</b>	<b>\$1,031,234.96</b>
<b>Payroll:</b>	<b>\$730,000.00</b>
<b>Auto Draft Rural Development:</b>	<b>\$15,515.00</b>
<b>Utilities/Misc</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
<b>County Administration Fund:</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Total County Appropriation (Plus Carryover):</b>	
	<b>\$1,800,000.00</b>

*Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

 8/11/2020 5:08 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following Social Services appropriations:

<b>Social Services</b>	
(August 12 – 31, 2020)	\$385,000.00
(September 1 – 8, 2020)	\$60,000.00
<b>Total Social Services:</b>	<b>\$445,000.00</b>

*Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

 8/11/2020 5:08 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following School Board appropriations:

<b>Schools-Operating Fund</b>	
Instruction	\$660,000.00
Administration, Attendance, & Health	\$95,000.00
Transportation	\$80,000.00
Facilities	\$475,000.00
School Food Service	\$290,000.00
Technology	\$160,000.00
<b>Total School Operating Fund:</b>	<b>\$1,760,000.00</b>
School Debt and Capital Outlay	\$0.00
School Textbook Fund	\$0.00

*Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

 8/11/2020 5:08 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following EDA Fund 4 appropriation:

EDA Fund 4	\$2,730.00
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*Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

 8/11/2020 5:08 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following Sheriff's Department Fund 748 appropriation:

Sheriff Dept Fund 748	\$1,287.07
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*Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.*


*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

 8/11/2020 5:08 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following Recovery Court Fund 749 appropriation:

Recovery Court Fund 749	\$31,419.11
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*Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.*


*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*


**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

 8/11/2020 5:09 PM Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson reported on Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) training required for local officials. Effective July 1, 2020, local elected officials who hold office July 1, 2020 will have until December 31, 2020 to complete FOIA training. Any official elected after that will have two months to complete the training after taking office. This training must be completed once every two calendar years. Online training is available and certificates can be printed upon completion of the training, but Supervisors will be responsible for their own training because it will not be tracked on the website. Law requires that Clerks of local governing bodies keep records for five years showing when officials have completed training. Mrs. Richardson also noted that this is different from the Conflicts of Interest Act (COIA) training that was required to be completed in 2019 and, if Supervisors have not completed that on-line training, they will need to do so as soon as possible. Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant asked about the availability of local training and Don Martin stated he would look into providing the training.

 8/11/2020 5:13 PM Mr. Sizemore referred the Board to a resolution in support of School Resource Officer's included as part of the agenda. He reported that Senator Todd Pillion has concerns that this funding might be cut and has asked localities to consider passing this resolution in support of continued state funding for SRO's. The School Board has already passed a resolution of support and the Sheriff's Office is in support as well. *North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to support the resolution. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.*



Smyth County, Virginia  
121 Ragley Circle, Suite 100  
Marion, VA 24354

Royal Oak District  
Judy Wyant (Chair)

Rye Valley District  
Lori Deel (Vice Chair)

Saltville District  
Roscoe Call

North Fork District  
Paul Stevenson

Atkins District  
Charles Atkins

Chilhowee District  
Wade Blevins, Jr.

Park District  
Kels Ratliff

Steven Ott  
County Administrator

Alicia Richardson  
Assistant County Administrator

## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SRO GRANTS PROGRAM AND FUND

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia School Resource Officer (SRO) Grants Program and Fund was established by the General Assembly in 1999 as a special non-reverting fund within the state treasury to employ uniformed school resource officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the enabling legislation which created the SRO Grants Program and Fund passed the Senate of Virginia 39-0 and the Virginia House of Delegates 89-0; and

**WHEREAS**, the program funds School Resource Officer and School Security Officer position salaries in elementary, middle and high schools with a local match based on composite index; and

**WHEREAS**, SROs have served a vital role in keeping our students, faculty and staff safe while developing positive relationships between students, law enforcement, and the broader community in Smyth County since 1999-2000 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, Smyth County has received \$195,174 in crucial funding from the School Resource Officer Grants Program and Fund to support 3 positions in our schools for the 2020-2021 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the absence of state funding will greatly reduce or eliminate our ability to post SROs in our schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Ralph Northam stated on June 13, 2019 that, "It is paramount that we continue to make smart investments to keep Virginia schools safe and to create supportive learning environments for our students. The school resource officers and school security officers hired through these grants not only make our schools safer, but also enhance our communities by building strong positive relationships with students, faculty, and parents."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Smyth County Board of Supervisors does hereby request that Governor Ralph Northam, in conjunction with the Senate of Virginia and Virginia House of Delegates, maintain the existence of the School Resource Officer Grants Program and Fund with adequate funding therein.

**ADOPTED** this 11th day of August, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Judy Wyant".  
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Judy Wyant, Chair

Smyth County Board of Supervisors

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alicia Richardson".  
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Alicia Richardson  
Assistant County Administrator



*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*


**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.


**ABSTAINERS:** None.


**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant stated that she feels this is a very important thing for school safety and would not want to see the funding jeopardized. Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel wanted to comment for the record that anybody who is considering taking SRO's out of the schools has lost their mind. SRO's are important for the safety of the students and staff in the schools as well as creating a good opportunity for students to build relationships and trust. She further stated that if the state does take the funding away that the County will find a way to make sure the SRO's stay in the schools. Chilhowie District Supervisor Mike Sturgill stated that he has been in school administrator for 19 years the value of SRO's to the school and the staff and the students is unreal. They serve the students and the schools in so many positive ways that it would be a tremendous loss.

 8/11/2020 5:15 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened citizen's time. Sheriff Chip Shuler stated he was just on the phone with Delegate Jeff Campbell discussing the retention of SRO's and Sheriff Shuler also wrote a letter that was delivered to the Governor today stating the same thing. He noted that just because schools aren't open right now doesn't mean that people wanting to do evil things in the schools are not out there and safety is a paramount concern and he's doing everything within his power to retain the SRO's. He also thanked the Board for their concern on the recent loss of his mother.

 8/11/2020 5:17 PM With no one else wishing to speak, Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed citizen's time.

 8/11/2020 5:17 PM Mr. Sizemore reported that the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) joint application between Smyth, Wythe, and Washington Counties for broadband expansion is due next week. The PDC is currently working on writing the application. Letters of support have been received with hopes that the joint application will be successful.

 8/11/2020 5:18 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant reported that the Personnel Committee met on August 3, 2020 to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding with MRPDC for the continued services of Mr. Sizemore. The rate would be \$2,000 per month for 16 hours of service per week and was included in the County's FY20-21 budget. *The Committee unanimously recommends approval of the MOU with the following corrections – to replace Town with County, include a beginning date, and to add a 30-day termination clause.*

- *Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to approve signing the MOU with Mt. Rogers PDC for the staff planner/project manager with the noted corrections. Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** *Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

**NAYS:** *None.*


**ABSTAINERS:** *None.*

**ABSENT:** *Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.*

The Personnel Committee also discussed the Emergency Management Coordinator position. Applications have been reviewed and interviews will be conducted on August 20, 2020.

Information was presented to the Committee concerning the salary of the scale house operator position. County Administrator Shawn Utt will review the job duties and present a recommendation back to the Committee once completed.

Mr. Utt also informed the Personnel Committee he would be reviewing the County's organizational chart in the coming weeks.

 8/11/2020 5:21 PM Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins reported that the Budget Committee had met on August 3, 2020 and discussed the CARES Act funding. An additional \$2.6 million has now been added to the initial \$2.6 million received by the County for COVID-19 related items. The certification for these funds has been submitted and a public hearing will need to be scheduled for the FY20-21 budget once the funding has been allocated.

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins also presented following recommendations from the Budget Committee meeting:

For repairs to the cooling system at the Health Department:

- *Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant made a motion to approve the budget transfer request from the maintenance department for \$1,750 from 043040-5407 (County Office Building Repairs & Maintenance) to 043030-5407 (Health Department Repairs & Maintenance) and \$1,750 from 043020-3004 (Courthouse Maintenance Repairs & Maintenance) to 043030-5407 (Health Department Repairs & Maintenance). Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

*The committee discussed the Personal Property Tax Relief Act (PPTRA) rate recommendation from the Commissioner of Revenue's Office. The recommendation for FY20-21 is 49%.*

- *Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant made a motion to approve the PPTRA rate for FY20-21 at 49%. Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*


**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

The committee also discussed the importance of the Census with hopes that citizens will do their part to be counted. Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson has contacted Peggy Hurley with the Census and asked her to present an update at the August 27, 2020 Board Meeting. Currently, the response rate is at 57%.

 8/11/2020 5:28 PM Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel presented the following recommendation from the Water and Sewer Committee meeting on August 5, 2020 for a residence at 114 Harris Lane that had incurred County sewer charges but was never hooked to the sewer system:

- *North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to approve full refunds in the amount of \$655.72 to Mrs. Foster and \$525.63 for the tenants currently occupying the property. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

The committee also discussed the County's compliance with Virginia Code by allowing utilities to be put in tenant's names with \$150 deposit and signed waivers from the property owner and tenant.

The following recommendation was made by the Water and Sewer Committee concerning cut-off fees:

- *After discussion by the committee, North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to waive the \$50 monthly service fee, but not the water usage fees or penalties, on bills paid prior to August 31, 2020. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*


*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

 8/11/2020 5:33 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened the public hearing for the public nuisance complaint for 248 Bent Lane, Saltville. Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson read the public hearing notice for the record:

#### **BEFORE THE SMYTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The Smyth County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing in the Smyth County Office Building, 121 Bagley Circle, Marion, Virginia on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 5:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter to receive public input on whether the property referenced below constitutes a public nuisance as defined by Smyth County Code, Article 3, Section 20-64,:

*248 Bent Lane, Saltville identified as Tax Map No. 31-A-22A.*

Publication is required in cases where the property owner is unknown or the County has been unable to locate the owner. Those with an ownership interest in the property should contact Clegg Williams at 276-706-8315. Should the property be declared a public nuisance and the owner(s) do not file a plan to abate or raze the nuisance at his/her cost, the County will file a complaint with the Circuit Court and take action to remove the nuisance. The cost will be charged to the owner and is a lien against the property ranking on parity with real estate taxes. Failure to pay nuisance abatement charges may result in the property being sold for nuisance abatement costs as well as delinquent real estate taxes pursuant to Virginia Code §58.1-3965, (1950), as amended.

At this public hearing, subject to the rules of procedure of the Board of Supervisors of Smyth County, Virginia, any person may appear and state his/her views thereon.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this hearing should contact Clegg Williams, ADA Coordinator, at (276) 706-8315 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing.

Done by order of the Board of Supervisors  
Shawn Utt, County Administrator

*North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to waive the reading of the rules for public hearings. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

*AYES: Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

*NAYS: None.*

*ABSTAINERS: None.*

*ABSENT: Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.*

Clegg Williams, Building and Zoning Administrator, gave an overview of the nuisance complaint for the property located at 248 Bent Lane, Saltville. Multiple attempts to contact the owner have been unsuccessful. Advertised notice of the public hearing was placed in the Smyth County News and there has been no response from the property owner. The purpose of this public hearing is to determine if this property constitutes a public nuisance as defined by Ordinance Section 20-64. Mr. Williams read the following comments from an adjoining property owner for the record:

August 04, 2020

Mr. Clegg Williams, Department Administrator  
Smyth County Building & Zoning Department  
121 Bagley Circle, Suite 120  
Marion VA 24354

Reference: Nuisance Complaint for Tax Map #31-A-22A

Dear Mr. Williams,

My husband and I own property at the end of Oak Grove Road and have to drive past the above referenced property on a daily basis. First and foremost, it is an eye sore. Nothing has been done to the remaining structure since it caught on fire in 2017. There has been no upkeep to the property at all. It is a health hazard, (i.e. snakes, mice, rats). Prior to catching on fire, we had people to come up to our house at 2am in the morning wanting directions on how to get to the property. They were stealing electricity and carrying water in. The power company had to remove the power line so that they couldn't steal power. At the time that the structure caught on fire there was no electricity to the property.


My husband and I will not be at the hearing on August 11<sup>th</sup> due to COVID 19, but wish for our issues to be brought before the Board of Supervisors.

Respectfully,


*Dianne Beck*  
*Joe Beck*

Dianne and Joe Beck  
292 Oak Grove Rd  
Saltville VA 24370



 8/11/2020 5:38 PM Eddie Doane addressed the Board and stated that he has adjoining property on three sides of this location. His farm animals are stepping on debris from the property and the area is infested with rats.

 8/11/2020 5:39 PM With no one else wishing to speak, Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed the public hearing.

 8/11/2020 5:39 PM North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson asked Mr. Williams what the next steps would be. Mr. Williams stated the Board needs to declare the property a public nuisance and he will then notify the property owners of the public nuisance declaration and give them an opportunity to file a complaint to abate. If they don't, he will work with the County Attorney's office to take it before a judge. *North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to declare the property located at 248 Bent Lane, Saltville a public nuisance and ask Mr. Williams to move forward with the proper steps to clean it up. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.*

Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel asked if the Board had to wait until the next meeting to vote on this. *Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to waive the rules. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion.*


*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

 8/11/2020 5:41 PM North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to declare the property located at 248 Bent Lane, Saltville a public nuisance and ask Mr. Williams to proceed with the proper steps to clean it up. *Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.*


*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff

 8/11/2020 5:41 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant reported that the Appointment Committee met on August 3, 2020 and made the following appointment recommendations to the Board:

**Area Beautification** – North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson stated he is still working on a recommendation.

**Board of Zoning Appeals** – Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins reported he is still working on a recommendation. Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson noted that the BZA would still have a majority, but need to make sure each member has been appointed by the Court and properly sworn in.

**Department of Social Services** – *Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to reappoint Tom Hess to the Social Services Board. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Mr. Hess' term will expire June 30, 2024.

*Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant stated that Justine Bradley is up for reappointment on the Social Services Board and made a motion to reappoint her. Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Ms. Bradley's term will expire June 30, 2024.



Economic Development Authority – North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to reappoint John McLean to the EDA. Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Mr. McLean's term will expire June 30, 2024.

Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to reappoint Montie Fleshman to the EDA. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Mr. Fleshman's term will expire June 30, 2024.

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to reappoint Karen Copenhaver to the EDA. Chilhowie District Supervisor Mike Sturgill seconded the motion.

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Ms. Copenhaver's term will expire June 30, 2024.

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins noted that his district's representative has resigned from the EDA and he is trying to fill the appointment.

Smyth County Library Board – North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson reported that he has not been able to find anybody from his district who is willing to serve on this Board and he is open for recommendations.

Appalachian Juvenile Commission – Chilhowie District Supervisor Mike Sturgill made a motion to appoint County Administrator Shawn Utt to serve. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Mr. Utt's term will be co-terminus with his employment as County Administrator.

District Three Governmental Cooperative – North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to reappoint Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Mr. Atkins' term will expire August 31, 2021.

*North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to appoint Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff as alternate. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

*AYES: Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

*NAYS: None.*

*ABSTAINERS: None.*

*ABSENT: Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.*

*Mr. Ratliff's term will expire August 31, 2021.*

*Emergency Services Communications Committee – Chilhowie District Supervisor Mike Sturgill made a motion to appoint Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

*AYES: Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

*NAYS: None.*

*ABSTAINERS: None.*

*ABSENT: Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.*

*Ms. Deel's term will expire December 31, 2023.*

*North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to appoint Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff. Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

*AYES: Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

*NAYS: None.*

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Mr. Ratliff's term will expire December 31, 2023.

*North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to appoint County Administrator Shawn Utt. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Mr. Utt's term will expire December 31, 2023.

*Emergency Services Director – North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to appoint County Administrator Shawn Utt. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Mr. Utt's term will be co-terminus with his employment as County Administrator.

*Energy Coordinator – Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to appoint County Administrator Shawn Utt. Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and

*Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*  
**NAYS:** None.  
**ABSTAINERS:** None.  
**ABSENT:** *Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.*

Mr. Utt's term will be co-terminus with his employment as County Administrator.

*Keep Southwest Virginia Beautiful – North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to reappoint Manuel Street. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** *Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** *Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.*

Mr. Street's term will expire June 30, 2021.

*Smyth County Board of Building Code Appeals – North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to reappoint Cameron Wolfe. Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** *Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** *Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.*

Mr. Wolfe's term will expire August 31, 2024.

*Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to reappoint Les Whitt. Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Mr. Whitt's term will expire August 31, 2024.

*Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to reappoint Bill Huber. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Mr. Huber's term will expire August 31, 2024.

*Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to reappoint Brian Reynolds. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Mr. Reynolds' term will expire August 31, 2024.

*Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to reappoint Jim May. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

*AYES: Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

*NAYS: None.*

*ABSTAINERS: None.*

*ABSENT: Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.*

*Mr. May's term will expire August 31, 2024.*

*Marion Downtown – North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to appoint Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins. Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

*AYES: Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

*NAYS: None.*

*ABSTAINERS: None.*

*ABSENT: Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.*

*Mr. Atkins' term will expire August 31, 2021.*

*Mount Rogers PDC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Advisory Committee – Chilhowie District Supervisor Mike Sturgill made a motion to appoint County Administrator Shawn Utt. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

*AYES: Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

*NAYS: None.*

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Mr. Utt's term will be co-terminus with his employment as County Administrator.

Mount Rogers Planning District Commission – Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to appoint Jim Barker as the Town of Marion representative. Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Mr. Barker's term will expire August 31, 2024.

Mountain Community Action Program/FEMA Board – Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to appoint County Administrator Shawn Utt. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Mr. Utt's term will be co-terminus with his employment as County Administrator.

New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Consortium Board (WICB) – North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to appoint Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.



*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Ms. Deel's term expires December 31, 2023.

Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel stated that a community business representative needs to be appointed to this board. Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant stated she had contacted someone to service and the process to get them appointed is moving forward.

Ninth District Development Financing – Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to appoint County Administrator Shawn Utt. Chilhowie District Supervisor Mike Sturgill seconded the motion.

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Mr. Utt's term will be co-terminus with his employment as County Administrator.

Rye Valley Water Authority – Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to reappoint William Farmer. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Mr. Farmer's term expires June 30, 2024.

*Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to reappoint Dan Slemp, Jr. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Mr. Slemp's term expires June 30, 2024.

*Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority – North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to appoint County Administrator Shawn Utt. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Mr. Utt's term will be co-terminus with his employment as County Administrator.

*North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to appoint Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff as an alternate. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,

*North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

*Southwest Virginia Community Corrections Criminal Justice Board (CCJB) – Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to appoint Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

**Ms. Deel's term expires June 30, 2022.**

*Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to appoint County Administrator Shawn Utt as alternate. Chilhowie District Supervisor Mike Sturgill seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

**Mr. Utt's term expires June 30, 2022.**

*Transportation Rural Technical Committee – Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to appoint Clegg Williams as the County representative. Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Mr. Williams' term expires June 30, 2022.

Virginia Highlands Community College – North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to appoint Gwen Beattie, 525 W. Lee Highway, Chilhowie. Chilhowie District Supervisor Mike Sturgill seconded the motion.

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins


**NAYS:** None.


**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

Ms. Beattie's term expires August 31, 2024.

Wytheville Community College – Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins reported that he is reaching out to a prospective candidate.

 8/11/2020 6:02 PM Mr. Sizemore presented a MOU with United Way that would assist with recouping funds that have been spent locally on COVID-19 relief efforts. He does have some concerns about language within the MOU that indicates the County would be handing over all project coordination for FEMA funds. Don Martin agreed that it is very broad and reads that United Way would become the lead agency. Mr. Sizemore recommends revising this agreement language to specify that the County does its own project coordination and the Board agreed for him to work on that. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins questioned the beginning pandemic date listed as January 20, 2020. Mr. Sizemore and Mr. Martin indicated this would probably be retroactive, but will check into it further for clarification.

 8/11/2020 6:06 PM Brian Reed, MRPDC Deputy Director, presented an updated on the CDBG Food Pantry Assistant Grant. He stated the County is in contract negotiations with the state to receive the funds and the County will need to sign five non-project specific documents to get under contract. Mr. Martin concurred that these are standard boilerplate documents. Mr. Sizemore reviewed the documents that are normally adopted all together - 1) Non-Discrimination Policy, 2) Anti-Displacement Plan, 3) Local Business and Employment Plan, 4) Fair Housing Certification, and 5) Section 504 Grievance Procedure. *North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to adopt the documents as presented. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.*

SMYTH COUNTY NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Smyth County or any employee thereof will not discriminate in employment, housing or accommodations because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex or gender, age, familial status, source of income, veteran status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity. Administrative and personnel officials will take affirmative action to insure that this policy shall include, but not be limited, to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training.

Duly adopted at the regular meeting of the SMYTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS on August 11, 2020.



Alicia Richardson, Assistant County Administrator



Judy Wyant, Chair

**Smyth County**

**RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION PLAN**

Smyth County will replace all occupied and vacant occupiable low/moderate-income dwelling units demolished or converted to a use other than as low/moderate-income dwelling unit as a direct result of activities assisted with funds provided under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. All replacement housing will be provided within three (3) years of the commencement of the demolition or rehabilitation relating to conversion.

Before obligating or expending funds that will directly result in such demolition or conversion, the County will make public and advise the state that it is undertaking such an activity and will submit to the state, in writing, information that identifies:

- (1) a description of the proposed assisted activity;
- (2) the general location on a map and approximate number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be demolished or converted to a use other than as low/moderate-income dwelling units as a direct result of the assisted activity;
- (3) a time schedule for the commencement and completion of the demolition or conversion;
- (4) the general location on a map and approximate number of dwelling units by size (number of bedrooms) that will be provided as replacement dwelling units;
- (5) the source of funding and a time schedule for the provision of replacement dwelling units;
- (6) the basis for concluding that each replacement dwelling unit will remain a low/moderate-income dwelling unit for at least 10 years from the date of initial occupancy; and
- (7) information demonstrating that any proposed replacement of dwelling units with smaller dwelling units is consistent with the housing needs of low- and moderate-income households in the jurisdiction.

Smyth County will provide relocation assistance to each low/moderate-income household displaced by the demolition of housing or by the direct result of assisted activities. Such assistance shall be that provided under Section 104 (d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, or the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended.

The FY 2020/2021 project includes the following activities:

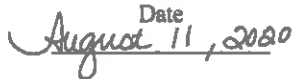
Activities for the project include: Purchase of Food, Safety Equipment, laptops, computers, freezers, storage equipment, and other items deemed necessary to maintain COVID-19 safe day to day operations for food pantries providing services to LMI households.

In all cases, an occupiable structure will be defined as a dwelling that meets local building codes or a dwelling that can be rehabilitated to meet code for \$25,000 or less.

Assistant County Administrator

  
Alicia Richardson

Date



Adopted by Board of Supervisors



**SMYTH COUNTY  
LOCAL BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT PLAN**

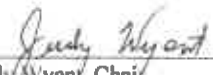
1. Smyth County designates as its Local Business and Employment Project area the boundaries of Smyth County.
2. The County, its contractors, and designated third parties shall in utilizing Community Improvement Grant funds utilize businesses and lower income residents of the project area in carrying out all activities, to the greatest extent feasible.
3. In awarding contracts for work and for procurement of materials, equipment or services of the County, its contractors, designated third parties shall take the following steps to utilize businesses which are located in or owned in substantial part by the persons residing in the Project Area are:
  - a) The County shall ascertain what work and procurement are likely to take place through the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds.
  - b) The County shall ascertain through various and appropriate sources including
    - The Smyth County News & Messenger
    - Bristol Herald Courier
    - Project Area Newspapers of General Circulationthe business concerns within the Project Area which are likely to provide materials, equipment and services which will be utilized in the activities funded through the CDBG grant.
- c) The identified business concerns shall be apprised of opportunities to submit bids, quotes or proposals for work or procurement contracts which utilize CDBG funds.
- d) To the greatest extent feasible the identified business and any other project area business concerns shall be utilized in activities, which are funded with CDBG funds.
4. In the utilization of trainees or employees for activities funded through CDBG grants, Smyth County its contractors and designated third parties shall take the following steps to utilize lower income persons residing in the Project Area.
  - a) The County in consultation with its contractors (including design professionals) shall ascertain the types and number of positions for both trainees and employees, which are likely to be utilized during the project by CDBG funds.
  - b) The County shall advertise through the following sources
    - The Smyth County News & Messenger
    - Bristol Herald Courier
    - Project Area Newspaper of General Circulationthe availability of such positions with the information on how many to apply.

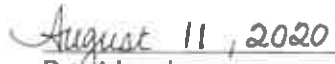
e) The County, its contractors, and designated third parties shall be required to maintain a record of inquiries and applications by project area residents who respond to advertisements, and shall maintain a record of the status of such inquiries and applications.

d) To the greatest extent feasible. The County, its contractors, and designated third parties shall utilize lower income and project area residents in filling training and employment positions necessary for implementing activities funded by CDBG funds.

5. In order to ascertain substantial compliance with the above affirmative actions and Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968. The County shall keep, and require to be kept by contractors and designated third parties, listings of all persons employed and all procurement made through the implementation of activities funded by CDBG funds. Such listings shall be completed and shall be verified by site visits and interviews, cross checking of payroll reports and invoices, and through audits if necessary.

  
Alicia Richardson, Assistant County Administrator

  
Judy Wyatt, Chair

  
Date Adopted

## Fair Housing Certification

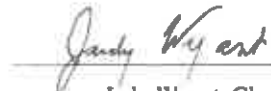
Compliance with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968

**Whereas**, Smyth County has been offered and intends to accept federal funds authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and

**Whereas**, recipients of funding under the Act are required to take action to affirmatively further fair housing;

**Therefore**, Smyth County agrees to take at least one action to affirmatively further fair housing each grant year, during the life of its project funded with Community Development Block Grant funds. The action taken will be selected from a list provided by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

  
Alicia Richardson, Assistant County Administrator

  
Judy Wyant, Chair

8-11-2020  
Date

## SECTION 504 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

[Required under Housing and Urban Development Regulations]  
(24 CFR Part 8.53(b))

### Grievance Procedure

Smyth County has adopted an internal grievance procedure providing for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging any action prohibited by the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) (24 CFR 8.53(b) implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 USC 794). Section 504 states, in part, that "no otherwise qualified handicapped individual... shall solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance...."

Complaints should be addressed to: County Administrator, 121 Bagley Circle, Suite 100, Marion Va 24354 who has been designated to coordinate Section 504 compliance efforts.

1. A complaint should be filed in writing or verbally contain the name and address of the person filing it, and briefly describe the alleged violation of the regulations.
2. A complaint should be filed within five (5) days after the complainant becomes aware of the alleged violation. (Processing of allegations of discrimination occurring before this grievance procedure was in place will be considered on a case-by-case basis.)
3. An investigation, as may be appropriate, shall follow a filing of a complaint. The investigation will be conducted by County Administrator and Staff. These rules contemplate informal but thorough investigations, affording all interested persons and their representatives, if any, an opportunity to submit evidence relevant to a complaint. Under 24 CFR 8.53(b), Smyth County need not process complaint form applicants for employment or from applicants for admission to housing.
4. A written determination as to the validity of the complaint and description of resolution, if any, shall be issued by County Administrator and a copy forwarded to the complainant no later than five (5) days after its filing.
5. The Section 504 coordinator shall maintain the files and records of Smyth County relating to the complaints filed.
6. The complainant can request a reconsideration of the case in instances where he or she is dissatisfied with the resolution. The request for reconsideration should be made within five (5) days to County Administrator.
7. The right of a person to a prompt and equitable resolution of the complaint filed hereunder shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies such as filing of a section 504 complaint with the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Utilization of this grievance procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.

8. These rules shall be constructed to protect the substantive rights of interested persons, to meet appropriate due process standards and to assure that County complies with Section 504 and the HUD regulations.

Adopted by the Smyth County Board of Supervisors on August 11, 2020.

  
Alicia Richardson, Assistant County Administrator

  
Judy Wyant, Chair


*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*


**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and  
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins


**NAYS:** None.


**ABSTAINERS:** None.


**ABSENT:** Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.


 8/11/2020 6:10 PM Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson reported that the 2020 VaCO Conference scheduled for November 9-11 in Norfolk has now been changed to a virtual conference. She will forward the agenda and registration information out to Board members once it has been received.


 8/11/2020 6:11 PM Don Martin reported that the Jericho case has had some activity recently. The plaintiff has asked for depositions of our experts which will take place later this month. An update will be provided at the next Board meeting.

 8/11/2020 6:12 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call stated that Nathan Gary was in attendance to provide an update from the Saltville Rescue Squad. Mr. Call noted that the Squad is still there and doing a good job running the business with the funds they receive. Mr. Call recently had a medical situation and he praised the Saltville Rescue Square for the great, professional job they did during his emergency.

 8/11/2020 6:13 PM North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson spoke about the article that came out in the paper recently with suggestions on how to move forward with the County's EMS situation. He was alarmed that one of the suggestions was closing down the Saltville Rescue Squad. Mr. Stevenson stated he would fight hard if it comes to one entity taking over and shutting something else down. He wanted to make it clear that the people in Saltville have his support to the end and the squad is needed there because when life is on the line there is nothing any more important. Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant appreciated the efforts of the Saltville Rescue Squad pulling out of the red and salvaging the organization. Mr. Call added that the Town of Saltville runs the biggest area on the least amount of money.


 8/11/2020 6:17 PM Chilhowie District Supervisor Mike Sturgill stated he is proud of all Emergency Services in the County and a lot of them are understaffed. He is also proud of law enforcement in these very challenging times. He believes that Chilhowie Fire and EMS does a professional job and would like to see one big team working together.


 8/11/2020 6:18 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant expressed her appreciation for the Board and their time, effort, talent, and intent to service to the best of their ability. There have been a lot of challenging times in the last few months but the County has come a long way and she looks forward to the future.

 8/11/2020 6:18 PM Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel welcomed Mr. Sturgill and is glad to have him on the Board. She sees a lot of talent on the Board and is happy to serve. Ms. Deel discussed the committee that she and Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call and Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff serve on that is looking at the current EMS situation within the County. Over the last year and a half, meetings have been held with the Towns and departments but no plan has been completed. Ms. Deel expressed her frustration with the lack of progress and hopes that the full-time Emergency Management Coordinator will take the lead on developing a plan, work together

with all EMS and Fire Departments, take all input into consideration, and get a solid plan into place for the good of all citizens. She believes it's about lives and not numbers and asks for patience moving forward.

Discussion continued concerning the current EMS situation within the Towns and County.

 8/11/2020 6:41 PM Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins welcomed Mr. Sturgill to the Board and encouraged him to ask questions. He also stated his support for the SRO's and the Sheriff's Office because the County needs those resources. Mr. Atkins reported that the Tourism Board met last night and Ron Thomason has resigned as Executive Director. The Tourism Board voted to allow the Chamber of Commerce to use one room of the Bonham House, but tourism and the Chamber are not being combined. Mr. Atkins noted that he does not know enough to talk about the EMS situation and he needs to be more educated and would appreciate help from other Board Members in understanding.

 8/11/2020 6:44 PM Cliff Woods, Chilhowie, addressed the Board and stated he has worked in various EMS capacities since 1979 and the County better get ready because EMS is going to cost a lot of money in the future. He hates to see taxes raised, but he foresees the Federal and State Governments issuing a lot of unfunded mandates related to EMS and he appreciates the Board looking at future plans.

North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson continued expressing his concerns about the current EMS situation and the focus being on the wrong things. He also expressed his dissatisfaction with the mandates from the Governor's Office and the potential SRO funding cut.

 8/11/2020 6:52 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant continued the meeting until Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.





The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held its continued meeting at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 27, 2020. The location of the meeting was in the First Floor Board Room of the County Office Building, 121 Bagley Circle, Suite 100, Marion, Virginia.

**PRESENT:**

Board of Supervisors: Chair, Judy Wyant, Royal Oak District Supervisor; Vice Chair Lori H. Deel, Rye Valley District Supervisor; Michael Sturgill, Chilhowie District Supervisor; Phil Stevenson, North Fork District Supervisor; Kristopher S. Ratliff, Park District Supervisor; Roscoe Call, Saltville District Supervisor (6)

Planning Commission: Joel Pugh, Chairman, Park District, Graham Davidson, Jr., Vice-Chairman Chilhowie District, Hazel Wagoner, Atkins District, Tony Dean, Royal Oak District, Paul Shepherd, Rye Valley District, David Spence, Saltville District; Robert Campbell, North Fork District (7).

**ABSENT:**

Board of Supervisors: Charles Atkins, Atkins District Supervisor (1)

**STAFF:**

County Administrator Shawn Utt; Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson; Building & Zoning Administrator Clegg Williams; Administrative Assistant Sarah Parris; Administrative Assistant Christy Bise; County Attorney Don Martin (6)

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Stephanie Porter Nichols, Smyth County News and Messenger, Deputy with Smyth County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Coordinator Charles Harrington, David Haynes

Chair of the Board of Supervisors, Judy Wyant and Joel Pugh, Chairman of the Planning Commission, called the joint public hearing to order. Clegg Williams, Building and Zoning Administrator, read the advertisement as placed in the Smyth County News and Messenger for the record:

**BEFORE THE SMYTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND SMYTH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE SMYTH COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Pursuant to Sections 15.2-2204, 15.2-2223 and 15.2-2225 of the Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, August 27, 2020, at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter, to receive public input on an amendment to the Smyth County Comprehensive Plan ("Plan"). The proposed amendment is to add a description of six proposed VDOT SMART SCALE projects to the transportation chapter of the Plan. The public hearing will be held at the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room in the Smyth County Office Building located at 121 Bagley Circle, Marion, Virginia 24354.

Copies of the plan and proposed amendment are available for inspection in the Smyth County Administrator's Office at the address given above during normal business hours and online at Smyth County's website: [www.smythcounty.org](http://www.smythcounty.org). All are encouraged to view the proposed amendment and maps and attend the public hearing. At the hearing, persons may make comments regarding the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment, subject to the rules of procedure of the

Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission of Smyth County. If you have any questions, please contact Clegg Williams, Zoning Administrator, by telephone at (276) 706-8315 or by e-mail at [zoning@smythcounty.org](mailto:zoning@smythcounty.org).

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this hearing should contact Clegg Williams, ADA Coordinator, at (276) 706-8315 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing.

Done by order of the  
Smyth County Board of Supervisors – Shawn Utt, County Administrator  
Smyth County Planning Commission – Joel Pugh, Chairman

 **8/27/2020 7:05 PM Reading of the Rules of Public Hearing:** *Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made the motion to waive the reading of the rules. Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** *Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.*

**NAYS:** *None.*

**ABSTAINERS:** *None.*

**ABSENT:** *Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.*

 **8/27/2020 7:06 PM VDOT SMART SCALE Projects: Mr. Williams presented information regarding the VDOT SMART SCALE.**

- Virginia's SMART SCALE (§33.2-214.1) is about picking the right transportation projects for funding and ensuring the best use of limited tax dollars.
- It is the method of scoring planned projects included in VTrans that are funded by House Bill 1887.
- Transportation projects are scored based on an objective, outcome-based process that is transparent to the public and allows decision-makers to be held accountable to taxpayers.
- Once projects are scored and prioritized, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) has the best information possible to select the right projects for funding.

Mr. Williams proposed the six projects be added to the Comprehensive Plan. Four of the projects have been approved and the last two are in the application process. To improve our score, the projects need to be added to the Comprehensive Plan.

 **8/27/2020 7:07 PM Public Comment: None**

 **8/27/2020 7:08 PM Adjoin Public Hearing:** Chairman Judy Wyant and Chairman Joel Pugh closed the joint public hearing at approximately 7:08 p.m.

 **8/27/2020 7:16 PM** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called the Board of Supervisors Meeting back to order.

 **8/27/2020 7:16 PM** Clegg Williams, Building and Zoning Administrator presented the following recommendation from the Planning Commission as related to the public hearing:

- **Recommendation on the request for VDOT SMART SCALE Projects**  
Commissioner David Spence made a motion to recommend the six projects be added to the Comprehensive Plan for the VDOT SMART SCALE Project. Commissioner Robert Campbell seconded the motion

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

**AYES:** Pugh, Spence, Wagoner, Shepherd, Davidson, Jr., Campbell  
**NAYS:** Dean  
**ABSTAINERS:** None.  
**ABSENT:** None.

 **8/27/2020 7:17 PM** A motion was made by North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson to waive the rules of public hearings. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel.


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.

 8/27/2020 7:17 PM A motion was made by North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson to adopt the recommendation from the Planning Commission concerning the VDOT SMART SCALE Projects. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel.

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*


**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.


**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.

 8/27/2020 7:18 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened citizen's time.

 8/27/2020 7:18 PM With no one wishing to speak, Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed citizen's time.

 8/27/2020 7:18 PM Emergency Management Coordinator Charles Harrington presented a proposal to the Board for consideration on enhancing emergency services coverage throughout all areas of the County. He reviewed the plan which called for the County's EMS agencies to no longer operate as individual 501c3's, but rather fall under the municipal umbrellas of the Town of Marion and the Town of Chilhowie. County Attorney Don Martin questioned the legal ramifications of whether a Town can operate in such a capacity. Mr. Harrington continued that there would be a "quick response" vehicle with automated emergency equipment located in areas such as Nebo and Sugar Grove with a certified paramedic/fire fighter on staff 24/7 who could respond quickly to emergencies in more remote areas. Mr. Harrington further discussed with the Board the staffing requirements for each area along with the costs associated with this plan. After lengthy discussion with Mr. Harrington, the Board expressed concern over the proposal and what financial and legal impacts it might have for the County and would like the opportunity to do further review before responding. Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called for an ad hoc committee to be appointed and review the proposal in more detail. *North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to appoint an ad hoc committee of Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff to review this proposal along with Mr. Utt and the County Attorney and come up with a response. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*


**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,

*North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.*

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** *Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.*

 8/27/2020 8:16 PM Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel presented a resolution for consideration that several other localities throughout Virginia have adopted as a follow-up to the Second Amendment Sanctuary Resolution. County Attorney Don Martin stated that, since the Second Amendment resolution was adopted by the Board back in December, a new law has been enacted giving Counties more authority to restrict gun control and this resolution says that the County is not going to do that. *Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to adopt this resolution. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion.*

#### **RESOLUTION OF SMYTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

WHEREAS, in acknowledgment of its deep commitment to the rights of all citizens of, and visitors to, Smyth County to keep and bear arms, Smyth County Board of Supervisors previously declared Smyth County to be a 'Second Amendment Sanctuary', and

WHEREAS, certain legislation has been passed in the Virginia General Assembly that allows localities to, by ordinance, ban otherwise lawfully possessed and transported firearms from certain public spaces, causing law-abiding citizens to be exposed to a patchwork of local ordinances as they travel throughout the Commonwealth, and

WHEREAS, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors acknowledges the significant economic contribution made to our community by tourists and visitors and does not wish to discourage travel to Smyth County, and

WHEREAS, Smyth County wishes to welcome all law-abiding citizens who wish to live in, visit, or otherwise participate in the economy of our community, including those citizens and visitors who choose to legally carry a firearm for personal protection, and

WHEREAS, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors does not wish to infringe on the rights of the citizens of, or visitors to, Smyth County to keep and bear arms, and

WHEREAS, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its continued opposition to any law that would unconstitutionally restrict the rights of the citizens of, and visitors to, Smyth County to keep and bear arms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Smyth County Virginia:

That the Smyth Board of Supervisors hereby declares Smyth County, Virginia shall not exercise any authority granted to it by § 15.2-915(E) of the Code of Virginia to regulate or prohibit the otherwise legal purchase, possession, or transfer of firearms or ammunition.


*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.

 8/27/2020 8:21 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant nominated Shawn Utt to serve as the alternate to the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Area Consortium. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to approve this appointment. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.


*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.

 8/27/2020 8:21 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant nominated Martha Rasnake to serve on the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to approve this appointment. Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.

 8/27/2020 8:22 PM North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to appoint Christin Long, 2268 Little Walker Way, Marion to the Smyth County Public Library Board. Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff seconded the motion.

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.

Her term will begin effective immediately and expire August 30, 2024.

 8/27/2020 8:22 PM The Budget Committee met on August 24, 2020 and made the following recommendations to the Board for consideration:

Wally Blevins provided estimates for repairs to the scales at the landfill. The scale failed inspection and will need to be repaired as soon as possible.

- *The estimates for scale repairs were reviewed and a motion was made by Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to move forward with the \$39,500 quote from Carlton Scale. Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

Mr. Utt noted that, since the Budget Committee meeting, another lower quote had been received to repair the scale and put it in compliance with State requirements. Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel amended her motion from the Budget Committee and made a motion to move forward with the \$24,104 repair quote from The Scale Works. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion.

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.

The following recommendation was made concerning the water tank located in the Saltville District located on Upper Poore Valley Road.

- *Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to approve painting the water tank for \$15,475.00 by Continental Sandblasting and Painting, Inc. to be paid out of capital improvement funds. Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.*

It was noted by Ms. Deel that, although the Health Department said the water quality on the inside of the tank is good for now, it will most likely become an issue in the near future.

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.

A budget transfer request was submitted for the following:

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>AMOUNT:</b>
001-21070-8888-25 (DMV Highway Safety Grant)	\$25,000.00
<b>TO:</b>	<b>AMOUNT:</b>
740-01000-0001 (Part Time Salary/Wages)	\$18,000.00
740-01000-2001 (FICA)	\$ 1,400.00
740-01000-0000 (Highway Safety Grant Expense)	\$ 5,600.00

- *Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to approve the budget transfer. Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel



*Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.*

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.

An e-mail was received from the SWIFA auditors indicating that the County missed a quarterly payment to them back in 2015 in the amount of \$12,500.

- *After discussion, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to request SWIFA to forgive the \$12,500 due from Smyth County and credit \$12,500 back to Washington County to be equal. Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** *Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.*

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.

Ms. Deel stated that the Class of 2020 did not get to have a prom due to the pandemic situation and Marion has one scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup> but still needs \$400 to finish paying for the food. The Board discussed doing something special for the 2020 graduates at the May 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, and Ms. Deel is recommending that the County provide \$400 toward Marion's prom expenses. Ms. Wyant agreed with that recommendation.

- *After further discussion, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion, as something special for the Class of 2020, to approve \$1,200 from the Board's miscellaneous budget to be divided at Mr. Utt's discretion for all three localities to use for prom reimbursement or other expenses related to the Class of 2020. Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson questioned what could be done with the money if the school has already had their prom. Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill noted that the school system had nothing to do with the proms; the parents got together and paid all the expenses. Ms. Deel reported that the Town of Marion has a separate fund set up to help with funding and the

Town of Saltville is hosting an event for their graduates. County Attorney Don Martin recommended waiting to see exactly who is sponsoring the events and be careful about funding a gathering that might be in violation of the Governor's orders concerning COVID-19. Ms. Deel noted that VDH guidelines had been presented to the participants informing them of requirements for large gatherings. She felt the fair thing to do was provide the \$400 for the Marion prom now with the understanding there will be fair and equal distribution to the other two areas as soon as more details are obtained.

*Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel amended her motion to provide \$400 now to the 2020 committee for Marion Senior High School prom to be held September 11<sup>th</sup> and have Mr. Utt contact Saltville and Chilhowie to see how their proms were funded for discussion at the September 8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

*AYES: Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.*

*NAYS: None.*

*ABSTAINERS: None.*

*ABSENT: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.*

**CARES Act Funding Committee Recommendation:**

- *Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to approve the proposed Phase 1 funding of the CARES Act money as presented earlier in the meeting. Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

Mr. Utt reviewed the proposed CARES Act Phase 1 and Phase 2 spending plans with the Board.

### CARES ACT FUNDING BREAKDOWN

Amount in current budget		
<b>Proposed Phase 1 Funding Summary:</b>		
Towns		
	Chilhowie	148,636.00
	Marion	485,469.00
	Saltville	166,015.00
Refuse Truck (Semi-truck)		125,000.00
SCSO Transport Vehicles		276,128.00
Smyth Strong Fund		300,000.00
County I.T. (total)		249,900.00
Animal Shelter Panels		12,000.00
Smyth Animal Rescue support		5,000.00
Mobile Dispatch Unit		15,000.00
Public Safety Equipment		746,926.00
Daycare Support for SCPS		85,621.00
Library		6,463.00
Treasurer's office		4,300.00
	<b>TOTAL (Phase 1)</b>	<b>2,626,458.00</b>

Amount of budget amendment		
<b>Proposed Phase 2 Funding Summary:</b>		
Towns		
	Chilhowie	148,636.00
	Marion	485,469.00
	Saltville	166,015.00
Reimburse SCPS		776,157.22
Reimburse County - Leave accruals and landfill		392,027.00
Daycare Support for SCPS		38,221.78
CoC Business Classes		50,000.00
PPE/Disinfection Reimburse add'l stockpile items		50,000.00
HVAC Upgrades (Health Dept, CAB, etc.)		300,000.00
Radio Read Water Meters		41,125.00
4-H Community Programming		34,000.00
Contingency		144,807.00
	<b>TOTAL (Phase 2)</b>	<b>2,626,458.00</b>


After consideration, the motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.

 8/27/2020 8:52 PM Mr. Utt noted that consideration of Phase 2 funding cannot happen until after a public hearing is held for a budget amendment to include the additional \$2.6 million CARES Act funds that were awarded. He is recommending a public hearing be held on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

*North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to schedule a public hearing for the budget amendment. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.

 8/27/2020 8:52 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant presented the following recommendations from the Personnel Committee meeting on August 24, 2020:

- *After discussion, Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff made a motion to approve the \$2,000 annual increase and revised job description for the Scale House Operator position to bring it in line with the current job duties. Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.

**Hazard Pay recommendation:**

- *Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff made a motion to approve double-time hazard pay for maintenance staff as it relates to COVID-19 response. Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson questioned why maintenance staff were the only ones being considered for hazard pay. Mr. Utt responded that the committee had discussed the different

job requirements and agreed that maintenance staff are the ones on the front-line for clean up when a positive COVID-19 case is reported.

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

**NAYS:** North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.

**Virginia Tech Salary Survey:**

- Mr. Utt reported that he had reviewed salaries for County employees and reached out to Virginia Tech to conduct a salary study. The total cost for this project would be \$6,000. Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff made a motion to approve allocation of \$6,000 for contractual services from Virginia Tech to complete a salary study. Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Utt informed that Board that the purpose of the study is to see where the County is in the current market and develop a plan for the future. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson stated a similar study had been done in the past and was not helpful so the Personnel Committee and administration should take a look at the issue instead and save \$6,000. Mr. Utt noted a new program leader is in place and he will work with them to make sure our market affordability is taken into consideration.

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call, and  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.


**NAYS:** North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.

Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill asked about the timeline for hiring the new Emergency Management Services Coordinator. Mr. Utt said he would like to have the new person on-board by October. The Board discussed the expectations of the new position along with its financial impact on the budget.

The Board discussed the urgent need for reopening the Animal Shelter. Mr. Utt reported that the current plan is for the shelter to reopen on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

 8/27/2020 9:13 PM Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel reported that the Building and Grounds committee met prior to tonight's meeting to discuss the Cornerstone Building. Originally, Mount Rogers CSB was leasing the space and the County asked them to move so the Voter Registrar's Office could relocate there to accommodate the increase in foot traffic for early voting. However, to meet the internet needs of the Registrar's Office, the cost for internet service would be \$1,100 per month. The Registrar's Office will remain in their current location for now, and Ms. Deel stated that there has been interest from local entities in purchasing the building. Southwest Virginia Community Corrections was originally supposed to have an office location when the Courthouse was remodeled, but the space was never finished. They are losing the lease in their current location at the end of September and have asked to use space in the Cornerstone building while the County completes their space in the Courthouse.

- *The committee unanimously recommended to put the Cornerstone building up for sale and allow Southwest Virginia Community Corrections to utilize the space on a month to month basis until the Courthouse space is completed. Corrections will pay their own utilities and move to another location if the building is sold before their space at the Courthouse is completed.*


*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.

 8/27/2020 9:17 PM A motion was made by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor to enter into closed session under Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711 – A.7; **Legal** – Consultation with legal counsel regarding the Jericho tax assessment challenge case. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion.


*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.

 8/27/2020 9:30 PM It was moved by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, seconded by Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, to adopt the following resolution certifying the business conducted in closed session as follows:

**RESOLUTION**

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

WHEREAS, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors has convened in a closed session on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Smyth County Board of Supervisors that such a meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Smyth County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered by the Smyth County Board of Supervisors.

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.

 8/27/2020 9:30 PM With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson, seconded by Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, to adjourn.

*After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:*

**AYES:** Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,  
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,  
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and  
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.

# Smyth County COVID-19

## District Testing

25,579 PCR tests

11.2% positivity rate

1,223 antibody tests

## Smyth Rates per 100,000

Hospitalization: 85.3

Death: 16.4

Case: 925.4

## District Rates per 100,000

Hospitalization: 146

Death: 75.8

Case: 1,596.9

## Community Trends

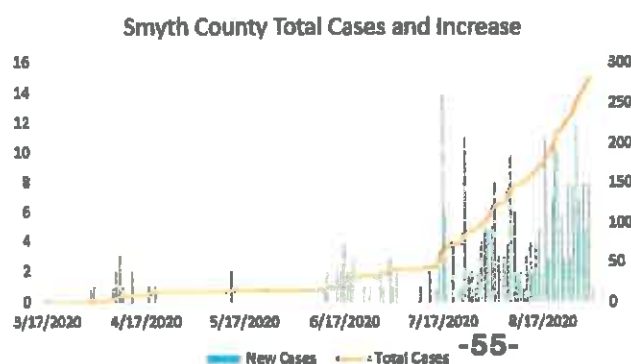
The Mount Rogers Health District has had 2,037 cases of COVID-19. Our first case was diagnosed March 25th, 2020, and it has been a steady increase ever since. By the end of April there were 78 cases, the end of May 350 cases, the end of June 700 cases, 1,207 at the end of July, and 1,955 at the end of August. The first cases of COVID-19 started in travelers, then moved into the community, affecting healthcare workers, and spreading into business and industry.

As COVID-19 spread with more community transmission, it also made its way into the long-term care facilities. As we look at all cases throughout the Mount Rogers Health District, deaths have been highest among those over 70. For cases age 70 and over (#388), 30% of all cases were hospitalized and 17% of all cases died. For those age 60 – 69 (#247), 11% were hospitalized and 1% died. For those age 50 – 59 (#298), 7% were hospitalized and 1% died. For those age 20-49 (#866), 2% were hospitalized and <1% died. For those age 19 or younger (#238), <1% were hospitalized and no deaths.

Every case of positive COVID-19 is followed by the health department. We interview them and determine how long they have been contagious, then trace all the people they could have had close contact with during the time they were contagious. The positive cases are placed in isolation and released from the Health Department once they are no longer contagious. The close contacts that are identified are then contacted by the health department and placed in quarantine for 14 days. Someone is determined to be a close contact if they have been within 6 feet of a positive case for 15 minutes or more. The highest risk for COVID-19 transmission is in the household. Riding in a car with someone also provides a high-risk situation.

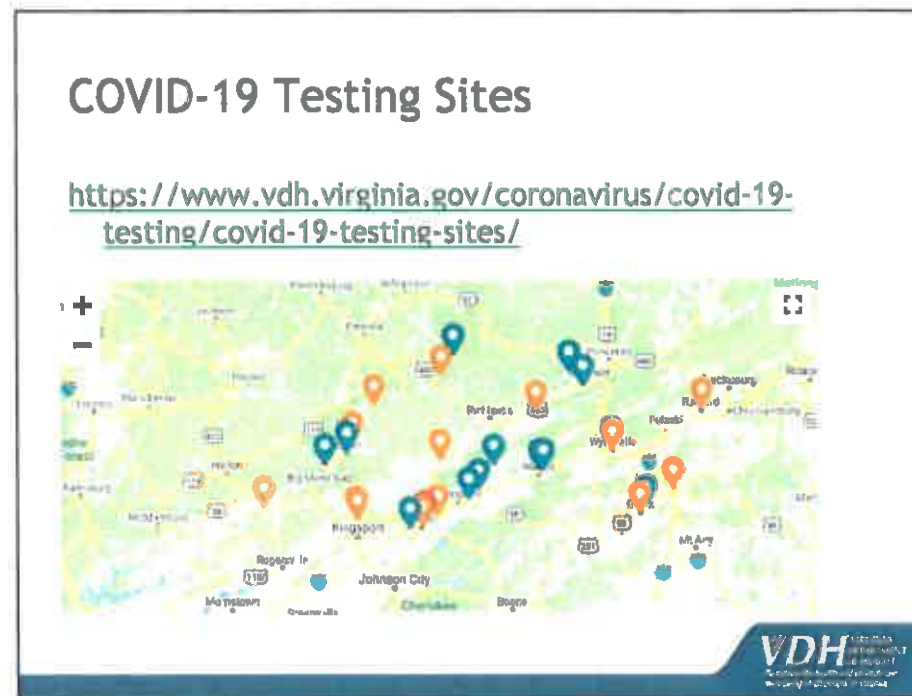
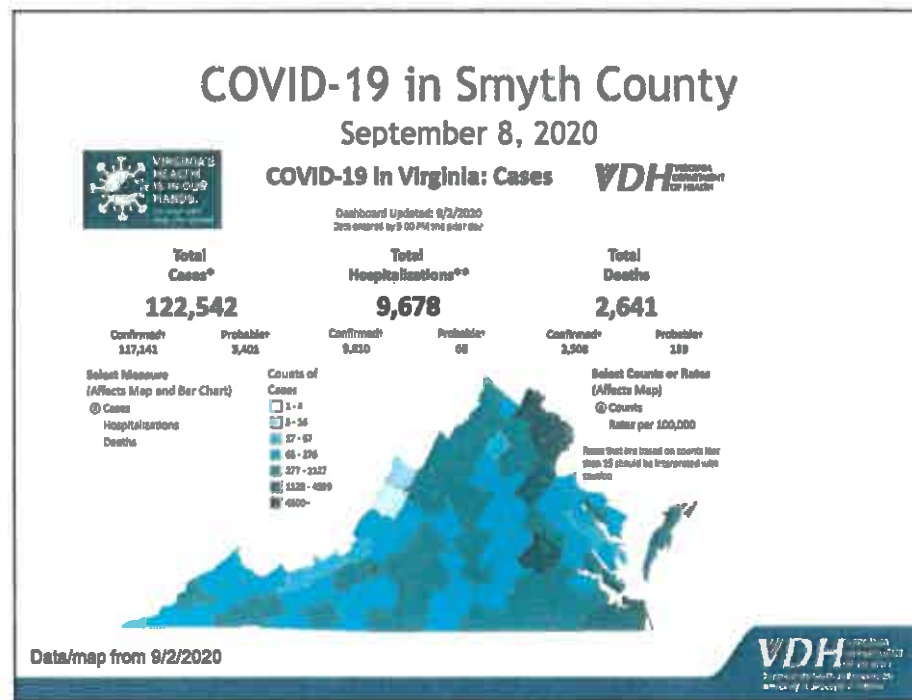
Smyth had its first positive COVID-19 case on 3/30/20. Since that time, there were 13 cases by the end of April, 15 cases by end of May, 36 cases at the end of June, 107 cases at the end of July, and 273 cases at the end of August.

We have been working with local government, law enforcement, schools, businesses, long-term care facilities and citizens regarding COVID-19, answering questions, helping with guidance on safety plans, and response to this pandemic.



The most important things we can do include wearing a face covering, social distancing, washing hands and staying home when sick.







**COVID-19 Testing is available at local health departments**

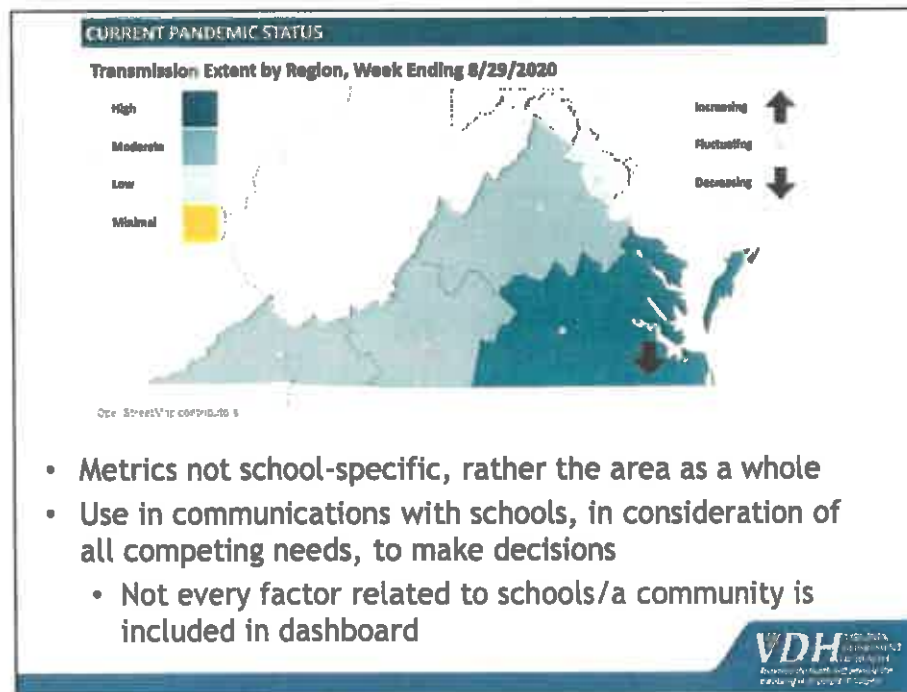
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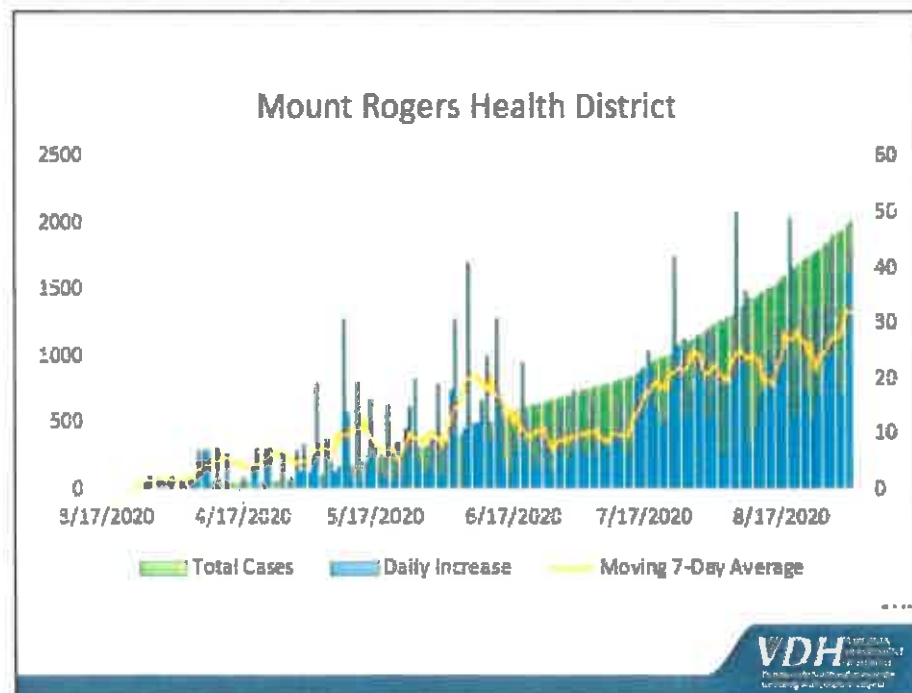
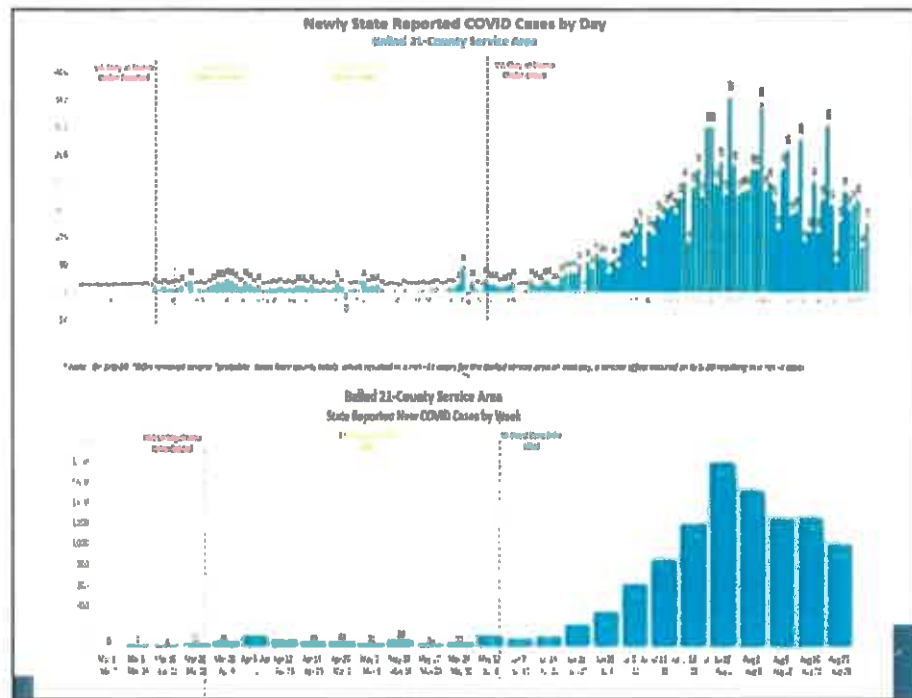
**Bristol, Washington, Smyth:**  
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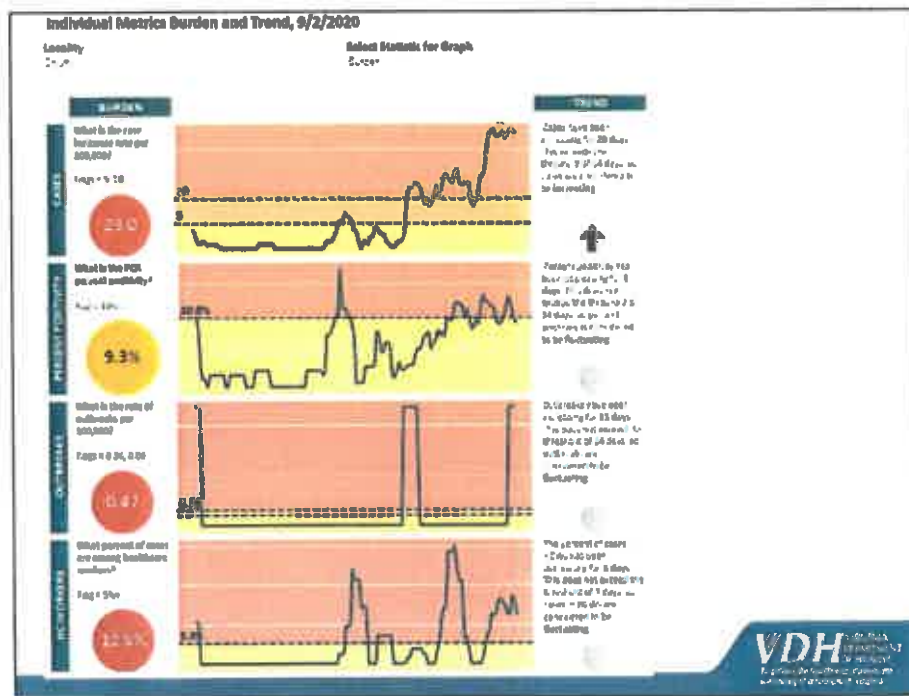
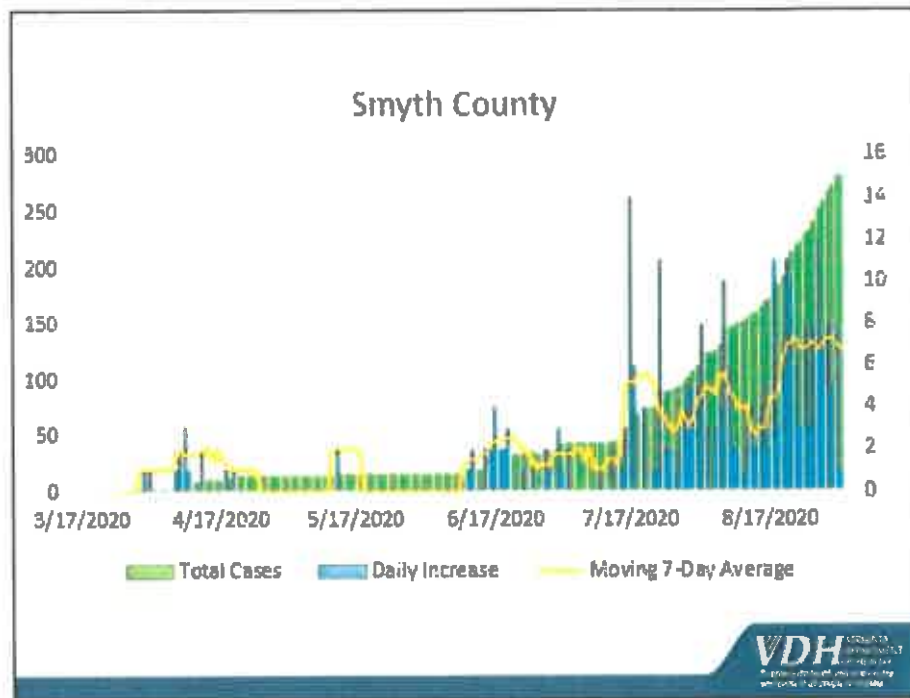
Call the local health department for an appointment

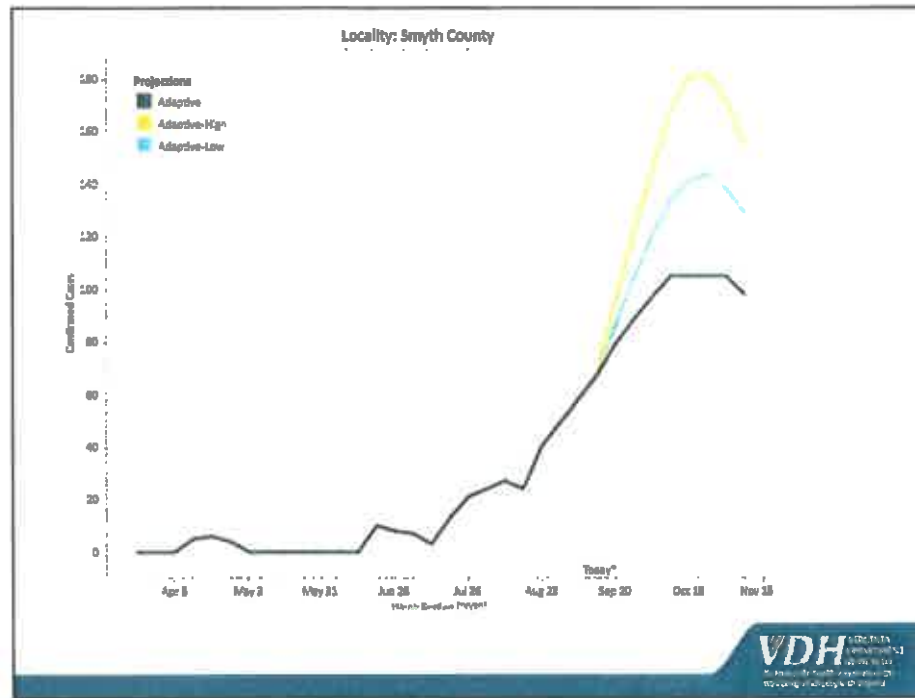
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## COVIDWISE

**Step 1**  
Download the free app [iPhone App Store](#) or [Android Google Play Store](#).

**Step 2**  
Once you opt-in to the notification system, the Exposure Notifications System will generate an anonymous token for your device. To help ensure these anonymous tokens can't be used to identify you or your location, they change every 10-20 minutes.

**Step 3**  
Your phone and the phones around you will work in the background, without draining your battery or data, to exchange these privacy-preserving anonymous tokens via Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) technology. This is a passive process that begins once you opt-in and functions without the app open.

**Step 4**  
On a daily basis, your phone downloads a list of all the anonymous tokens associated with positive COVID-19 cases and checks them against the list of anonymous tokens it has encountered in the last 14 days.

**Step 5**  
If there's a match, the app will notify you with further instructions from your public health authority on how to keep you and the people around you safe.

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## Churches and houses of worship

- Wear face coverings at all times
- Gather outside rather than inside
- Maintain six feet of distance
  - 10 feet if singing/shouting
- Hand hygiene
- Avoid passing common objects among congregation



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## Tools for businesses

- Best practices, guidelines and toolkits
  - <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/schools-workplaces-community-locations/businesses/>
- Statewide Emergency Workplace Safety Standards (DOLI)
  - <https://www.doli.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/RIS-filed-RTD-Final-ETS-7.24.2020.pdf>

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## Safety

- Stay home when you can
- **WEAR A MASK**
- Avoid crowds
- Social distancing
- Handwashing
- Outdoor interactions over indoor
  - Start thinking/planning for winter
- Clean regularly and disinfect
- Self-monitor
- Flu vaccine critical this year