

Lisa Richardson, Assistant County Administrator called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

PRESENT: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D Call; North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson; Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.; Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins; Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant; Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel; Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff (7)

ABSENT: None (0)

STAFF: Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson; Administrative Assistant Kelly Woods (2)

OTHERS: Smyth County News and Messenger and several citizens.

Lisa Richardson, Assistant County Administrator gave the invocation and Kelly Woods, Administrative Assistant led the Pledge of Allegiance.



1/14/2020 5:05 PM A motion was made by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call, seconded by Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr. to adopt the agenda and additional agenda as presented.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.



1/14/2020 5:05 PM Lisa Richardson, Assistant County Administrator opened the floor for discussion and nominations for the Election of Officers for calendar year 2020.

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call nominated Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant as Chairperson for calendar year 2020. The nomination was seconded by North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff nominated Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins. Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the nomination.

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Lisa Richardson, Assistant County Administrator called for a vote on Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant's nomination for Chairperson for calendar year 2020.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr. and
Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,

NAYS: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins
Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff .

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Lisa Richardson, Assistant County Administrator called for a vote on Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins' vote for Chairman for calendar year 2020.

After consideration, the motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins
Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr. and
Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Lisa Richardson, Assistant County Administrator turned the meeting over to Chairperson, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant.

Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened the floor for nominations of Vice Chairman for calendar year 2020.

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call nominated Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel as Vice Chair for calendar year 2020. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the nomination.

Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff nominated Atkins District Supervisor as Vice Chair for calendar year 2020. Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the nomination.

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to close the nominations for Vice Chair. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called for a vote on Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel's nomination for Vice Chair for calendar year 2020.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.

NAYS: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff

ABSTAINERS: Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel.

ABSENT: None.

Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called for a vote on Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins' nomination for Vice Chair for calendar year 2020.

After consideration, the motion FAILED by the following vote:

AYES: Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson and

Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.
ABSTAINERS: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.
ABSENT: None.

Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened the Floor for nominations of Clerk for calendar year 2020.

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins stated according to the Board of Supervisors Rules and Regulations, the County Administrator filled the role of Clerk to the Board.

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call made a motion to table the nominations for Clerk and Deputy Clerk for calendar year 2020 until the next scheduled Board of Supervisor 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,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 1/14/2020 5:14 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened the floor for discussion regarding desired meeting schedule for calendar year 2020 and suggested the Regular Board of Supervisors meeting stays as scheduled on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, with the exception of November's meeting to be held on Thursday, November 12, 2020. A second meeting, as needed will be the fourth Thursday of each month. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to continue with the regular meeting schedule on the second Tuesday of each month, with closed session beginning at 4:00 p.m., and for November's meeting to be held on Thursday, November 12th, with a second meeting the fourth Thursday of each month as needed. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. 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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 1/14/2020 5:17 PM A motion was made by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call to adopt the Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedures as Amended January 9, 2018, with changes to be made in future. Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.

Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel commented regarding the concealed weapons notation within the Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure and stated she felt that needed to be addressed by the Board.


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,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

ABSENT: None.

 1/14/2020 5:19 PM A motion was made by Rye Valley District Supervisor Phil Stevenson to adopt the 2020 state holiday schedule as approved by the Governor and amended throughout the year. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. 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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 1/14/2020 5:20 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10th, 2019 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,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.

ABSENT: None.



1/14/2020 5:21 PM Lisa Richardson, Assistant County Administrator made the request for Staff to advertise for Attorney services for Smyth County. As of December 30, 2019, the County does not have any services due to the resignation of Campbell Law Firm.

Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to appoint Scot Farthing as temporary legal counsel for Smyth County. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.

North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson questioned Mr. Farthing, who was in attendance of the meeting, where he is located and what his background is. Mr. Stevenson also expressed his concern regarding the rate of \$250.00 per hour for legal services. Mr. Farthing responded to Mr. Stevenson's questions.

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,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to allow staff to advertise for Legal Services for Smyth County. 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,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.




1/14/2020 5:35 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened Citizens Time.


Mac Buchanan, 5732 Valley Road Saltville, welcomed the newly elected Board Members to Smyth County. Mr. Buchanan stated his opinion on funding for Economic Development, stating it felt it was in

the best interest of Smyth County to hire the Best County Administrator and EDA Director. Mr. Buchanan went on to express his concern with the delinquent taxes for Smyth County and encouraged the Board to work diligently with the Smyth County School Board Budget Committee on the upcoming budget.

Charlie Harrington, EMS Director, informed the Board of requirements that needed to be met by the local governing body regarding EMS services.

 1/14/2020 5:44 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed Citizens Time.

 1/14/2020 5:44 PM Lisa Richardson, Assistant Administrator presented the Board with information on the current FY2019-2020 budget and a current month analysis for appropriations.

 1/14/2020 5:51 PM It was moved by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call, seconded by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to appropriate \$2,000,000.00 from the General Fund. The following is an explanation of the appropriations approved:

General County

Accounts Payable Listing:	\$1,215,808.93
Payroll:	\$735,266.75
Auto Draft Rural Development:	\$8,974.00
AEP/Century Link Bills:	\$25,000.00
BB&T Debt payment:	\$10,789.60
County Administration Fund:	\$5,000.00
Minus Beginning Appropriation:	\$(127,268.87)
New Carryover:	\$126,426.59
Total County Appropriation:	\$2,000,000.00

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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

It was moved by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call, seconded by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to appropriate \$425,000.00 from the General Fund for the Department of Social Services. The following is an explanation of the appropriations approved:

Social Services:	(January 15-January 31, 2020)	\$365,000.00
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(February 1-February 11,2020)	\$60,000.00
Total Social Services:	\$425,000.00

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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

It was moved by Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, seconded by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call to appropriate \$3,940,000.00 from the General Fund for the Smyth County School Board Operating Fund. The following is an explanation of the appropriations approved:

Schools-Operating Fund

Instruction	\$ 2,850,000.00
Administration, Attendance, & Health	\$ 110,000.00
Transportation	\$ 130,000.00
Facilities	\$ 475,000.00
School Food Service	\$ 300,000.00
Technology	\$ 75,000.00
Total School Operating Fund:	\$ 3,940,000.00

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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

It was moved by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call, seconded by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to appropriate \$330,000.00 from the General Fund for Smyth County School Board Debt Service.

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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

It was moved by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, seconded by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call to appropriate \$10,847.53 from EDA Fund 4 for open invoices.

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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

It was moved by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, seconded by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call to appropriate \$2,082.62 from the Sheriff's Fund 748 for open invoices.

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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

It was moved by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call, seconded by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to appropriate \$5,674.20 from Recovery Court Fund 749 for open invoices.

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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

It was moved by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call, seconded by Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins to appropriate \$347.32 from Circuit Court Fund 770 for open invoices.


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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 1/14/2020 5:51 PM Lisa Richardson, Assistant County Administrator informed the Board that due to the resignation of Michael Carter, the Board needed to designate someone on staff to sign the Accounts Payable checks for processing.

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call made a motion to allow Lisa Richardson to be the AP signature needed to process checks. 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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.



1/14/2020 5:52 PM Jeff Richardson, Commissioner of Revenue spoke regarding the 2020 General Reassessment, informing the Board the field work has been completed for the assessment.

Mr. Richardson stated the Board of Supervisors would need to make recommendations to the Circuit Court Judge regarding appointing three (3) to five (5) members to the Board of Equalization and gave the Board an overview of the responsibilities of the BOE.

Mr. Richardson went on to request the Board pass a special ordinance regarding Land Use, and the ability to process the paperwork for property owners.

Due to the lack of information regarding the ordinance that needed to be considered, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to table the request until the next scheduled Board Meeting to allow for legal counsel to review. 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,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.



1/14/2020 6:11 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called for a Recess.



1/14/2020 6:29 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called the meeting back to order from recess.



1/14/2020 6:29 PM Kelly Woods, Administrative Assistant presented the Board of Supervisors information regarding Legislative Day that will take place in Richmond on February 6, 2020.



1/14/2020 6:33 PM Cathy Smith, VEA District President, presented a Resolution as shown below for consideration by the Board and read aloud for the record.

Resolution to Support an Increase in State Funding for Small and Rural School Divisions

WHEREAS, Virginia's unemployment rate is the lowest it has been in recent history, at 2.8%; and Smyth County's unemployment rate is 3.4%; and

WHEREAS, Virginia has been recognized as the top state in America to do business; and

WHEREAS, Virginia has been designated as the 10th wealthiest state in America; and

WHEREAS, Virginia finished with a significant budget surplus last year of \$230 million; and

WHEREAS, over half of Virginia's schools and 12 of 14 Smyth County Schools were built over 50 years ago; and

WHEREAS, when inflation is accounted for, state per-pupil funding is down 8% from pre-Great Recession levels, despite a significant improvement in Virginia's economy; and

WHEREAS, Virginia ranks 32nd in per pupil funding nationally; and

WHEREAS, per pupil spending varies widely across Virginia, from \$11,919 in Smyth County to \$20,000 in some suburban districts and the statewide average in per pupil spending trails the national average by about \$1,800 per student; and

WHEREAS, Virginia's teachers are paid more than \$9,000 less than the national average which ranks us 35th; and

WHEREAS, since the Great Recession, localities have increased their share of funding public education by 2.9 percentage points, while the state has decreased their share by 3.3 percentage points; and

WHEREAS, in Virginia's rural schools, where localities have seen the least post-Recession growth, those numbers are even worse. Rural localities have increased their share of education funding by 3.9 percentage points and the state has decreased their funding to rural schools by 4.4 percentage points; and

WHEREAS, the national average for the additional funding for high poverty students has been estimated between 20% and 29% and Virginia caps this funding stream at 16%; and

WHEREAS, the research is clear that teaching students whose families live in poverty is more expensive than providing education to students of affluent families; and

WHEREAS, when all funding sources are considered, Virginia spends less, on average, on per pupil education in high poverty districts than the rest of the country; and

WHEREAS, Small and Rural Stakeholders believe that PK-12 public education is critical to the vitality of their region and to the Commonwealth as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Rural School Divisions have seen a decline in K-12 enrollment of almost 24,000 students since 2009 which represents an 8% decline and Smyth County has experienced a 787 student decline during the same time period; and

WHEREAS, 16% of students in the Rural School Divisions live below the Federal Poverty Level; and

WHEREAS, 48% of students in Rural School Divisions and 76.90% of Smyth County students are eligible for Free or Reduced Priced Lunch; and

WHEREAS, these Rural Localities have the ability to raise only \$19,941,000 and Smyth County to raise only \$140,100 by increasing property taxes by one penny (.01); and

WHEREAS, over 80 school divisions across the Commonwealth could be defined as Rural and/or Small; and

WHEREAS, local poverty and tax revenues prevent Rural Localities from funding schools at the same level as affluent Localities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Smyth County Board of Supervisors asks the Commonwealth of Virginia to adopt a budget that increases teacher pay to ensure we are able to keep and hire the best talent, increases the At-Risk Add On either through the VDOE's proposed Equity Fund or in its current form, provides state funding for school construction and renovation, and reinstates the Enrollment Loss

funding stream.

ADOPTED this 14th day of January, 2020

Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented. 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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 1/14/2020 6:49 PM Kelly Woods, Administrative Assistant presented a request to set the Budget submittal deadline for FY2020-2021 to February 14, 2020.

Kelly Woods, Administrative Assistant then presented the following Budget Transfers for consideration:

North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to approve a budget transfer as shown below for the Smyth County Sheriff Department in the amount of \$4,169.00. Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr. seconded the motion.

EXPENSE

From:	To:	Amount:
001-021070-1001 (Salaries)	001-021070-5408 (Veh. Maint.)	\$4,169.00

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, 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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to approve a budget transfer as shown below for the Smyth County Animal Control Department in the amount of \$500.00. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call seconded the motion.

EXPENSE

From:	To:	Amount:
001-035010-5420 (Supplies)	001-035010-9001 (Shelter Upgrade)	\$500.00


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, 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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 1/14/2020 6:57 PM Lisa Richardson, Assistant County Administrator presented a letter submitted by Clegg Williams, Building and Zoning Administrator regarding the appointment of members to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mrs. Richardson explained the process of appointing people had not been followed correctly previously and Mr. Williams is asking for the Board of Supervisors to address the issue.

This item will be continued to the next scheduled Board meeting.

 1/14/2020 7:03 PM Lisa Richardson, Assistant County Administrator informed the Board the deadline for filing a Statement of Economic Interest is February 3, 2020. Each elected official is required to file the documents necessary with the Clerk by the deadline or risk being assessed a \$250.00 fine.

 1/14/2020 7:06 PM Lisa Richardson, Assistant County Administrator requested to advertise the position of County Administrator.

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to allow for Mt. Rogers Planning District Commission to aid in the interim. Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.

ABSTAINERS: Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel.

ABSENT: None.



1/14/2020 7:12 PM Supervisor Comment Time:

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call welcomed all of the new Board members and congratulated newly appointed Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant.

North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson also welcomed all of the new members, stating that now that the elections were over, he would like for everyone to work together to move Smyth County forward.

Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff gave a brief background on himself. Mr. Ratliff stated the opioid addiction a real problem and would like for everyone to find ways to address the issue, such as offering more educational resources to children.

Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel thanked everyone for attending the meeting, stating she felt citizens should be involved in the decisions that are made by the Board of Supervisors.

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins stated he looks forward to a good year and hopes everyone can work together.

Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant stated she was very humbled to be working with a talented group of people and hoped she served Smyth County well.



1/14/2020 7:17 PM A motion was made by Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins to enter into closed session under Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711 – **A.1; Personnel Matters;** Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment and contracts **A.6;** Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where, if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected. Mr. Atkins also invited Mr. Haynes, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Barker, Mr. Clark and Mr. Rush to participate in closed session. Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, 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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

It was moved by Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, seconded by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call, 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: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.

The meeting was continued to January 23, 2020 at 5:00 P.M.


Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

PRESENT: Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant; Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D Call; Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.; Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins; Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff (6)


ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson (1)

STAFF: Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson; Administrative Assistant Kelly Woods; Interim County Attorney Scot Farting (3)

OTHERS: Smyth County News and Messenger and several citizens.

 1/23/2020 5:04 PM Jeff Richardson, Commissioner of Revenue spoke regarding the Land Use Emergency Ordinance as requested during the January 14, 2020 Board meeting. Mr. Farthing, County Attorney spoke and informed the Board a vote could be taken for the emergency ordinance, however a full Public Hearing and adoption of a permanent ordinance would need to take place.

 1/23/2020 5:08 PM Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff entered the meeting.

 1/23/2020 5:08 PM Mr. Jeff Richardson continued to discuss the topic of land with the proposed rate of 15, 20, or 25 dollars. He would like to know the direction the Board of Supervisors wants to set for the fee structure moving forward. Once established, he intends to inform the public regarding the rate, structure and process.

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call made a motion to set the land use rate at \$20.00 per parcel, and continue with the emergency ordinance that allows the Commissioner to proceed. This amendment is valid for 90 days. 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 Wade H. Blevins Jr. and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 1/23/2020 5:11 PM Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr. made a motion to recommend the re-appointment of Kim Davidson, 3045 Whitetop Road, Chilhowie, VA to represent the Chilhowie District on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call seconded the motion. As required by Virginia Code Section 15.2-2308, this is notice by the Smyth County Board of Supervisors for the Judge of Circuit Court to consider and accept this nomination.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call made a motion to recommend the re-appointment of John DeBusk III, 1482 Cedar Branch Road, Saltville, VA to represent the Saltville District on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr. seconded the motion. As required by Virginia Code Section 15.2-2308, this is notice by the Smyth County Board of Supervisors for the Judge of Circuit Court to consider and accept this nomination.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant made a motion to recommend the re-appointment of Newell Johnson, 255 Thomas Bridge Road, Marion, VA to represent the Royal Oak District on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion. As required by Virginia Code Section 15.2-2308, this is notice by the Smyth County Board of Supervisors for the Judge of Circuit Court to consider and accept this nomination.


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:


AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

 1/23/2020 5:13 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened Citizens Time. With no one wishing to speak, Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed citizens time.

 1/23/2020 5:14 PM Lisa Richardson, Assistant County Administrator presented the following Contract for consideration allowing Mt. Rogers to aid in the interim for the County Administrator.

Interim County Administration Agreement between the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission and Smyth County, Virginia

The Mount Rogers Planning District Commission agrees to provide a staff member for the following County Administration performance standards and objectives:

County Administration

- Attend official county meetings as required.
- Respond promptly to individual supervisor requests for information and services.
- Assist with and attend public hearings as required.
- Conduct his or herself in a professional manner.
- Work closely with the Board of Supervisor on administration of the county and direction of staff.
- Represent the county with other public bodies, federal and state agencies, and their staff.
- Assist the county in contract negotiations.
- Assist the county in enforcing the code, ordinances, and all applicable state codes in a fair and equitable manner.
- Assist the county in the preparation and amendments of contracts, plans, and ordinances.
- Treat Board of Supervisors, as a group and individually, with respect at all times.
- Treat citizens in a respectful manner.
- Assist the county in responding to complaints in a timely manner.
- Assist the county when working with the town attorney on legal issues.
- Assist committees to meet their goals.
- Other activities as directed by the Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors agrees as part of this contract to do the following:

- Understand that the interim county administrator position is to provide part time administrative services to assist with county operations.
- Understand that the PDC staff member assigned to Smyth county has other responsibilities pertaining to separately contracted services.
- Understand that the PDC staff member assigned to Smyth County has additional responsibilities within the Planning District that do not pertain to the Smyth County.
- Treat the Interim County Administrator in a professional manner.
- Be specific in requests for information, studies, or requests for services.
- Back the Interim Country Administrator on issues, which have been approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- Help the Interim Country Administrator to perform at his or her best for the benefit of the county.
- Deal with complaints and failures in a professional and positive manner.
- Criticize performance when deserved, but not in a public setting.

- Clearly define results that are expected.
- needed to provide services.
- Agree to compensate the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission on a monthly basis for services addressed in this agreement.
- Understand additional compensation may be required for services above and beyond the services addressed in this agreement.

COMPENSATION

The Mount Rogers Planning District Commission and Smyth County agree that the annual compensation for Interim Country Administrator services will be \$5,000 per month to be paid in monthly installments as invoiced by the PDC.

DURATION

The Mount Rogers Planning District Commission will provide no less than 24 hours of service per week during the contract duration. Services will end when the Board of Supervisors deems they are no longer necessary.

AMENDMENT

This contract may be amended from time to time by written authorization of the PDC and the County and shall be subject to renegotiation if such amendment results in the change in the scope of services, compensation, and/or method of payment.

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call made a motion to accept the contract as presented. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.



1/23/2020 5:16 PM Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to appoint Aaron Sizemore as the interim Clerk to the Board of Supervisors. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

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

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to appoint Lisa Richardson as the Deputy Clerk to the Smyth County Board of Supervisors. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.


ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

 1/23/2020 5:17 PM Lisa Richardson, Assistant County Administrator presented the Cost Allocation Plan for 2019 from Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates.

Park District Supervisors Kris Ratliff asked if any other agency has been contacted to do provide the same services. Mr. Ratliff stated he would also like for the Board to consider pursuing a forensic audit.

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins also stated he felt the Board should do the forensic audit.

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to approve the contract with Robinson, Farmer Cox Associates for one year, at a cost of \$4,750.00 for the Cost Allocation Plan for fiscal year end 2019.

 1/23/2020 5:22 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened the floor for discussion concerning the County audit.

Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff spoke, stating he felt the County needed to have a forensic audit completed along with the annual audit. Mr. Ratliff stated an in-depth audit had not been completed for many years and would like for a deep dive to be done into the financials for Smyth County.

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call questioned the difference between an annual audit and a forensic audit.

Mr. Scot Farthing, County Attorney spoke concerning the RFP for the auditing services, stating it would need to be listed as two separate items in the RFP.

Park District Supervisor Kris made a motion direct staff to draft and publish and RFP for an annual audit and a forensic audit. Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.



1/23/2020 5:26 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call made a motion to appropriate \$10,000.00 from the EDA Fund 4 for open invoices. Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr. seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

Kelly Woods, Administrative Assistant brought forward a request as shown below for the Smyth County Circuit Clerk to amend the current FY2019-2020 budget in the amount of \$5,000.00. This will change the current FY19-20 budget from \$89,769,539.00 to \$89,774,539.00. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call made a motion to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$5,000.00 as shown below. Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr. seconded the motion.

Revenue:

Fund 770-010000-0001 (Collections from Circuit Court) \$5,000.00

Expense:

Fund 770-010000-0001 (Expenses Circuit Court) \$5,000.00

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

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

Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.



1/23/2020 5:29 PM Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to direct staff to add the pre-audit work and the Cost Allocation Plan to the RFP for auditing services. Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.



1/23/2020 5:30 PM Supervisor Comment Time:

Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated he looks forward to working hard for the citizens of Smyth County.

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins thanked all those in attendance of the meeting.

Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel stated she also appreciate everyone for attending the meeting and informed the citizens that herself, Judy Wyant and Kris Ratliff would be attending Legislative Day in Richmond.

Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to appoint Charles Atkins, 6235 Lee Highway, Atkins, VA, 24311 to represent the Board of Supervisors on the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant thanked the Mayor of the Town of Marion and the Town Manager for attending the meeting. Ms. Wyant also thanked Mr. Barker who is a council member for the Town of Marion for attending.

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call thanked all those in attendance of the meeting.

 1/23/2020 5:34 PM A motion was made by Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins to enter into closed session under Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711 – **A.1; Personnel Matters;** Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment and contracts **A.5; Industrial/Business Prospects;** discussion concerning a business or industry considering expansion with no previous announcement being made. Mrs. Deel also invited legal counsel to participate in closed session, and excused staff from closed session. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

It was moved by Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, seconded by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call, to adopt the following resolution certifying the business conducted in closed session as follows:

RESOLUTION

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

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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: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr. made a motion to appoint Lori Deel, 1606 South Fork Road, Marion, Virginia, to the SWIFA Board, as Smyth County Board of Supervisors Representative. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to allow staff to advertise for a Public Hearing on March 10, 2020 at 6:00 PM to allow for public input to ratify/re-adopt the Land Use Ordinance. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel requested for Lisa Richardson, Assistant County Administrator extend an invitation to the recent retirees of Smyth County and invite them to the next Board Meeting for recognition.

Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff requested the Board of Supervisors include a presentation at a future meeting regarding a program that offers a two-year tuition free program for Smyth County seniors. Malcom Brown, a local Smyth County Attorney is available to be contacted for more information.

Meeting adjourned.

DRAFT

Board of Supervisors Continued Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2020

The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 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, Royal Oak District – Supervisor Judy Wyant, Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel, Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call, Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr., Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins, Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff, North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson (7)


ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Assistant County Administrator – Lisa Richardson, Administrative Assistant Kelly Woods, Interim County Administrator – Aaron Sizemore, Interim County Attorney – Don Martin (4)

OTHERS: Smyth County News and Messenger, Sheriff Department Deputy, and several citizens.

 2/11/2020 5:00 PM – Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

 2/11/2020 5:00 PM – Assistant County Administrator, Lisa Richardson, gave the invocation and Heather Street led the Pledge of Allegiance.

 2/11/2020 5:01 PM – Chilhowie District Supervisor, Wade H. Blevins, Jr. made a motion to adopt the agenda and additional agenda, as presented. Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call, seconded the motion. North Fork District Supervisor, Phil Stevenson, abstained.


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
Atkins District- Charles Atkins
Park District- Kris Ratliff
Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant

NAYES: None.

ABSTAIN: North Fork District- Phil Stevenson

ABSENT: None.

 2/11/2020 5:01 PM – Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call, made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2020 meeting with changes as noted by Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant and Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins. Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel, seconded the motion. North Fork District Supervisor, Phil Stevenson, abstained.


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
Atkins District- Charles Atkins
Park District- Kris Ratliff
Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant

NAYES: None.

ABSTAIN: North Fork District- Phil Stevenson


ABSENT: None.


 2/11/2020 5:03 PM – Assistant County Administrator, Lisa Richardson, presented the Board with the County's current financial report. Mrs. Richardson detailed the expenditures, revenue, accounts payable listing for appropriations, and the Treasurer's accountability report. Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant, requested there be a column in the comparison worksheet that reflects the difference in the current year vs. the previous year with a brief explanation if possible.

 2/11/2020 5:16 PM – Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant, opened citizens time. The following citizens spoke:

Anna Lee Debord, 343 College Street, Marion, stated she represents the Historical Society and Museum, noting it has been in business for 59 years. Ms. Debord continued, explaining they are currently housed in the former Parks Belk Building, where an \$80,000.00 remodel was completed. Ms. Debord is requesting additional funding from the County, noting the Historical Society relies solely on donations and member dues. The museum is open 6 days a week, without an admissions charge; nor does the Historical Society charge for research. Ms. Debord stated last year they had almost 2,000 visitors, including visits from local schools. Specially, Ms. Debord spoke regarding a project that would honor 6 special ladies and would involve the production of posters with summary of each of their lives to be on display at the museum. Each poster would cost approximately \$100 per poster. Ms. Debord expressed that any contribution from the County would be greatly appreciated. Newsletters and brochures were passed out.


Nathan Gary, Director of Operations with the Saltville Rescue Squad, offered an update concerning the Squad. Mr. Gary noted operations continue and are going strong. Mr. Gary explained there were some unexpected expenses in January, however, the Squad continues to operate with an even balance and the call volume is steadily increasing. With a total of 28 calls so far this month, Mr. Gary explained they are looking into adding personnel in order to respond to calls in the Nebo and Ceres areas and a potential satellite office. North Fork District Supervisor, Phil Stevenson, mentioned the building on Black Hill, owned by Jim Coulthard. Further consideration will be made if grant funding is made available. Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call thanked Mr. Gary and all those who serve on the Rescue Squad and applauded them for all of their improvements.

 2/11/2020 5:31 PM – With no further citizens wishing to speak Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant, closed citizens time.

 2/11/2020 5:31 PM – Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins, made a motion to enter into closed session under Code of Virginia, section 2.2-3711 – A.7 Legal; discussion with legal counsel and staff pertaining to actual or probable litigation as it relates to the upcoming Supreme Court litigation regarding the Smyth County Public Library. Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel, seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES:	Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call Atkins District- Charles Atkins Park District- Kris Ratliff North Fork District- Phil Stevenson Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr. Rye Valley District- Lori Deel Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant
NAYES:	None.
ABSENT:	None.

 2/11/2020 6:30 PM – Motion was made by Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins and seconded by Park District Supervisor, Kris Ratliff, to adopt the following resolution certifying the business conducted in closed session as follows:

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After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES:	Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call Atkins District- Charles Atkins Park District- Kris Ratliff North Fork District- Phil Stevenson Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr. Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
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NAYES: Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant
None.
ABSENT: None.


 2/11/2020 6:31 PM – North Fork District Supervisor, Phil Stevenson, made a motion to retain Mr. Jeff Campbell as the attorney in the Library case, allowing him to continue to represent the Smyth County Board of Supervisors in regard to the Virginia Supreme Court case and will allow the trial to move forward as scheduled with no settlement. Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call, seconded the motion. Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant and Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel, opposed the motion.


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
Atkins District- Charles Atkins
Park District- Kris Ratliff
North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
NAYES: Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant
ABSENT: None.

 2/11/2020 6:32 PM – Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant, called for a five-minute recess.

 2/11/2020 6:37 PM – Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant, called the meeting back to order.

 2/11/2020 6:37 PM – Gavin Blevins from Blue Ridge Discovery Center gave a brief history of the former Konnarock Girls school, now Blue Ridge Discovery Center, that was acquired over 2 years ago. Since the acquisition of the building, they have raised over \$2 million dollars to make the appropriate renovations. Mr. Blevins continued, explaining they have since acquired an old gas station to renovate and would allow for a Visitor's Center. This facility would bring several new jobs to the area as well as tourism to the County. Mr. Blevins stated they are requesting \$30,000.00 from Smyth County Board of Supervisors, as well as from Grayson and Washington County's. This project would offer a significant improvement and potential growth for the Konnorock area. Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel, spoke concerning the project and stated it is a benefit from both a Community Development and Economic Development stand point and encouraged the Board to show their support for this project. Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant expressed her gratitude for all the work that has been accomplished. Park District Supervisor, Kris Ratliff, spoke concerning the diversity of the ecosystem in the area.

 2/11/2020 6:49 PM – Interim County Administrator, Aaron Sizemore spoke regarding a request from the Town of Saltville. Aaron explained the Town of Saltville is making some substantial improvements to a building in order to lease the property to the Lifetime Wellness Center, which is a part of the Smyth County Community Foundation, for a satellite location. The

Town of Saltville is requesting, once the property is leased, it not be taxed due to the lease being a non-profit. Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call explained in addition they are requesting a relief of back taxes of around for approximately \$900.00 and the facility will also be used for veterans' services. Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins stated he would like to hear more information before making a decision. North Fork District Supervisor, Phil Stevenson, made a motion to accept the request to be tax exempt, as long as the Lifetime Wellness Center in Marion is already tax exempt. Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant, stated she is glad to see this partnership take place and doesn't see an issue with the facility being tax exempt. Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel, stated she would like further research be done to determine the previous owner of the facility before forgiveness of any back taxes owed; as long as it doesn't hold up the project. North Fork District Supervisor, Phil Stevenson rescinded his original motion, and made a new motion to allow the Town of Saltville to lease the property to the Lifetime Wellness Center and agrees to let the Saltville location of the Lifetime Wellness Center be tax exempt but will not forgive any back taxes owed until further clarification can be made. Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel, seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES:	Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call North Fork District- Phil Stevenson Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr. Rye Valley District- Lori Deel Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant
ABSTAIN:	Park District- Kris Ratcliff
NAYES:	Atkins District- Charles Atkins
ABSENT:	None.



2/11/2020 6:58 PM – Assistant County Administrator, Lisa Richardson discussed the Enterprise Zone Incentive rebate for Blue Ridge Knives. Mrs. Richardson stated Blue Ridge Knives expanded their facility and met the qualifications and requirements set forth for the Local Enterprise Zone building permit fee rebate. This rebate, she noted, has a cap of \$10,000.00 and has been verified by the Building & Zoning department and has been approved by the EDA. Chilhowie District Supervisor, Wade H. Blevins, Jr. made a motion to approve the appropriation of \$10,000.00 to Blue Ridge Knives for the building fee rebate as a part of the Enterprise Zone Local Incentive. Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call, seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES:	Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call Atkins District- Charles Atkins Park District- Kris Ratcliff North Fork District- Phil Stevenson Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr. Rye Valley District- Lori Deel Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant
NAYES:	None.
ABSENT:	None.



2/11/2020 6:59 PM – Assistant County Administrator, Lisa Richardson, discussed the audit Request for Proposals (RFP). Mrs. Richardson requested clarification on the January 14, 2020 agenda item in regard to a forensic audit. Mrs. Richardson also explained we are already in year one of a three-year contract for the full audit and RFP will not be needed for that portion. Mrs. Richardson then requested clarification in regard to the forensic audit and explained she reached out to the auditor and they stated specific requests need to be defined in the RFP and advertisement of such. Mrs. Richardson stated she needs direction from Board of Supervisors or County Attorney to make those clarifications. Mrs. Richardson also noted an RFP needs to be drafted as well for the pre-audit work. Park District Supervisor, Kris Ratliff, explained this was not his area of expertise and deferred to the more experienced Board members in that particular field. Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins, stated the forensic audit needs to examine Accounts Payable, internal controls regarding our accounts payable, and revenue receipts outside the Treasurer's Office. Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant, concurred; stating internal controls needs to be examined along with segregation of duties but requested the pleasure of the Board. North Fork District Supervisor, Phil Stevenson, concurred with Park District Supervisor, Kris Ratliff, stated this wasn't his area of expertise. Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call, asked if there is a suspicion that something is not right. Park District Supervisor, Kris Ratliff, stated he has no suspensions or evidence but wishes to establish a baseline. Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call questioned if the benefit outweighs the cost and would like to see what the cost would be. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins stated the time frame for the scope of work needs to be determined as well. North Fork District Supervisor, Phil Stevenson, made a motion to advertise an RFP for a forensic audit of 2019 to examine accounts payable, internal controls in regard to accounts payable, and revenue receipts outside the Treasurer's Office. Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call, seconded the motion. Chilhowie District Supervisor, Wade H. Blevins, Jr. opposed the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES:

Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
Atkins District- Charles Atkins
Park District- Kris Ratliff
North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant
Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.

NAYES:

ABSENT:

None.



2/11/2020 7:09 PM – Interim County Administrator, Aaron Sizemore discussed department reports. Mr. Sizemore noted these reports are time consuming for the staff to complete and questioned how the Board would like to see these reports. Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins, stated he would only like to know what the major items are. North Fork District Supervisor, Phil Stevenson, stated he agrees certain items don't need to be listed; however, he likes to be informed on specific departments such as Building & Zoning, Water Department, etc. Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel, agreed the reports are time consuming for the staff and

recommended the department heads only include pertinent information and if there is a particular question about a department to contact them directly. The overall direction is to allow the County Administrator the discretion to condense and inform the Board accordingly.



2/11/2020 7:15 PM – The requests made by Park District Supervisor; Kris Ratliff was discussed. Item number one requested a survey on the Smyth and Washington County boundary lines through the salt fields and the wells in the Saltville area. Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins, stated he would like to see a survey done on boundary lines between Smyth County and Washington County's as well as identify the wells associated with that boundary line in order to address tax issues that may be unresolved. Mr. Atkins continued, stating he has been assured it would cost less than \$10,000.00 to shoot that line. Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call, stated although he recently retired from the United Salt Corporation, he is still on retainer and if the Board approves it, he can have a survey crew ready to complete this task. Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins, made a motion to have a certified survey completed in the area referenced during discussion for up to and not to exceed \$10,000.00 as well as appropriate those funds for expenditure when the invoice is received. Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call, seconded the motion. Chair, Royal Oak Supervisor, asked if this item needs to competitively bid. North Fork District Supervisor, Phil Stevenson, stated as long as it has to be under \$10,000.00 you do not have to put it out for bid. Motion stands.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES:

Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
Atkins District- Charles Atkins
Park District- Kris Ratliff
North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr
Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant

NAYES:

None.

ABSENT:

None.

Park District Supervisor, Kris Ratcliff, discussed the acquisition of property to house voter registrar. Mr. Ratcliff stated after discussion with Registrar, Sandy Elswick, she explained their current environment doesn't meet the needs for compliance as well as other issues that concern her. A major issue continues to be the security surrounding the voting machines. Mr. Ratliff stated this issue is time sensitive and would like a subcommittee look into the issue. Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant asked for the issue to be sent to Building and Grounds for feasibility. North Fork District Supervisor, Phil Stevenson, agreed with everything stated, but would like to know whether the State is responsible for these changes or the County in order to move forward.

Park District Supervisor, Kris Ratliff, discussed job positions and wants to see the County move forward and grow. There are several positions that need to be addressed and discussed. The other item Mr. Ratliff discussed was having a discussion concerning job descriptions and a deeper look into why more applicants aren't applying for County positions. The Regional Jail expenditures are also growing and Mr. Ratliff discussed finding ways to save money with non-violent offenders

rather than incarceration. Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins, stated he has been appointed to the Regional Jail Authority and he's is looking forward to discussing these items and finding ways to lower Smyth County's cost. Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, stated this is an issue that needs to be further examined by the Court System, Judges, and the Sheriff's Department.

Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant, requested Interim County Administrator, Aaron Sizemore to speak regarding the previously discussed personnel items. Mr. Sizemore explained with the current positions advertised, the Board will have to select candidates for interview and decide on how to move forward with those candidates. Mr. Sizemore also stated, he will be completing interviews with each department, to determine job descriptions and workload in order to gather a clear picture for the Board and to coincide with the upcoming budget process as positions are discussed. Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel stated the Personnel Committee should to models that other Counties use as a baseline and reference point as we consider restricting and positions; especially regarding economic development, tourism, and business retention and expansion. Mrs. Deel would like to consider bringing these items under the same umbrella as a cost saving measure. Chair, Royal Oak District, Judy Wyant expressed her gratitude for the discussion and looks toward the budget process to focus on each of these items.



2/11/2020 7:33 PM -Motion was made by Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call to appropriate\$1,630,000.00 from the General Fund. North Fork District Supervisor, Phil Stevenson, seconded the motion. The following is an explanation of the appropriations approved:

General County	
Accounts Payable Listing:	\$911,443.01
Payroll:	\$718,964.31
Auto Draft Rural Development:	\$8,974.00
AEP/Century Link Bills:	\$25,000.00
County Administration Fund:	\$5,000.00
Total County Appropriation (Plus Carryover):	\$1,630,000.00

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
Atkins District- Charles Atkins
Park District- Kris Ratliff
North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion was made by Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call to appropriate \$425,000.00 from the General Fund to the Department Social Services. North Fork District Supervisor, Phil Stevenson, seconded the motion. The following is an explanation of the appropriations approved:

Social Services	
(February 12-February 29, 2020)	\$365,000.00
(March 1-March 10, 2020)	\$60,000.00
Total Social Services:	\$425,000.00

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
Atkins District- Charles Atkins
Park District- Kris Ratliff
North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion was made by Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call to appropriate \$3,990,000.00 from the General Fund to the Smyth County School Board Operating Fund. Park District Supervisor, Kris Ratliff, seconded the motion. The following is an explanation of the appropriations approved:

Schools-Operating Fund	
Instruction	\$2,900,000.00
Administration, Attendance, & Health	\$120,000.00
Transportation	\$255,000.00
Facilities	\$300,000.00
School Food Service	\$310,000.00
Technology	\$105,000.00
Total School Operating Fund:	\$3,990,000.00

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
Atkins District- Charles Atkins
Park District- Kris Ratliff
North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant

NAYES: None.
ABSENT: None.

Motion was made by Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call to appropriate \$136.19 from the Courthouse Project fund to close out the project account. North Fork District Supervisor, Phil Stevenson, seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
Atkins District- Charles Atkins
Park District- Kris Ratliff
North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant
NAYES: None.
ABSENT: None.

Motion was made by Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call to appropriate \$19.32 from the Sheriff Fund 761 to close out the account. Chilhowie District Supervisor, Wade H. Blevins, seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
Atkins District- Charles Atkins
Park District- Kris Ratliff
North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant
NAYES: None.
ABSENT: None.

Motion was made by Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins, to appropriate \$1,006.64 from Recovery Court Fund 749 for open invoices. North Fork District Supervisor, Phil Stevenson, seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
Atkins District- Charles Atkins
Park District- Kris Ratliff
North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant
NAYES: None.
ABSENT: None.


Motion was made by Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call to appropriate \$2,316.80 from Sheriff Fund 748 for open invoices. Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins, seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
Atkins District- Charles Atkins
Park District- Kris Ratliff
North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

 2/11/2020 7:35 PM – Interim County Administrator, Aaron Sizemore, gave an update regarding the Morrison Building and noted he is currently working on issues with the conveyance of the building. Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins, requested more research be done in regard to what portions of the building are heated by the steam and which are not and what would the cost be to heat the building with the same unit that provides air conditioning. Mr. Sizemore stated he will reach out to the Maintenance Department and will provide an update as more information is available.

 2/11/2020 7:40 PM – Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant requested the Retiree Recognition be added to the agenda for the continued Board of Supervisors meeting.

 2/11/2020 7:40 PM – Supervisor Comment time:

Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call stated he was glad to see people in the audience more often.

North Fork District Supervisor, Phil Stevenson, stated for 40 years or better the County furnished employees within the Water Department with vehicles in order to facilitate on-call hours and streamlining of services; however, a change due to a tax issue that changed that. North Fork District Supervisor, Phil Stevenson made a motion to allow the employees who have their water license who live within a reasonable distance be allowed to drive their work vehicles home, effective immediately. Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins, seconded the motion. Assistant County Administrator, Lisa Richardson, clarified for the record, the reason behind the change of this policy noting the IRS rule for taxing the employee for a 'fringe benefit'. The County Attorney stated he could see the IRS taxing this as a fringe benefit, however, he explained that could be discussed if and when that situation occurs. Motion stands.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
Atkins District- Charles Atkins
Park District- Kris Ratliff

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North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant

NAYES:

None.

ABSENT:

None.

Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant, thanked everyone for attending and the support of all that continue to support the County. Ms. Wyant also thanked the Board for their time and contributions.

Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel, thanked everyone for being present and involved. Mrs. Deel also stated there was a Broadband Community meeting that was held in Sugar Grove, Virginia tonight and looks forward to the results of the broadband survey. Mrs. Deel stated the budget deadline is February 14th and reminded all to turn in their budget requests and asked for a summary of return on investment with each request. Lastly, Mrs. Deel stated she would like to reach out to the pastoral association in regard to giving invocation at the meeting as well.

Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins, agreed that Mrs. Deel should reach out to the pastoral association and that he would support that moving forward and thanked everyone for their time and contributions.

Park District Supervisor, Kris Ratliff, thanked everyone for attending and reiterated that every decision that is made is with good intentions. Mr. Ratliff also thanked the Board and County staff.



2/11/2020 7:50 PM - The meeting is continued to February 27, 2020 at 7:00pm.

The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on Thursday, February 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: Chair, Royal Oak District – Supervisor Judy Wyant, Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel, Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call, Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr., Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins, Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff, North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson (7)

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Assistant County Administrator – Lisa Richardson, Administrative Assistant Kelly Woods, Interim County Administrator – Aaron Sizemore, Interim County Attorney – Scot Farting (4)

OTHERS: Smyth County News and Messenger, Sheriff Department Deputy, and several citizens.

 2/27/2020 5:01 PM – Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.


 2/27/2020 5:01 PM – Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins, made a motion to enter into closed session under Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711 – A.5 Business/Industrial Prospects, discussion concerning a business or industry considering expansion for which no previous announcements have been made as well as inviting and excusing guests and staff as needed. Park District Supervisor, Kris Ratliff, seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
Atkins District- Charles Atkins
Park District- Kris Ratliff
North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: None.

 2/27/2020 6:09 PM – Motion was made by Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins and seconded by Park District Supervisor, Kris Ratliff, 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:	Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
	Atkins District- Charles Atkins
	Park District- Kris Ratliff
	North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
	Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
	Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
	Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant
NAYES:	None.
ABSENT:	None.


 2/27/2020 6:10 PM – Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant called for a recess until the continuation of the meeting at 7:00pm.

 2/27/2020 7:15 PM – Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant called the meeting back to order and opened citizens time. The following citizen(s) spoke:

Richard Simms, from South Carolina is here tonight to identify why the Ordinance Committee voted against the zoning issue he brought forth. Mr. Simms stated there are lots on Anderson Avenue that residents would like to place a mobile home on the property, but the zoning won't allow for a special use permit. There are 16 mobile homes adjacent to that street and he would like an explanation. Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant explained this was an agenda item and will be discussed as the committee meeting minutes are read.

 2/27/2020 7:17 PM – Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant closed citizens time.

 2/27/2020 7:17 PM – Assistant County Administrator, Lisa Richardson, explained there was a representative from VEC to request the use of office space but she hasn't arrived. This item will be revisited once the attendees have arrived.

 2/27/2020 7:17 PM – Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call brought for the Ordinance Committee recommendations. North Fork District Supervisor, Phil Stevenson asked if Mr. Call remembers another situation similar situation with Buddy Call in McCready. Mr. Call stated that

was within the corporate limits of the Town of Saltville. This item will be revisited once Clegg Williams is present.

Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call, brought for the Ordinance Committee recommendation to take the future land use map to the full board for adoption.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:


AYES:	Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
	Atkins District- Charles Atkins
	Park District- Kris Ratliff
	North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
	Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
	Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
	Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant
NAYES:	None.
ABSENT:	None.

Mr. Clegg Williams gave a brief overview for Mr. Simms and clarified that single wide trailers are not permitted within the current zoning. The options that were available would change all areas zoned within the County and after reaching out to the Town of Marion and they do not allow single wides in a residentially zoned area either. Discussion continued.


Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant stated it was the Ordinance Committee recommendation to leave the ordinance as-is and not make any changes. In doing this, it does not grant the special use permit to Mr. Simms.


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES:	Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
	Atkins District- Charles Atkins
	Park District- Kris Ratliff
	Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
	Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant
NAYES:	Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
	North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
ABSENT:	None.

 2/27/2020 7:29 PM – Christy Lowe Manager in Wytheville and Lisa Reedy, came to speak to the Board regarding the request for temporary use of additional office space use. Ms. Lowe stated the Wytheville VEC has been looking for additional office space for some time due to the conditions of the current site. In their research for this move, some of their spaces utilized won't house the entirety of the staff. In discussions with Assistant County Administrator, Lisa Richardson, Ms. Lowe requested the use of additional space on the 4th floor as well as being open additional hours with the staff that will be present. Mrs. Richardson noted the map in the packet and explained room 432, 433 are available as well as 427-429 are options as well. Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel, made a motion to modify the existing MOU to add the additional space for a period of nine months

with a continued in kind contribution. Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins, seconded the motion.

 2/27/2020 7:44 PM – Interim County Administrator, Aaron Sizemore, spoke regarding a potential modification on the Tobacco Revitalization Opportunity Fund (TROF) performance agreement for Scholle IPN. Mr. Sizemore noted the company has already met approximately 80% of their performance goals and discussions are being held with the Tobacco Commission regarding the potentially early release of those funds. The documents will be made available for this modification at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

 2/27/2020 7:45 PM – Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins brought forward the following recommendations from the Budget Committee:

Item #1: It is the Committee's recommendation to approve the budget amendment request as shown below for CSA in the amount of \$600,000.00. This will increase the current FY2019-2020 budget from \$89,774,539.00 to \$90,374,539.00.

Expense:

001-083040-5701 (CSA Pool Funds)	\$600,000.00
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Revenue:

001-022500-0001 (CSA Pool Funds)	\$459,840.00
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001-022500-0005 (CSA Use of Fund Balance)	\$140,160.00
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After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES:

Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
Atkins District- Charles Atkins
Park District- Kris Ratliff
North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant

NAYES:

None.

ABSENT:

None.

Item #2: It is the Committee's recommendation to approve the budget transfer request of \$10,000.00 for Animal Control as shown below.

From:

035010-5102 (Propane Service)

To:

035010-3002 (Prof. Services Vet)

Amount:

\$10,000.00

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES:

Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
Atkins District- Charles Atkins
Park District- Kris Ratliff
North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
Rye Valley District- Lori Deel

Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant
NAYES: None.
ABSENT: None.

Item #3: It is the Committee's recommendation to approve the budget transfer request of \$10,000.00 for the Commonwealth Attorney's Office as shown below.

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
022010-1001 (Salaries & Wages)	022010-5308 (Office Supplies)	\$10,000.00

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
Atkins District- Charles Atkins
Park District- Kris Ratliff
North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant
NAYES: None.
ABSENT: None.

Item #4: It is the Committee's recommendation to approve the budget transfer request of \$4,169.00 for the Sheriff's Office as shown below.

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
021070-1001 (Salaries & Wages)	021070-5408 (Vehicle & Power Eq.)	\$4,169.00

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
Atkins District- Charles Atkins
Park District- Kris Ratliff
North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant
NAYES: None.
ABSENT: None.

Item #5: It is the Committee's recommendation to enter into an hourly contract with Scot Farthing and Graham Law. North Fork District Supervisor, Phil Stevenson, questioned the need for two attorneys. Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins, clarified stating Graham Law would be utilized for deeds and legal documents, etc.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:


AYES: Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call

Atkins District- Charles Atkins
Park District- Kris Ratliff
Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant
NAYES: North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
ABSENT: None.

Item #6: It is the Committee's recommendation to advertise for a full-time County Attorney until March 31, 2020.


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
Atkins District- Charles Atkins
Park District- Kris Ratliff
North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant
NAYES: None.
ABSENT: None.

 2/27/2020 7:53 PM – Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins, made a motion to enter into closed session under Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711 – A.1; Personnel Matters; Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment and contracts, and also for discussion and review of Administrative staff. Park District Supervisor, Kris Ratliff, seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
Atkins District- Charles Atkins
Park District- Kris Ratliff
North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant
NAYES: None.
ABSENT: None.

 2/27/2020 9:13 PM – Motion was made by Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins and seconded by Park District Supervisor, Kris Ratliff, 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:	Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call Atkins District- Charles Atkins Park District- Kris Ratliff Rye Valley District- Lori Deel Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant
NAYES:	None.
ABSENT:	North Fork District- Phil Stevenson Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.

 2/27/2020 9:14 PM – Atkins District representative, Charles Atkins, made a motion to direct the Interim County Administrator to terminate the employment of Administrative Assistant, Kelly Woods as an at-will employee of the County. Park District Supervisor, Kris Ratliff, seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES:	Atkins District- Charles Atkins Park District- Kris Ratliff Rye Valley District- Lori Deel Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant
NAYES:	Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call
ABSENT:	North Fork District- Phil Stevenson Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.

 2/27/2020 9:15 PM – Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant opened Supervisor comment time.

Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call had no comment.
Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant, thanked everyone for attending and for their patience.
Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel, thank everyone for attending as well and offered safe travels home.

Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins, also expressed his gratitude for attendance and patience. Park District Supervisor, Kris Ratliff, echoed the thankful sentiments.

 2/27/2020 9:17 PM – With no further business to discuss, Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel, made a motion to adjourn. Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins, seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES:

Atkins District- Charles Atkins
Park District- Kris Ratliff
Rye Valley District- Lori Deel
Royal Oak District- Judy Wyant

NAYES:

None.

ABSENT:

North Fork District- Phil Stevenson
Chilhowie District- Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
Saltville District- Roscoe D. Call


The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 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, Royal Oak District – Supervisor Judy Wyant, Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel, Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call, Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr., Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins, Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff (6)

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson (1)

STAFF: Assistant County Administrator – Lisa Richardson, Interim County Administrator – Aaron Sizemore, Interim County Attorney – Scot S. Farthing, Administrative Assistant – Sarah Parris, Administrative Assistant – Kendra Hayden (5)

OTHERS: Smyth County News and Messenger, Sheriff Chip Shuler, Sheriff Department Deputy, and several citizens

 3/10/2020 5:00 PM - Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Administrative Assistant, Kendra Hayden, gave the invocation and Maintenance Supervisor, Lynn Garrett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

 3/10/2020 5:01 PM - Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel made the motion to adopt the agenda and additional agenda, as presented. Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins, seconded the motion.


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

 3/10/2020 5:01 PM - Park District Supervisor, Kris Ratliff, made the motion to approve the minutes from February 11 and February 27, 2020 meeting minutes as written. Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins seconded the motion.


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None


ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson


 3/10/2020 5:02 PM - Assistant County Administrator, Lisa Richardson presented the Board with the County's current financial report. Mrs. Richardson detailed the expenditures, revenue, accounts payable listing for appropriations, and Treasurer's accountability report.

 3/10/2020 5:13 PM - Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant opened citizens time. The following citizens spoke:

Ralph Price, 721 Dogwood Lane, Marion stated he was concerned about a 10-bed facility housing clients exposed to substance abuse and infants being birthed in this situation. He stated the facility is proposed in a residential area and was concerned about the zoning regulations. He asked the Supervisors to be mindful with any votes related to this project. Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant thanked Mr. Price for voicing his concerns. She indicated the zoning was the Town of Marion and she would look into the proposal.


Nathan Gary, Director of Operations, with the Saltville Rescue Squad 126 Battleground Ave, Saltville, gave an update on the Squad. He noted operations continue and are going strong. He reported they have a profit of \$3,900 and they are making it, but their struggle continues. Mr. Gary indicated a fundraiser is planned for the spring. Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe Call commended the Squad for their hard work. He was proud and their dedication is noteworthy.

 3/10/2020 5:20 PM - With no further citizens wishing to speak Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant, closed citizens time.

 3/10/2020 5:22 PM - Steven Clear with the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority reported on the Regional Jail Resolution. Mr. Clear reported VRA contacted him with significant savings on their bonds. They are only refinancing \$35.4 million at an interest 2.3 %. The number of years will not be extended on the bonds and will be paid off in 2043. Mr. Clear reported a projected savings of \$4,685,000.00 over the life of the loan. Smyth County's share will be 12-13 % savings per year on debt service. Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins commented that this was quite a savings. Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins made the motion to adopt the resolution in support of the Southwest Regional Jail Authority Bond Issuance(s) allowing for Chairman, Judy Wyant, to execute the corresponding support agreement as presented. Park District Supervisor, Kris Ratliff seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:


AYES:	Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr. Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

 3/10/2020 5:27 PM – Administrative Assistant, Kendra Hayden reported on the Tobacco Region Opportunity Fund (TROF) grant performance agreement modification for Scholle IPN. The grant awarded is a \$195,000.00 if they company meets 100% of the capital investment and employment targets. The company has already met 80% of their capital investment and 102% of their job requirements and is requesting the early release of the grant funds. By executing Exhibit B of the current TROF agreement, this will potentially allow the Tobacco Commission the ability to release a portion of the grant funds. Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel made the motion to

approve the signature of the Chair, Royal Oak District, Supervisor Judy Wyant on the modification. Park District Supervisor, Kris Ratliff seconded the motion.


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

 3/10/2020 5:30 PM - Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant presented Vicki Stamper, Charlie Wilson, Bob Whisman, Norman Sparks and Tom Copenhagen for appointments to the Board of Equalization. Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel made the motion to approve the appointments as presented. Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

 3/10/2020 5:31 PM - Interim County Administrator, Aaron Sizemore brought forward a recommendation from the Planning Commission as show below:

Commissioner David Spence made a motion to recommend approval of Mr. Lawson's Special Use Permit request for an event center. Commissioner Tony Dean seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

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

Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant made the motion to accept the recommendation as presented from the Planning Commission. Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff

Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant

Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel

Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson



3/10/2020 5:33 PM - It was moved by Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call, seconded by Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel to appropriate \$ 1,790,000.00 from the General Fund. The following is an explanation of the appropriations approved:

General County

Accounts Payable Listing:	\$	1,091,002.68
Payroll:	\$	708,470.09
Auto Draft Rural Development:	\$	8,974.00
AEP/Century Link Bills:	\$	25,000.00
County Administration Fund:	\$	5,000.00
Minus Beginning Appropriation:	\$	(37,885.58)
New Carryover:	\$	29,438.81
Total County Appropriation:	\$	1,790,000.00

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

It was moved by Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call, seconded by Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel to appropriate \$ 425,000.00 from the General Fund for the Department of Social Services. The following is an explanation of the appropriations approved:

Social Services

(March 11-March 31, 2020)	\$	365,000.00
(April 1-April 14, 2020)	\$	60,000.00
Total County Appropriation:	\$	\$ 425,000.00

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

It was moved by Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call, seconded by Rye Valley District

Supervisor, Lori Deel to appropriate \$ 4,305,000.00 from the General Fund for the Smyth County School Board Operating Fund. The following is an explanation of the appropriations approved:

School-Operating Fund

Instruction:	\$ 3,175.00
Administration, Attendance, & Health	\$ 115,000.00
Transportation:	\$ 195,000.00
Facilities:	\$ 400,000.00
School Food Service:	\$ 340,000.00
Technology:	\$ 80,000.00
Total County Appropriation:	\$ 4,305,000.00

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

It was moved by Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call, seconded by Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel to appropriate \$ 368.39 from the General Fund the Recovery Court Fund 749.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

It was moved by Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call, seconded by Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel to appropriate \$ 7, 423.72 from the General Fund the Sheriff Fund 748.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call

NAYES: None


ABSTAIN: None


ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson



of VIAA Agreement. He reported he has been in contact with Josh Lewis, Executive Director of Virginia Industrial Advancement Alliance (VIAA). VIAA helps with the surrounding counties. Mr. Sizemore proposed splitting the cost of \$40,000 with Bland County to provide part-time help with economic development. Someone needs to fill the gap when speaking to manufacturing companies. This would be a cost saving method until more funds are available to hire a full-time position. Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel agreed with the need for someone to fill that gap until we can find a more permanent solution. Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins and Park District Supervisor, Kris Ratliff echoed the need for this temporary solution. Mr. Sizemore will be exploring this opportunity.

Committee Recommendations:

 3/10/2020 5:41 PM - Park District Supervisor, Kris Ratliff reported on the Insurance Committee Recommendation. The committee met on March 6, 2020 to discuss insurance renewal proposal with a \$40,000.00 cost reduction. After consideration, all were in favor of keeping the same insurance packet.

 3/10/2020 5:42 PM - Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins reported on the following in the Budget Committee recommendation.

Item 1: Sheriff Shuler requested a budget amendment for \$80,000.00. \$50,000.00 of the budget amendment was approved without a public hearing. Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins made a motion to approve \$50,000 at this time and since the remainder exceeded the 1% threshold to present the remainder of the funds at the next board meeting, on April 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES:	Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr. Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

Item 2: Sheriff Shuler requested \$3,561.71 be transferred out of line 001-021070-1001 (Salaries and Wages) into line 001-021070-5408 (Vehicle and Power Equipment).

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES:	Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr. Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

Item 3: Solid Waste Supervisor, Wally Blevins requested \$6,000.00 be transferred out of line 001-042030-5408 (Vehicle and Power Equipment) into line 001-042030-3025 (Landfill Maintenance).

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

Item 4: Solid Waste Supervisor, Wally Blevins requested to sell old metal containers and non-salvageable vehicles stored at the Landfill for scrap and uses the proceeds generated by the sale to purchase containers for the convenience stations. After discussion, the committee decided not to set aside a separate revenue and expenditure line in the budget. However, Mr. Blevins can scrap the equipment that is no longer in usable condition and when needed, containers could be purchased out of the general fund. Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins recommended an upgrade be made to the Scale House located at the Transfer Station. No action was taken at that time and the meeting was adjourned.



3/10/2020 5:48 PM – Motion was made by Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins, to set a public hearing for April 14, 2020 at 6:00pm to amend the current FY2019-2020 budget. Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel, seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call

NAYES: Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson




3/10/2020 5:47 PM - Interim County Administrator, Aaron Sizemore reported on the Forensic Audit RFP Results. The RFP was advertised in the Smyth County News and the deadline has passed and no proposal were received. He asked the board for recommendations. Park District Supervisor, – Kris Ratliff suggested re-advertising in a broader newspaper that is more regional (e.g. Bristol Herald Courier or Roanoke Times). Interim County Attorney – Scot S. Farthing recommended sending the proposal to an audit firm. Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins, Park District Supervisor recommended compiling a list of firms and mailing a proposal to them individually. Interim County Administrator, Aaron Sizemore stated that a mailing would be more cost effective. Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel made the motion to mail proposals to each firm. Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel

NAYES: Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
ABSTAIN: Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
ABSENT: None
North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

 3/10/2020 5:52 PM – Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant recessed until 6:00 pm for the public hearing.

 3/10/2020 6:00 PM - Chair, Royal Oak District – Supervisor Judy Wyant called the Public Hearing for the Ordinance Adoption for Land Use to order.

SMYTH COUNTY ORDINANCE ADOPTION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Supervisors of Smyth County, Virginia will hold a public hearing to receive public input regarding the re-adoption of the amendment passed on January 23, 2020, proposed amendment is as follows:

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 23-180 OF THE COUNTY CODE OF SMYTH COUNTY **Application for reassessment**


This amendment to Section 23-180 (Application for reassessment) of the County Code of Smyth County. Section 23-180 of the County Code of Smyth County is amended as follows:

The owner of any real estate meeting the criteria set forth in Code of Virginia, §§ 58.1-3230 and 58.1-3233, as amended, may, at least 60 days preceding the tax year for which such taxation is sought, apply to the commissioner of the revenue for the classification, assessment and taxation of such property for the next succeeding tax year on the basis of its use, under the procedures set forth in Code of Virginia, § 58.1-3236, as amended. In any year in which a general reassessment is being made, the property owner may submit such application until 90 days have elapsed after his notice of increase in assessment is mailed in accordance with Code of Virginia, § 58.1-3330, as amended, or 60 days preceding the tax year, whichever is later. Such application shall be on forms provided by the state tax commissioner and supplied by the commissioner of the revenue and shall include such additional schedules, photographs and drawings as may be required by the commissioner of the revenue. An individual who is the owner of an undivided interest in a parcel may apply on behalf of himself and the other owners of such parcel upon submitting an affidavit that such other owners are minors or cannot be located. An application shall be submitted whenever the use or acreage of such land previously approved changes. No application fee may be required when a change in acreage occurs solely as a result of a conveyance necessitated by governmental action or condemnation of a portion of any land previously approved for taxation on the basis of use assessment. Such property owner must revalidate annually with the commissioner of the revenue on or before the date on which the last installment of property tax prior to the effective date of the assessment is due, on forms prepared by the county any applications previously approved. An application fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) and no cents for each account number shall accompany each application. A revalidation application shall be filed annually, but no fee shall be charged by the commissioner of the revenue.

The public hearing will be held Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room of the Smyth County Administration Building, 121 Bagley Circle, Marion, VA 24354. Anyone having questions regarding the above may contact the County Administrator's Office, (276-783-3298), Monday through Friday, during regular working hours. A copy of the full text of the proposed

amendment may be inspected in the County Administrator's office. Written comments may be submitted to the County Administrator's office. All written comments must be received no later than 2:00 p. m., Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SMYTH COUNTY, VIRGINIA


 3/10/2020 6:07 PM – Commissioner of Revenue. Jeff Richardson spoke and questioned whether this is going to be a permanent part of our ordinance. Interim County Attorney – Scot S. Farthing answered and stated the public hearing would be to adopt the ordinance. Commissioner of Revenue Jeff Richardson encouraged the board to adopt. He commended his staff for their help. He explained the twenty dollar application fee goes to the Smyth County Treasurer's office, and is not going into the Commissioner of Revenue's budget. It is placed into the general fund.

Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins questioned what was being adopted. Interim County Attorney – Scot S. Farthing stated that this was an ordinance that was presented at a prior meeting that was not a public hearing. It was adopted on an emergency adoption. By code, to adopt the full ordinance, a public hearing will need to take place. The change in the amendment that was adopted was changing the application period of time from 30 days to 90 days and the application fee was changed to a flat twenty dollar fee.

 3/10/2020 6:14 PM - Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins made the motion to waive the rules and proceed with the approval. Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES:	Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr. North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson


 3/10/2020 6:14 PM - Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins made the motion to approve the ordinance changes as amended. Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES:	Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr. North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

 3/10/2020 6:15 PM - Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant closed the public

hearing.


 3/10/2020 6:15 PM - Chair, Royal Oak District – Supervisor Judy Wyant, Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel recognized the following retirees with resolutions:

Mike Neal	29 years – 1 month
William “Bill” Turman	32 years – 5 months
James “Jim” Blevins	14 years – 4 months
Gary “Bud” Owens	29 years – 8 months
Norma Teaters	30 years – 1 month
Betty Tilson	20 years

Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel made the motion to adopt the resolutions of the employees list above as written. Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES:	Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr. North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

 3/10/2020 6:17 PM – Supervisor Comment Time


Saltville District Supervisor, Roscoe D. Call had no further comments.

Royal Oak District Supervisor, Judy Wyant thanked everyone for their patience.

Rye Valley District Supervisor, Lori Deel thanked everyone and expressed that every decision is important and not taken lightly.

Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins thanked everyone and commented on funding for soil and water.

Park District Supervisor, Kris Ratliff commented on the growth of the jail and thanked them for their cost saving efforts, he thanked the Sheriff and his staff for doing a great job, he expressed the recovery court does need support of the community, he commented on the health scares with COVID-19 and he encouraged the community to support business especially local business and most of all use good common sense during this time.

 3/10/2020 6:21 PM Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins made the motion to enter into closed session under Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711- A.5 Business/Industrial Prospects, discussion concerning a business or industry considering expansion for which no previous announcements have been made and A.1 Personnel Matters; Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment and contracts. Park District Supervisor, Kris Ratliff seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES:	Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
NAYES:	None

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

It was moved by Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, seconded by Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, 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: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

03/10/2020 7:05 PM Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to amend the Agenda to allow the County Attorney Scot Farthing to speak to update the Board on on-going issues. Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

County Attorney Scot Farthing brought before the Board an issue involving a lien that was placed on a property owned by Patton Graham. The lien was recorded on August 1; however, the payment had been made on July 12 prior to the placement of the lien. Two weeks after placement, the lien

was released by former County Attorney Jeff Campbell and the Board of Supervisors. However, the lien needs to be vacated by the Court in order to be removed from the record. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to request the lien be vacated by the Court. Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES:	Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr. North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

03/10/2020 7:20 PM Saltville District Supervisor adjourned the meeting, seconded by Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES:	Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr. North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson


The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held an electronic emergency meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 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.


 4/15/2020 5:00 PM

PRESENT: Chair, Royal Oak District – Supervisor Judy Wyant, Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel, Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call, Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff, Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins (5)

ABSENT: Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr., Atkins District North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson (2)

STAFF: Assistant County Administrator – Lisa Richardson, Interim County Administrator – Aaron Sizemore, Interim County Attorney – Scot S. Farthing, Administrative Assistant – Sarah Parris, Administrative Assistant – Christy Bise (5)

 4/15/2020 5:00 PM: Judy Wyant, Chair called the meeting to order


 4/15/2020 5:02 PM: Declaration of Emergency was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins

ABSENT: Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson


 4/15/2020 5:03 PM: Emergency Ordinance Continuity of Government was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

 4/15/2020 5:04 PM: Park District Supervisor - Kris Ratliff made the motion to approve the Consideration of appropriations and accounts payable as listed on the additional agenda
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe Call seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES:	Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr. North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

 4/15/2020 5:05 PM: Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe Call made the motion to adjourn. Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel seconded the motion

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES:	Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr. North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held an electronic meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 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.



4/21/2020 5:02 PM Chairman, Royal Oak District Judy Wyant called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

PRESENT: Judy Wyant, Chairman, Royal Oak District; Lori H. Deel, Vice-Chairman, Rye Valley District; Charles Atkins, Atkins District; Roscoe Call, Saltville District; Kristopher S. Ratliff, Park District (5)

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson; Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr. (2)

STAFF: Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore; Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson; Interim County Attorney Scot Farthing; Administrative Assistant Christy Bise; Shannon Williams, E-911 Coordinator (5)

OTHERS: Stephanie Porter Nichols with Smyth County News and Messenger



4/21/2020 5:02 PM Shannon Williams, E-911 Coordinator, presented information concerning the implementation of Next Generation 911 services. The current decades-old equipment which relies on an analog network is going out of service and the Commonwealth of Virginia has moved the timetable up regarding the mandated switch from a circuit switch network to a next generation network for 911 services. All 911 centers are required to have the new technology deployed by the 4th quarter of 2021 and it is up to each locality as to how they will move forward with implementing this change.

The equipment cost of switching to the new system will be approximately \$115,000 and 100% of that cost will be picked up by the Commonwealth. The monthly recurring cost for the transportation of 911 calls will be 73% higher than what the county currently pays for network services. This increase is based on the traveling distance of the call data. Our current system has limits on the data being delivered to us and a 911 call can't be transferred to an adjacent county. Once the new IP system is in place, a 911 call can be transferred to anywhere in the Commonwealth. The current monthly charge is \$1,500 a month with an expected increase to around \$5,800 a month once the change is implemented. The Commonwealth will cover that monthly cost for the first 24 months and after that the entire cost will be the responsibility of the County. This will increase the budget line for the 911 network services by \$50,000 - \$60,000 per year for the transportation of 911 calls only and that does not include any equipment, repair, or maintenance charges.

Currently, the documentation used for the NG 911 implementation in Northern Virginia (Fairfax) is being used as a public procurement tool that the Commonwealth has allowed other localities to use without having to go through their own private procurement process. AT&T Solutions has been recommended as the network provider by both Fairfax and the Eastern Shore based on their traveling distance abilities. By


using the Northern Virginia documentation as a procurement guide, the County can use that information as a negotiation tool with AT&T for possible changes to the monthly charges, but it does not bind the County to any contract. Mr. Sizemore, and Mr. Farthing have reviewed the documents and recommend that the County use this information as a guide in moving forward with the project.

Mr. Williams reported to the Board that a decision on how to proceed has to be made by Thursday of this week and the County has two options. Effective July 1, 2020, Governor Northam will be moving Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) into Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) and the County can wait until that merge happens and let VDEM handle negotiations for the project, but a timetable on how long that would take has not been determined yet. The other option would be for the County to move forward now using the approved Northern Virginia procurement tool and begin negotiations with AT&T.

A motion was made by Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel for the County to move forward with the Northern Virginia procurement tool and begin negotiations with AT&T Solutions for the County's transition to Next Generation 911 services. Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chairman, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori H. Deel,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call, and
Park District Supervisor Kristopher S. Ratliff
NAYS: None
ABSTAINERS: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins
ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.

 4/21/2020 5:17 PM Mr. Sizemore reported that Charlie Harrington, Emergency Services Coordinator, found some face masks available and brought a request before the Budget Committee to purchase the masks. The Budget Committee is recommending \$6,000 be used for the purchase of 2,000 masks. 1,000 would go to first responders and 1,000 would go to solid waste workers. The money would be taken out of the emergency fund in the Board of Supervisors section of the budget. Whether the masks are still available and the timetable for receiving them is undetermined right now due to the current nationwide shortage, but If the masks aren't received before the current pandemic subsides Mr. Harrington will be instructed to cancel the order. Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff made a motion to approve the Budget Committee recommendation and place an order for 2,000 face masks at a cost of \$6,000. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chairman, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori H. Deel,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call, and

NAYS: Park District Supervisor Kristopher S. Ratliff
ABSTAINERS: None
ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.



4/21/2020 5:22 PM With no further business to discuss, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to adjourn. Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chairman, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori H. Deel,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call, and
Park District Supervisor Kristopher S. Ratliff
NAYS: None
ABSTAINERS: None
ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.

The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 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 (electronically); Charles Atkins, Atkins District Supervisor; Wade H. Blevins Jr., Chilhowie District Supervisor; Phil Stevenson, North Fork District Supervisor; Kristopher S. Ratliff, Park District Supervisor (electronically); Roscoe Call, Saltville District Supervisor (electronically) (7)

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore; Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson; County Attorney Scot Farthing (electronically); Administrative Assistant Christy Bise

OTHERS: Sheriff Chip Shuler; Stephanie Porter Nichols with Smyth County News and Messenger



5/12/2020 5:08 PM Chairman, Royal Oak District Judy Wyant called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.



5/12/2020 5:08 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened the public hearing on the amendments to the FY19-20 budget which would increase the adopted budget to \$90,484,539.

Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore noted, since the building is currently closed to the public, an e-mail account had been set up for citizens to submit any comments via e-mail prior to the public hearing. No comments were received.



5/12/2020 5:10 PM With no public comments and no comments from the Board, Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed the public hearing.



5/12/2020 5:10 PM Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to waive the reading of the rules for the public hearing. Vice-Chair Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.

NAYES:

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

 5/12/2020 5:11 PM Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore asked if the Board would like to waive the rules and consider adopting the amended budget at tonight's meeting. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to waive the rules and vote on the amended budget. Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call

NAYES: Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

 5/12/2020 5:13 PM Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore called for a vote to accept the amended FY19-20 budget as presented in the public hearing.


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call

NAYES: Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None


 5/12/2020 5:15 PM Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore presented the following budget committee recommendations from the March 26, 2020 meeting:

- Victim Witness Program – transfer \$3,500 from 22011-1002 Part-time salaries and 22011-2001 FICA to 22011-5401 Office Supplies and Equipment
- Sheriff's Office – transfer \$30,000 from 011010-9008 Board Emergency Funds to 21070-5408 Vehicle and Power Equipment
- Aid to Localities Fire Programs – transfer \$2,990 from 011010-9008 Board Emergency Funds to 032020-5604-7 Fire Program Fund

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff

NAYES: Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
 Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
 Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
 Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
 North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

 5/12/2020 5:18 PM Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore presented the following budget committee recommendations from the May 7, 2020 meeting.

Circuit Court Clerk's Office - \$3,918.74

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
001-021060-3005 (Services Contracts-Maintenance)	001-021060-1003 (Part-time Wages)	\$137.03
001-021060-3006 (Printing and Binding)	001-021060-1003 (Part-time Wages)	\$626.19
001-021060-5401 (Office Supplies)	001-021060-1003 (Part-time Wages)	\$1,809.20
001-021060-5501 (Travel Mileage)	001-021060-1003 (Part-time Wages)	\$294.32
001-021060-5504 (Travel Conference)	001-021060-1003 (Part-time Wages)	\$50.00
001-021060-5201 (Postal)	001-021060-1003 (Part-time Wages)	\$1,002.00

Commonwealth Attorney's Office - \$250.00

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
001-022010-5505 (Travel/Subsistencies)	001-022010-5801 (Dues)	\$250.00

Maintenance Department - \$4,000.00

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
001-043020-5101 (Courthouse Electrical)	001-043020-3004 (Courthouse Repair and Maintenance)	\$1,000.00
001-043020-5101 (Courthouse Electrical)	001-043020-5405 (Courthouse Janitorial)	\$1,000.00
001-043040-5101 (County Bldg Electrical)	001-043040-5407 (County Bldg Repair & Maintenance)	\$1,000.00
001-043040-5101 (County Bldg Electrical)	001-043040-5405	\$500.00
001-043040-5101 (County Bldg Electrical)	001-043030-5103 (County Bldg Water/Sewer)	\$500.00

Water and Sewer Department - \$5,818.00

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
501-085060-0010 (Vehicle Purchase)	501-085010-5405 (Maintenance)	\$5,818.00

Circuit Court - \$500.00

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
001-021010-5806 (Research-Legal Clerk)	001-021010-3005 (Service Contracts-Maintenance)	\$150.00
001-021010-5806 (Research-Legal Clerk)	001-021010-5201 (Postal Services)	\$110.00
001-021010-5806 (Research-Legal Clerk)	001-021010-5401 (Office Supplies)	\$240.00

Commissioner of Revenue - \$4,844.96

Approved tax relief refund for a 100% disabled American Veteran.

MRPDC Water Grant Refund - \$30,000

Increase both the revenue and expenditures to meet the local match requirements.

Pre-Audit Services

Recommendation to award the pre-audit services contract to Hicok, Fern and Brown

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES:	Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr. North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
ABSENT:	None

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins wanted to clarify the original request from the Commonwealth Attorney's office. It was submitted for \$500 to come from a reimbursed line item and be transferred to a non-reimbursable County line. The item was tabled at the budget committee meeting to obtain further clarification. The Commonwealth Attorney's office resubmitted the request for \$250 to be transferred from one County line item to another. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to approve the transfer as submitted from Travel/Subsistencies to Dues. Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES:	Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr. North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
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Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call

NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None



5/12/2020 5:24 PM Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore presented information from the building and grounds committee concerning the relocation of the Voter Registrar's Office due to early and expanded absentee voting requirements. The committee instructed Mr. Sizemore to contact the owner of the old Food Country building, Ralph Price, to obtain more information about that site. Mr. Sizemore toured the building and gathered space, parking, cost, and rental income information from Mr. Price and presented it back to the committee. The committee motioned for an RFP to be put out for office space to house the Voter Registrar's Office and it concludes on May 22, 2020. Mr. Sizemore will present the results of the RFP at the next board meeting.



5/12/2020 5:26 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2020, April 15, 2020, and April 21, 2020 Board of Supervisors meetings. She noted a correction to the April 21st minutes where Mr. Ratliff was listed under the wrong supervisor area. Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff made a motion to approve the minutes as presented with the noted correction. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson
ABSENT: None




5/12/2020 5:28 PM Two substitute representative appointments were presented for the Board of Equalization – Lou Don and Greg Armstrong. A motion was made by Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins to approve the two appointments. The motion was seconded by North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant

Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call


NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

 5/12/2020 5:29 PM Mr. Sizemore noted that the rate of pay will need to be set for the Board of Equalization representatives. The current rate is \$100 per day and \$50 for three hours or less. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to continue with the same rates. Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call


NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

 5/12/2020 5:30 PM North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to reappointment Patsy Waddle to the Social Services Board. He commended Ms. Waddle for doing an outstanding job during her previous term. The motion was seconded by Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade Blevins.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call


NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

 5/12/2020 5:31 PM Chair Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant nominated Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to serve on the New River Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to approve this appointment. Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade Blevins seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call

NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None


 5/12/2020 5:32 PM Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to appoint Patton Graham, 111 N. Park Street, Marion, VA, to the Smyth County Public Library Board effective immediately. Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call

NAYES: Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson

ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

 5/12/2020 5:33 PM Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to appoint Angie Blevins to the Social Services Board. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson
Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call

NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None



5/12/2020 5:36 PM A motion was made by Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to schedule the public hearing for the Konnarock Green Cove festival permit on June 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade Blevins.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES:	Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr. North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None



5/12/2020 5:37 PM A motion was made by North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson to schedule the public hearing for the Rich Valley Fair permit on June 9, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES:	Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr. North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None



5/12/2020 5:39 PM Attorney Report – County Attorney Scot Farthing stated that he had nothing to report at this time.



5/12/2020 5:39 PM Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore presented a certification of receipt of coronavirus relief funds from the Commonwealth of Virginia for consideration. The county's portion would be a little over \$2.6 million and the money can only be spent towards expenditures incurred due to the pandemic between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020. Any funds not used by the end of December will have to be returned. Once the relief money hits the general fund, the Board of Supervisors will determine how to use the funds and comply with the spending specifications. The portion of these funds going to the towns will be distributed through the County based on population. The deadline to apply for the funds is May 22, 2020. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to sign the certification to apply for the coronavirus relief funds. Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES:	Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr. North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

**CERTIFICATION for RECEIPT of
CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND PAYMENTS
by
SMYTH COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

We the undersigned represent **SMYTH COUNTY, VIRGINIA**
(the locality), and we certify that:

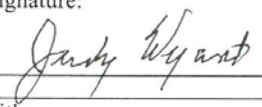
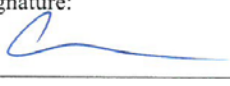
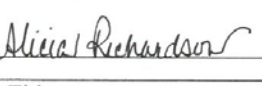
1. we have the authority to request direct payment on behalf of the locality from the Commonwealth of Virginia of revenues from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) pursuant to section 601(b) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136, div. A, Title V (Mar. 27, 2020).
2. we understand that the Commonwealth of Virginia will rely on this certification as a material representation in making a direct payment to the locality.
3. the locality's proposed uses of the funds received as direct payment from the Commonwealth of Virginia under section 601(b) of the Social Security Act will be used only to cover those costs that:
 - a. are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
 - b. were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020, for the locality; and
 - c. were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.
4. any funds that are not expended or that will not be expended on necessary expenditures on or before December 30, 2020, by the locality or its grantee(s), must be returned to Commonwealth of Virginia no later than December 30, 2020, and that the Commonwealth of Virginia is entitled to invoke state aid intercept to recover any such unexpended funds that have not been returned to the Commonwealth within 30 days of December 30, 2020.
5. we understand that the locality will not receive continued funding beyond December 30, 2020, from any source to continue paying expenses or providing services that were initiated or previously supported from CRF funds prior to December 30, 2020.
6. funds received as a direct payment from the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to this certification must adhere to official federal guidance issued or to be issued regarding what constitutes a necessary expenditure.
7. any CRF funds expended by the locality or its grantee(s) in any manner that does not adhere to official federal guidance shall be returned to the Commonwealth of Virginia within 30 days of a finding that the expenditure is disallowed, and that the Commonwealth of Virginia is entitled to invoke state aid intercept to recover any and all such funds that are not repaid within 30 days of a finding that the expenditure is disallowed.
8. as a condition of receiving the CRF funds pursuant to this certification, the locality shall retain documentation of all uses of the funds, including but not limited to payroll time records, invoices, and/or sales receipts. Such documentation shall be produced to the Commonwealth of Virginia upon request.
9. the locality must maintain proper accounting records to segregate these expenditures from those supported by other fund sources and that all such records will be subject to audit.

10. any funds provided pursuant to this certification cannot be used as a revenue replacement for lower than expected revenue collections from taxes, fees, or any other revenue source.
11. any CRF funds received pursuant to this certification will not be used for expenditures for which the locality has received funds from any other emergency COVID-19 supplemental funding (whether state, federal, or private in nature) for that same expense nor may CRF funds be used for purposes of matching other federal funds unless specifically authorized by federal statute, regulation, or guideline.

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12. an equitable share of CRF funds received pursuant to this certification shall be shared with and granted to each town within its jurisdiction. Such grant(s) shall be used solely for necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), that were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020, and that were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020. The county issuing the grant is responsible for the ensuring compliance with the documentation requirements required by this certification and shall ensure that the use of the funds meets the requirements set forth in this certification.

We certify that we have read the above certification and our statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of our knowledge.

By: Judy Wyant	By: Aaron Sizemore	By: Lisa Richardson
Signature: 	Signature: 	Signature: 
Title: Chair	Title: Interim County Administrator	Title: Assist. County Administrator
Date: 5/12/2020	Date: 5/13/2020	Date: 5-13-2020



5/12/2020 5:42 PM Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to approve the payment of invoices as listed on the additional agenda. Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES:	Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr. North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
ABSENT:	None



5/12/2020 5:44 PM Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore presented information on the RFP for forensic audit services. Two responses were received back from the RFP – one did not specify a price and the other was for an alternative to the RFP which was not accurate in what was advertised. The Board discussed the necessity and expense of a forensic audit and felt the current audit process was sufficient, but any vague areas should be looked at in more detail for the protection of the Board, the County, and its employees. The Board would also like to see clearer communication with the auditors. The Board agreed by consensus to table the matter for now, finish out the current fiscal year with the audit process that's already in place, and then analyze further once the audit is complete.



5/12/2020 5:52 PM Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore reported that there were no responses to the full-time attorney RFP. The County currently has two attorneys on retainer – Mr. Farthing and Patton Graham – who are keeping all current legal matters up-to-date. Mr. Farthing stated that he would like to keep working with the County and is willing to reduce his rate to \$200 per hour to help with a new County Administrator coming on-board. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to continue working with Mr. Farthing at a rate of \$200 per hour. Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES:	Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
NAYES:	Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None



5/12/2020 5:59 PM Supervisor Comment Time

Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff urged everyone to be safe and support local business.

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call said for everyone to be safe and he hoped to see everyone in person at the next meeting.

Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel read a resolution in support of the 2020 graduates. Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant said the Board would like to do something special for the graduates and asked for ideas. Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to adopt the resolution. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

AYES:	Atkins District Supervisor – Charles Atkins
	Chilhowie District Supervisor – Wade H. Blevins Jr.
	North Fork District Supervisor – Phil Stevenson
	Park District Supervisor – Kris Ratliff
	Royal Oak District Supervisor – Judy Wyant
	Rye Valley District Supervisor – Lori Deel
	Saltville District Supervisor – Roscoe D. Call
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None



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Royal Oak District
Judy Wyant (Chair)

Rye Valley District
Lori Deel (Vice Chair)

Saltville District
Roscoe Call

North Fork District
Phil Stevenson

Atkins District
Charles Atkins

Chilhowie District
Wade Blevins, Jr.

Park District
Kris Ratliff

Aaron Sizemore
Interim County Administrator

Alicia Richardson
Assistant County Administrator

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc across the world, and created unprecedented, historical times as millions of people have been infected with the horrible virus; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created times of uncertainty and new challenges for the education system, forcing teachers to develop new ways of teaching students and forcing students to adapt to new ways of learning; and


WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has introduced a "new normal", filled with numerous challenges, it did not stop the Senior Class of 2020 from accomplishing their goal of graduating; and

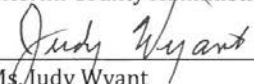
WHEREAS, the Senior Class of 2020 is now part of history, as they have adapted to changes, persisted in completing assignments, and managed to obtain diplomas during this unprecedented time; and

WHEREAS, by resolution, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors would like to recognize and commend the Class of 2020 from Chilhowie High School, Marion Senior High School, and Northwood High School.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors hereby, congratulates all graduating Seniors in Smyth County and wishes them well on all endeavors.

PRESENTED, ADOPTED, APPROVED AND RECORDED this 12th day of May, 2020.


Mr. Aaron Sizemore
Interim County Administrator



Ms. Judy Wyant
Chairperson
Smyth County Board of Supervisors

Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade Blevins urged everyone to stay safe.

North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson had no comment.

Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant ordered a called meeting of the Board on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. for discussion concerning the County Administrator position. She also stated that we want to keep the County as safe as possible during this time and also asked for support of local business.

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins noted that reports show water losses are going down and hopes that trend continues.


 5/12/2020 6:06 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant continued the meeting until Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.


The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held a special called meeting on Monday, May 18, 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; Wade H. Blevins Jr., Chilhowie District Supervisor; Kristopher S. Ratliff, Park District Supervisor (5)

ABSENT: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call; North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson (2)

STAFF: Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore; Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson; Administrative Assistant Christy Bise (3)

 5/18/2020 5:06 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called the special called meeting to order.

 5/18/2020 5:06 PM A motion was made by Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins to enter into closed session under Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711 – **A.1; Personnel Matters**; Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment and contracts. Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

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

(Administrative Assistant Christy Bise left the meeting)

5/18/20 7:07 PM It was moved by Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, seconded by Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, 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: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

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

A motion was made by Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to adjourn the special called meeting. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

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


The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held a continued meeting on Thursday, May 28, 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: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D Call; North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson; Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.; Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins; Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant; Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel; Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff (7)

Absent: None

Staff Present: Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore; Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson; County Attorney Scot Farthing; Administrative Assistant Christy Bise; Administrative Assistant Kendra Hayden (5)

Others Present: Dr. Dennis Carter, Julie Bear, Chris Ballenger, Kyle Rhodes, Mike Sturgill, Smyth County Schools; Sheriff Chip Shuler and Deputy Lowe, Smyth County Sheriff's Office; Rob Farmer, Smyth County Public Library; Stephanie Porter-Nichols, Smyth County News

 5/28/2020 5:04 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant, called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

 5/28/2020 5:05 PM Kendra Hayden, Administrative Assistant, presented a broadband update to the Board. She provided a summary sheet outlining recommendations from the Broadband Management Team on how to move forward with the project. She asked the Board's consideration of approving these recommendations which would allow the committee to go deeper into the planning grant process. Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant commended the group for the comprehensive plan that has been developed. *Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to approve the recommendations presented from the Broadband Management Team. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.*


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 5/28/2020 5:07 PM Sheriff Chip Shuler presented mutual aid and cooperation agreements from Washington and Tazewell Counties. He noted these are standard agreements up for renewal that the County has in place with other local counties. *Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to accept the mutual aid and cooperation renewal agreements from Washington and Tazewell Counties. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.*


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:


AYES: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 5/28/2020 5:09 PM Dr. Dennis Carter, Superintendent for Smyth County Schools, presented information to the Board concerning the School Board Budget for FY20-21. The Board expressed appreciation to the schools for the adjustments that had to be made over the last few months to finish out the school year.

 5/28/2020 5:34 PM *Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to schedule a public hearing for the FY20-21 Smyth County Schools Budget on Thursday, June 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.*


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 5/28/2020 5:36 PM Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant discussed the current situation with the Smyth County Public Library Board. In the past, the Library Board had been reduced by the Board of Supervisors from a 7-member Board to a 5-member Board. Citizens have requested that the 7-member Library Board be reinstated. After discussion, *Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to go back to a 7-member district specific Smyth County Library Board effective July 1, 2020. Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff seconded the motion.* North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson questioned the need for the Library Board appointments to be district specific. County Attorney Scot Farthing noted that documents would need to be amended to conform with the motion of going from a 5-member board back

to a 7-member district specific board. The Board agreed they would make appointments now to fill the current vacant seats on the 5-member board through June 30, 2020 when the terms expire, and then amend the documents prior to appointing the district specific 7-member Board starting July 1, 2020. *The motion stands.*

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.



5/28/2020 5:42 PM Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade Blevins made a motion to appoint Jim Paine to the Smyth County Library Board. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.



5/28/2020 5:44 PM Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to appoint Donna Rupard Greer to the Smyth County Library Board. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.



5/28/2020 5:44 PM Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins presented a recommendation from the budget committee for a transfer request from the solid waste fuel line item (042030-5406) into landfill maintenance (042030-3025) for improvements to the scale house at the landfill. A pre-made building will be constructed off-site and transported to the landfill for final completion by County staff. The recommendation from the budget committee was unanimously approved.



5/28/2020 5:46 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call presented a recommendation from the ordinance committee concerning an amendment to the Smyth County, Virginia Code of Ordinances, Division 4. Cost Assessment for Prisoner Processing, Section 23-160. The proposed amendment would change the \$10.00 sum currently specified in this ordinance to \$20.00 in accordance with Senate Bill 149 approved by Governor Northam on 4/29/2020 to be effective 07/01/2020. The additional revenue funds collected from this amendment are designated to go toward courthouse security only. The recommendation from the ordinance committee was unanimously approved. *A motion was made by Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to set a public hearing for the proposed ordinance amendment to Smyth County, Virginia Code of Ordinances, Division 4. Cost Assessment for Prisoner Processing, Section 23-160 on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Roscoe Call.*

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.



5/28/2020 5:47 PM Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel reported that the EMS Committee had met earlier today for discussion concerning the future of the EMS programs within the county. The discussion centered around areas lacking in service and how county money could be used efficiently to fund the programs going forward. A county-wide system will be looked at in the future on a 3-year, 5-year, 10-year plan basis.



5/28/2020 5:49 PM Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore noted that the RFP for the relocation of the Voter Registrar's Office had closed and three proposals were received. The building and grounds committee will be meeting to review the proposals and come back with a recommendation to the Board in the near future.



5/28/2020 5:49 PM Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to appoint Alma Roland to serve on the Virginia Highlands Community College Board. Ms. Roland is a retired dean from VHCC. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:


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


Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 5/28/2020 5:50 PM County Attorney Scot Farthing informed the Board that the Supreme Court had made a ruling in favor of the Friends of the Library case this morning, overturning the decision made by the Circuit Court. The case will go back to the Circuit Court for determination on the fees to be paid.

 5/28/2020 5:51 PM Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore presented a final support agreement of refinancing the regional jail debt. The documents reflect \$3.3 million in savings with no additional cost to the county. *Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion in support of the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority 2020 financing documents. Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff seconded the motion.*

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

**CERTIFICATE OF THE
COUNTY OF SMYTH, VIRGINIA**

The undersigned Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Smyth, Virginia (**the "Governing Body"**) and the Interim County Administrator of the County of Smyth, Virginia (**the "Member Jurisdiction"**), certify the following:

1. A meeting of the Governing Body was held on April 10, 2001, at which meeting the following duly elected members were present and absent:

PRESENT: Sheila Widener
Darlene R. Neitch
Michael D. Roberts
Donnie W. Fullen
Thomas B. Bishop
J.S. Staley, Jr.
Suzanne B. Jennings

ABSENT: None

being all of the members of the Governing Body on the date of such meeting.

2. A resolution (**the "Authorizing Resolution"**) creating the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail Authority (**the "Authority"**) was adopted by a majority of the members of the Governing Body by the following roll call vote, as recorded in the minutes of such meeting as follows:

AYES: Sheila Widener
Michael D. Roberts
Donnie W. Fullen
Thomas B. Bishop
J.S. Staley, Jr.
Suzanne B. Jennings

NAYS: Darlene R. Neitch

3. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a true, complete, and correct copy of such Authorizing Resolution as recorded in the Minutes of such meeting.
4. Such Authorizing Resolution has not been repealed, revoked, rescinded, or amended but is in full force and effect on this date.
5. B. C. Shuler, as the Sheriff of Smyth County, Virginia, serves as a member of the Authority from the Member Jurisdiction. The Governing Body has appointed Charles Atkins and _____ to act as the Member Jurisdiction's other representatives to the Authority and who serve at the will of the Governing Body. The term of the Sheriff as a member of the Authority expires when his term as sheriff

of the Member Jurisdiction expires. As of March 10, 2020 and the date of this certificate, the duly authorized and appointed members of the Authority Board appointed by the Member Jurisdiction were and are Sheriff B. C. Shuler, Charles Atkins, and _____.

6. Scot Farthing, Esquire is the duly appointed, qualified, and serving Interim County Attorney.
7. Aaron Sizemore is the Interim County Administrator and the duly appointed, qualified, and serving Clerk of the Governing Body.
8. No resolution or ordinance of the Governing Body has been adopted requesting or authorizing the withdrawal of the Member Jurisdiction from the Authority.
9. A meeting of the Governing Body was held on February 11, 2003, at which meeting the following duly elected members were present and absent:

PRESENT: Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
Darlene R. Neitch
Michael D. Roberts
Donnie W. Fuller
Marvin R. Perry
J.B. Staley, Jr.
Susanne B. Jennings

ABSENT: None

being all of the members of the Governing Body on the date of such meeting.

10. A resolution (**the "Service Agreement Resolution"**) authorizing the Member Jurisdiction to enter into a Service Agreement among the Authority, the Member Jurisdiction and the other eight members of the Authority, dated as of April 1, 2003 (**the "Original Service Agreement"**) was adopted by a majority of the members of the Governing Body by the following roll call vote, as recorded in the minutes of such meeting as follows:

AYES: Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
Michael D. Roberts
Donnie W. Fuller
Marvin R. Perry
J.B. Staley, Jr.
Susanne B. Jennings

NAYS: Darlene R. Neitch

11. Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a true, complete and correct copy of such Service Agreement Resolution as recorded in the Minutes of such meeting.

12. A meeting of the Governing Body was held on June 14, 2005, at which meeting the following duly elected members were present and absent:

PRESENT: Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
Darlene R. Neitch
Michael D. Roberts
Charlie Clark
Marvin R. Perry
Harold Slep
Todd Dishner

ABSENT: None

being all of the members of the Governing Body on the date of such meeting.

13. A resolution (the "**Amendment Resolution**") authorizing the Member Jurisdiction to enter into an Amended Service Agreement among the Authority, the Member Jurisdiction and the other nine members of the Authority, dated as of July 1, 2005 (the "**Amended Service Agreement, and, together with and amending the Original Service Agreement, the 'Service Agreement'**") was adopted by a majority of the members of the Governing Body by the following roll call vote, as recorded in the minutes of such meeting as follows:

AYES: Wade H. Blevins, Jr.
Darlene R. Neitch
Michael D. Roberts
Charlie Clark
Marvin R. Perry
Harold Slep
Todd Dishner

NAYS: None

14. Attached hereto as **Exhibit C** is a true, complete and correct copy of such Amendment Resolution as recorded in the Minutes of such meeting.

15. Such Service Agreement Resolution, as amended by the Amendment Resolution, has not been repealed, revoked, rescinded, or amended but is in full force and effect on this date.

16. A meeting of the Governing Body was held on March 10, 2020, at which meeting the following duly elected members were present and absent:

PRESENT: Roscoe D. Call
Wade Blevins
Kristopher S. Ratliff
Charles E. Atkins
Judy Wyant
Lori H. Deel

ABSENT: Charles P. Stevenson

being all of the members of the Governing Body on the date of such meeting.

17. A resolution (**the “Support Agreement Resolution”**) authorizing the Member Jurisdiction to enter into an Amended and Restated Support Agreement among the Authority, the Member Jurisdiction, and the Virginia Resources Authority (**“VRA”**), dated as of June 1, 2020 (**the “VRA Support Agreement”**) was adopted by a majority of the members of the Governing Body by the following roll call vote, as recorded in the minutes of such meeting as follows:

AYES: Roscoe D. Call
Wade Blevins
Kristopher S. Ratliff
Charles E. Atkins
Judy Wyant
Lori H. Deel

NAYS: None

18. Attached hereto as **Exhibit D** is a true, complete, and correct copy of such Support Agreement Resolution as recorded in the Minutes of such meeting.
19. Such Support Agreement Resolution has not been repealed, revoked, rescinded, or amended but is in full force and effect on this date.
20. The Service Agreement and the Support Agreement have each been duly executed and delivered by the Member Jurisdiction. The Member Jurisdiction is not in default in its obligations under the Service Agreement or the Support Agreement. A copy of the Service Agreement is attached hereto as **Exhibit E** and a copy of the VRA Support Agreement is attached hereto as **Exhibit F**.
21. No litigation or administrative action of any kind is currently pending or threatened to (a) restrain or enjoin the execution and delivery of the Service Agreement or the Support Agreement (**together, the “Agreements”**), (b) in any way contest or challenge the due adoption of the Authorizing Resolution, the Service Agreement Resolution, the Amendment Resolution, or the Support Agreement Resolution, or (c) question the title of the officers of the Member Jurisdiction to their respective offices

or the officers who executed the Service Agreement or who are executing the Support Agreement.

22. The authorization, execution, and delivery of the Agreements and the compliance with the provisions thereof, are within the corporate powers of the Governing Body and do not and will not conflict with or constitute a violation of, breach of, or default under (i) any federal or Virginia constitutional provision or any other provision of Virginia law, (ii) any agreement or other instrument to which the Governing Body is a party or by which the Governing Body is bound, or (iii) to the best of my knowledge after due investigation, any order, rule, or regulation of any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over the Governing Body or any of its properties.
23. There have been obtained all consents, approvals, authorizations, and orders of governmental or regulatory authorities, if any, which are required to be obtained by the Member Jurisdiction as conditions precedent to the execution, delivery, and performance of the Member Jurisdiction's obligations under the Agreements.

Dated: May 28, 2020
June __, 2020.

COUNTY OF SMYTH, VIRGINIA

By: Judy Wyant

Name: Judy Wyant
Title: Chairman, Board of Supervisors

By: [Signature]

Name: Aaron Sizemore
Title: Interim County Administrator

**AMENDED AND RESTATED SUPPORT AGREEMENT
SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY AND SMYTH COUNTY**

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED SUPPORT AGREEMENT (this “**Support Agreement**”) is made as of June 1, 2020, among the **COUNTY OF SMYTH, VIRGINIA** (the “**County**”), **SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY** (the “**Jail Authority**”), and the **VIRGINIA RESOURCES AUTHORITY (“VRA”)**, as purchaser of the Local Bond, as hereinafter defined, pursuant to an Indenture of Trust dated as of June 1, 2013 (the “**Indenture**”), between the Jail Authority and **REGIONS BANK**, as Trustee, and a Local Bond Sale and Financing Agreement dated as of April 14, 2020 (the “**Local Bond Sale and Financing Agreement**”), between VRA and the Jail Authority.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the Jail Authority is a regional jail authority pursuant to Section 53.1-95.2 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and a public instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Virginia by resolutions duly adopted by the governing bodies of the Counties of Buchanan, Dickenson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington and Wise, Virginia and the City of Norton, Virginia (**collectively, the “Member Jurisdictions”**) for the purpose of developing regional jail facilities (**collectively, the “Regional Jail”**) to be operated on behalf of the Member Jurisdictions by the Authority;

WHEREAS, the Jail Authority has determined that it is in its best interest to issue and sell its Jail Facilities Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2020 in an original aggregate principal amount of \$37,880,000 (**the “Local Bond”**) to VRA pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Sale and Financing Agreement to finance the refunding, redemption and defeasance of all or a portion of the Authority's outstanding \$65,955,000 Jail Facilities Revenue and Refunding Bond, Series 2013 (**the “2013 Bond”**) issued to finance and refinance the costs of constructing, renovating and improving the Regional Jail;

WHEREAS, VRA requires each Member Jurisdiction, as a condition to the purchase by VRA of the Local Bond, to enter into a Support Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the issuance by the Jail Authority and the purchase by VRA of the Local Bond, the Board of Supervisors of the County (**the “Board”**) adopted on March 10, 2020, a resolution authorizing, among other things, the execution and delivery of an agreement providing for a non-binding obligation of the Board to consider certain appropriations in support of the Local Bond.

WHEREAS, the Board, the Authority and VRA wish to enter into this Amended and Restated Support Agreement to reflect the refunding of the 2013 Bond and the issuance and sale of the Local Bond.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing and of the mutual covenants herein set forth, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Unless otherwise defined, each capitalized term used in this Support Agreement shall have the meaning given it in the Local Bond Sale and Financing Agreement.
2. The Jail Authority shall use its best efforts to issue the Local Bond, and to use the proceeds thereof to pay the costs of refunding the 2013 Bond and refinancing the Regional Jail.
3. No later than May 15 of each year, beginning May 15, 2021, the Jail Authority shall notify the County of the County's share (**the "Annual Deficiency Amount"**), pursuant to the Service Agreement, of the amount by which the Jail Authority reasonably expects the Revenues to be insufficient to pay (i) the debt service obligations under the Local Bond Sale and Financing Agreement and the Local Bond and any unrefunded debt service due on the 2013 Bond, if any, (ii) the Operation and Maintenance Expenses, and (iii) any other payments due and owing by the Jail Authority under the Local Bond Sale and Financing Agreement in full as and when due during the County's fiscal year beginning the following July 1.
4. The County Administrator of the County (**the "County Administrator"**) shall include the Annual Deficiency Amount in his budget submitted to the Board for the following fiscal year as an amount to be appropriated to or on behalf of the Jail Authority. The County Administrator shall deliver to VRA within ten days after the adoption of the County's budget for each fiscal year, but not later than July 15 of each year, a certificate stating whether the Board has appropriated to or on behalf of the Jail Authority an amount equal to the Annual Deficiency Amount.
5. If at any time Revenues shall be insufficient to make any of the payments referred to in paragraph 3 hereof, the Jail Authority shall notify the County of the amount of such insufficiency and the County Administrator shall request a supplemental appropriation from the Board in the amount necessary to make such payment.
6. The County Administrator shall present each request for appropriation pursuant to paragraph 5 above to the Board, and the Board shall consider such request at the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting at which it is possible to satisfy any applicable notification requirement. Promptly after such meeting, the County Administrator shall notify VRA as to whether the amount so requested was appropriated. If the Board shall fail to make any such appropriation, the County Administrator shall add the amount of such requested appropriation to the Annual Deficiency Amount reported to the County by the County Administrator for the County's next fiscal year.
7. The Board hereby undertakes a non-binding obligation to appropriate such amounts as may be requested from time to time pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 5 above, to the fullest degree and in such manner as is consistent with the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Board, while recognizing that it is not empowered to make any binding commitment to make such appropriations in future fiscal years, hereby states its intent to

make such appropriations in future fiscal years, and hereby recommends that future Boards of Supervisors do likewise.

8. The County acknowledges and agrees that (i) VRA would not purchase the Local Bond without the security and credit enhancement provided by this Support Agreement, (ii) VRA will be an express, intended third party beneficiary of the Service Agreement and (iii) VRA is treating this Support Agreement as a "local obligation" within the meaning of Section 62.1-199 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, including amendments thereto taking effect as of July 1, 2011 (**the "Virginia Code"**), which in the event of a nonpayment hereunder authorizes VRA or the Trustee to file an affidavit with the Governor that such nonpayment has occurred pursuant to Section 62.1-216.1 of the Virginia Code. In purchasing the Local Bond, VRA is further relying on Section 62.1-216.1 of the Virginia Code, providing that if the Governor is satisfied that the nonpayment has occurred, the Governor will immediately make an order directing the Comptroller to withhold all further payment to the County of all funds, or of any part of them, appropriated and payable by the Commonwealth of Virginia to the County for any and all purposes, and the Governor will, while the nonpayment continues, direct in writing the payment of all sums withheld by the Comptroller, or as much of them as is necessary, to VRA, so as to cure, or cure insofar as possible, such nonpayment.

9. Nothing herein contained is or shall be deemed to be a lending of the credit of the County to the Jail Authority, VRA or to any holder of the Local Bond or to any other person, and nothing herein contained is or shall be deemed to be a pledge of the faith and credit or the taxing power of the County, nor shall anything herein contained legally bind or obligate the Board to appropriate funds for the purposes described herein.

10. Any notices or requests required to be given hereunder shall be deemed given if sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed (i) if to the County, to 121 Bagley Circle, Suite 100, Marion, VA 24354 Attention: County Administrator, (ii) if to the Jail Authority, to 16325 Taylor Place, Suite 400, Abingdon, Virginia 24211, Attention: Administrator, and (iii) if to VRA, to 1111 East Main Street, Suite 1920, Richmond, Virginia 23219, Attention: Executive Director. Any party may designate any other address for notices or requests by giving notice.

11. It is the intent of the parties hereto that this Support Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

12. This Support Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until the Local Bond and all other amounts payable by Jail Authority under the Local Bond Sale and Financing Agreement have been paid in full.

13. This Support Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

[REMAINDER OF PAGE LEFT BLANK; SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this Support Agreement to be executed in their respective names as of the date first above written.

COUNTY OF SMYTH, VIRGINIA

By: Judy Wyant
Chairman/ Board of Supervisors

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL JAIL
AUTHORITY

By: _____
Chairman

VIRGINIA RESOURCES AUTHORITY

By: _____
Executive Director



5/28/2020 5:52 PM A motion was made by Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to enter into closed session under Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711 – **A.1; Personnel Matters**; Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body. The motion was seconded by Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

It was moved by North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson, seconded by Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, 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: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Supervisor Comment Time:

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade Blevins, North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson, and Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins encouraged everyone to be safe.

Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant stated it was good to see everyone back in person at the meeting and she appreciates everyone's hard work and endurance during the pandemic.

Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight and she appreciated the input and discussion. She anticipates the budget process being wrapped up soon.

Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff asked the Board to take a look at refinancing some of the school board debt to save money and reduce the debt load. He stated Southwest Virginia has not been affected like larger cities during this pandemic and he asked everyone to take the virus seriously, use common sense, wash their hands, and respect other people whether wearing a mask or not.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant.


The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 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; Wade H. Blevins Jr., Chilhowie District Supervisor; Phil Stevenson, North Fork District Supervisor; Kristopher S. Ratliff, Park District Supervisor; Roscoe Call, Saltville District Supervisor (7)

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore; Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson; County Attorney Scot Farthing; Administrative Assistant Christy Bise (4)

OTHERS: Sheriff Chip Shuler and Sheriff's Office Staff; Smyth County Public Schools Staff; Stephanie Porter Nichols with Smyth County News and Messenger

 6/9/2020 5:03 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Christy Bise, Administrative Assistant, led the pledge of allegiance and Kendra Hayden, Administrative Assistant, gave the invocation.

 6/9/2020 5:04 PM *Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 6/9/2020 5:05 PM Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 6/9/2020 5:05 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2020 meeting. 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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 6/9/2020 5:06 PM Lisa Richardson, Assistant County Administrator, presented and reviewed financial reports for the current FY19-20 financial status.

 6/9/2020 5:11 PM It was moved by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call, seconded by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to appropriate \$1,570,000.00 from the General Fund. The following is an explanation of the appropriations approved:

General County	
Accounts Payable Listing:	\$952,861.16
Payroll:	\$669,814.46
Auto Draft Rural Development:	\$8,974.00
AEP/Century Link Bills:	\$25,000.00
County Administration Fund:	\$5,000.00
Total County Appropriation (Plus Carryover):	\$1,570,000.00

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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.



6/9/2020 5:11 PM It was moved by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call, seconded by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to appropriate \$365,000.00 from the General Fund for the Department of Social Services. The following is an explanation of the appropriations approved:

Social Services:	(June 10 – June 30, 2020)	\$365,000.00
Total Social Services:		\$365,000.00

(The remaining \$60,000 requested for July 1 – July 14, 2020 will be appropriated at the next Board meeting after the adoption of the FY20-21 budget)


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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 6/9/2020 5:12 PM It was moved by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call, seconded by Vice Chair Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to appropriate \$9,650,365.00 from the General Fund for the Smyth County School Board Operating Fund and School Debt/Capital Outlay. The following is an explanation of the appropriations approved:

Schools-Operating Fund	
Instruction	\$7,476,056.70
Administration, Attendance, & Health	\$230,682.99
Transportation	\$550,792.33
Facilities	\$720,361.62
School Food Service	\$407,505.75
Technology	\$262,789.42
Total School Operating Fund:	\$9,648,188.81
School Debt and Capital Outlay	\$2,176.19


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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 6/9/2020 5:12 PM It was moved by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, seconded by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call to appropriate \$23,371.00 from the Sheriff's Fund 746 for open invoices.

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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.



6/9/2020 5:13 PM *It was moved by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, seconded by North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson to appropriate \$10,271.28 from the Sheriff's Fund 747 for open invoices.*

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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.



6/9/2020 5:13 PM *It was moved by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, seconded by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call to appropriate \$1,389.09 from the Sheriff's Fund 748 for open invoices.*

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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.



6/9/2020 5:13 PM *It was moved by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, seconded by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call to appropriate \$193.00 from Recovery Court Fund 749 for open invoices.*

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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.



6/9/2020 5:13 PM *It was moved by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, seconded by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call to approve the accounts payable listing in the amount of \$952,861.16.*

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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.



6/9/2020 5:14 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened citizen's time.



6/9/2020 5:14 PM With no one wishing to speak, Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed citizen's time.



6/9/2020 5:14 PM Kendra Hayden presented information on the Smyth Strong Fund, a small business loan program through the Smyth County Chamber of Commerce, Smyth County EDA, and the Saltville Industrial Development Authority. The loan funds are available to those businesses throughout the County who were not able to access the SBA funding loans earlier this year. Loan amounts can be up to \$5,000 with zero percent interest, repayable over two years. Anyone wanting more information on the loan program can contact the Smyth County Chamber of Commerce for more information. The Board commended the cooperative efforts of the groups involved in the program and the support being shown for local small businesses.



6/9/2020 5:17 PM Mr. Sizemore presented information on a potential Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) COVID-19 grant. The program would involve working through local food banks and programs to supply more food to citizens. The Mount Rogers

Planning District Commission along with four local food banks have gotten together with the Town of Marion on how to come together as a whole to get more funding for this program. The grant could be used to provide new equipment for the food banks and to purchase food from local restaurants for distribution through the food banks. Two public hearings will need to be scheduled – one for the general CDBG program and a second one specific to the grant. No money or staff time from the County would be required for the grant. *Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff made a motion to schedule the first public hearing for the CDBG COVID-19 grant on June 22, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. 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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 6/9/2020 5:20 PM Vice Chair Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel stated she had received a request from Watson Gollehon to meet concerning his sewer connection on Lee Highway. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson provided background information on previous meetings between Mr. Gollehon, the water and sewer committee, and the Board of Supervisors on the installation of a commercial sewer tap on the property. Mr. Gollehon requested the commercial tap be put on his property and signed a user agreement, but has not paid any of the bills since then. In the past after meeting with Mr. Gollehon, the Board agreed to waive the penalties on the unpaid bills, which still have not been paid, so there is now a lien on the property. The tap was installed as part of a rural grant program and payment must be enforced or it could jeopardize future funding. The Board has already heard from Mr. Gollehon twice and unanimously agreed not to change their position on the previous decision. Vice Chair Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel would like for the water and sewer committee to meet to make sure that rural grant requirements are being met and enforced upon everybody.

 6/9/2020 5:28 PM Mr. Sizemore reported that the CARES Coronavirus relief funds are already in the County's account. He passed out a guidance packet with information on how the funds can be spent and asked the Board to contact him with any spending ideas. He noted the deadline for spending the funds is December 30, 2020.



6/9/2020 5:30 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened the public hearing on the Smyth County Public Schools FY20-21 budget. Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson read the advertisement for the record as shown below.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE SMYTH COUNTY SCHOOL BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING
July 1, 2020– June 30, 2021
On June 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.**

This budget synopsis is prepared and published in accordance with Section 15.2-2506 and 22.1-93, of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. The budget has been prepared and proposed on the basis of estimates made by the Smyth County School Board. The adoption of this proposed budget shall require a monthly appropriation by the Smyth County Board of Supervisors as required in Section 15.2-2506 for any contemplated expenditures.

The Smyth County Board of Supervisors will conduct a hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments on the proposed School Board budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020. The public hearing will be held in the **Board of Supervisors meeting room, 121 Bagley Circle, Smyth County Office Building on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., or soon thereafter.**

Interested persons may express their views by emailing citizen@smythcounty.org prior to the meeting. Written comments may also be mailed to County Administrator, 121 Bagley Circle, Suite 100, Marion, VA 24354; or by fax to (276) 783-9314. All emails, written comments and faxes must be received by 2:00 PM Tuesday, June 9, 2020. A full copy of the proposed Smyth County School Board budget is available for public review at the County Administrator's Office during regular business hours. Anyone having questions regarding the above may contact the County Administrator's Office at 276-783-3298, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. In compliance with the provisions of 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 24 hours prior to the hearing.

By order of the Smyth County Board of Supervisors
Aaron Sizemore, Interim County Administrator

Smyth County School Board			
Operations Budget For the Year Ending June 30, 2021			
Revenue Summary for Operations Budget			
	2019-2020	2020-2021	Difference
State Revenue	\$ 27,586,055	\$ 28,807,106	\$ 1,221,051
Local Revenue	\$ 7,815,575	\$ 8,215,575	\$ 400,000
Federal Revenue	\$ 5,529,055	\$ 5,529,055	\$ -0-
State Sales Tax	\$ 4,973,005	\$ 4,374,821	\$ (598,184)
Other Revenue	\$ 2,657,641	\$ 2,476,132	\$ (181,509)
TOTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 48,561,331	\$ 49,402,689	\$ 841,358

Expenditure Summary for Operations Budget			
	2019-2020	2020-2021	Difference
Instruction	\$ 35,056,046	\$ 35,686,768	\$ 630,722
Administration	\$ 1,454,563	\$ 1,468,814	\$ 14,251
Transportation	\$ 2,513,032	\$ 2,546,120	\$ 33,088
Facilities	\$ 4,340,455	\$ 4,494,531	\$ 154,076
Food Service	\$ 3,802,506	\$ 3,773,795	\$ (28,711)
Technology	\$ 1,394,729	\$ 1,432,661	\$ 37,932
TOTAL OPERATIONS	\$ 48,561,331	\$ 49,402,689	\$ 841,358

Smyth County School Board
Capital Outlay and Debt Service Budget For the Year Ending June 30, 2021

Revenue Summary for Capital Outlay and Debt Service Budget			
	2019-2020	2020-2021	Difference
Local Funds - Capital Outlay	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Local Funds - Debt Service	\$ 2,192,564	\$ 2,191,042	\$ (1,522)
Other Funds – Interest Rebate	\$ 487,113	\$ 487,113	\$ -0-
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 2,679,677	\$ 2,678,155	\$ (1,522)

Expenditure Summary for Capital Outlay and Debt Service Budget			
	2019-2020	2020-2021	Difference
Capital Outlay – Facilities	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Capital Outlay - Debt Service	\$ 2,679,677	\$ 2,678,155	\$ (1,522)
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 2,679,677	\$ 2,678,155	\$ (1,522)

North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to waive the reading of the rules related to 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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Dr. Dennis Carter, Smyth County School Superintendent, was available to answer any questions from the Board. Board members asked for more information about the availability of internet access and mobile hot spots for students while they are home-schooling. There was also discussion about the use of the school's CARES Act Coronavirus funds and how they can be used. Dr. Carter noted that \$500,000 of the CARES funds will be used toward the purchase of end-user devices and \$600,000 will be reserved as precautionary funds to fill any financial gap created by state revenue shortfalls. If the \$600,000 is not needed in 2021, it can be rolled over and used in 2022.

 6/9/2020 5:44 PM With no one wishing to speak, Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed public hearing.

 6/9/2020 5:44 PM Vice Chair Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel presented information from the building and grounds committee concerning the relocation of the Voter Registrar's Office. The committee looked at the potential relocation of the office to the Cornerstone Building, which is owned by the County, located across from the Courthouse and currently occupied by Mount Rogers Community Services Board staff. Mr. Sizemore looked into the situation and learned that Mount Rogers had invested \$37,000 in making updates to the building and asked to be reimbursed for those expenses if they have to relocate. The Board discussed the new requirements for early voting. The Board also questioned the \$37,000 worth of improvements made without Board approval. Mr. Sizemore stated that, in the past, there was an RFP put out by the County to purchase or lease that building during the time it was occupied by Mount Rogers. Mount Rogers did respond to the RFP, but asked that the \$37,000 worth of improvements be added to their bid tabulation toward the purchase of the building. The bid made by Mount Rogers to purchase the building was not accepted by the Board, and the lease then went to a month-to-month rental term with a 60-day notice in writing by either party to terminate the lease. *Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to terminate the Cornerstone Building lease with Mount Rogers, giving a 60-day written notice, with the intention of moving the Voter Registrar's Office to that location. 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,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins stated he wanted to keep good relations with Mount Rogers but, with depreciation, he has concerns about reimbursing them the entire \$37,000. *Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to send the reimbursement amount determination back to the Building and Grounds Committee. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion, and requested that Mount Rogers provide receipts for the improvements made to the building.*

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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.



6/9/2020 6:03 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened the public hearing for the Konnarock-Green Cove festival permit. Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson read the advertisement for the record as shown below.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Smyth County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., or soon thereafter, in the Smyth County Office Building, 121 Bagley Circle, Marion, Virginia, to consider the following application for an Annual Musical or Entertainment Festival permit under the Code of Smyth County, Virginia:

The Konnarock, Green Cove, Laurel Valley Community Association has submitted a festival application for an event to be held on Sunday, September 20, 2020. This event will be held at the Konnarock Community Center, 6535 Whitetop Road, Troutdale, Virginia, 24378, and will be held between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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.

A copy of this application along with their maps and plans are on file in the Office of the County Administrator of Smyth County at the address given above, and may be viewed Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing should contact Clegg Williams, Smyth County ADA Coordinator, at (276) 783-3298 x8315 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the public hearing.

Done by order of the Board of Supervisors
Aaron Sizemore, Interim County Administrator



6/9/2020 6:05 PM *Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to waive the reading of the rules related to Public Hearings. 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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

No one chose to speak concerning this application



6/9/2020 6:06 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed the public hearing.



6/9/2020 6:06 PM *North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to approve the Konnarock-Green Cove Community festival permit application. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion. The application fee was received and all paperwork is in order.*

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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.



6/9/2020 6:07 PM Vice Chair Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel reported from the Building and Grounds Committee that the HVAC system at the Health Department was not working. Maintenance got some room A/C units to use on a temporary basis and, after discussion with Trane, the repair cost was brought before the Budget Committee. She presented the following motion from the Building and Grounds Committee meeting on June 2, 2020, but it did not require any action:

- *Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion for the maintenance department to obtain an estimate on renting a temporary chiller for the Health Department a/c unit to get them through the summer. Vice Chair Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.*

No further action is needed from the Building and Grounds Committee on this item.



6/9/2020 6:09 PM Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins presented the following budget transfer request recommendations from the June 4, 2020 Budget Committee meeting:

- *Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to approve the budget transfer request of \$3,561.71 out of line item 001-021070-1001 (salary/wages) into line item 001-021070-5408 for vehicle repairs/maintenance. Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*
- *Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant made a motion to approve the budget transfer request from the maintenance department for \$3,502.00 from 043040-5102 (County Building Heating) to 043040-5407 (Repair/ Maintenance) and \$5,200.00 from 043040-5101 (Electricity) broken down into \$2,600.00 to 043030-5407 (Health Dept. Repair/Maintenance) for air conditioning repair and \$2,600.00 to 043020-3004 (Courthouse Repair/Maintenance) for Addison Unit, driver repair. Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

Both recommendations were unanimously approved.



6/9/2020 6:12 PM Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins presented the following recommendations from the June 8, 2020 Budget Committee meeting:

- *Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to approve the necessary maintenance/repair costs to the HVAC system at the Health Department. Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*
- *Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to evaluate the county's current debt service to consider refinancing at a lower rate. Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. This motion would include the School Board's debt service.*

Both recommendations were unanimously approved.



6/9/2020 6:14 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened the public hearing for the Rich Valley Fair festival permit application. Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson read the advertisement for the record as shown below.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Smyth County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 6:15 p.m., or soon thereafter, in the Smyth County Office Building, 121 Bagley Circle, Marion, Virginia, to consider the following application for an Annual Musical or Entertainment Festival permit under the Code of Smyth County, Virginia:

The Rich Valley Agricultural and Fair Association has submitted a festival application for a ten-day event to be held at the Rich Valley Fairgrounds, 325 Long Hollow Road, Saltville, Virginia, 24370 during the following dates/times:

Saturday, July 18, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. to completion, except music events which will end by midnight per the Smyth County Code Section 5-98

Friday, July 24, 2020 – 7:00 p.m. to completion, except music events which will end by midnight per the Smyth County Code Section 5-98

Saturday, July 25, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. to completion, except music events which will end by midnight per the Smyth County Code Section 5-98

Sunday, July 26, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. to completion, except music events which will end by midnight per the Smyth County Code Section 5-98

Monday, July 27, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. to completion, except music events which will end by midnight per the Smyth County Code Section 5-98

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. to completion, except music events which will end by midnight per the Smyth County Code Section 5-98

Wednesday, July 29, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. to completion, except music events which will end by midnight per the Smyth County Code Section 5-98

Thursday, July 30, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. to completion, except music events which will end by midnight per the Smyth County Code Section 5-98

Friday, July 31, 2020 – 8:00 a.m. to completion, except music events which will end by midnight per the Smyth County Code Section 5-98

Saturday, August 1, 2020 – 9:00 a.m. to completion, except music events which will end by midnight per the Smyth County Code Section 5-98.

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.

A copy of this application along with their maps and plans are on file in the Office of the County Administrator of Smyth County at the address given above, and may be viewed Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearing should contact Clegg Williams, Smyth County ADA Coordinator, at (276) 783-3298 x8315 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the public hearing.

Done by order of the Board of Supervisors
Aaron Sizemore, Interim County Administrator

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to waive the reading of the rules related to 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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Larry Gillespie, President of the Rich Valley Fair Association, stated that government allowances will determine whether the fair has to be canceled or operated on a limited basis this year.



6/9/2020 6:19 PM With no one else wishing to speak, Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed public hearing.



6/9/2020 6:19 PM *Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the Rich Valley Fair festival permit application. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion.* The application fee was received and all paperwork is in order.

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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.


ABSENT: None.



6/9/2020 6:20 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant presented the following recommendation from the Personnel Committee meeting on June 9, 2020:

- *Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff made a motion to move the six dispatchers currently on County staff to the Sheriff's Department staff effective July 1, 2020. They will now fall under Sheriff's Department policy/administration and budget adjustments will be made accordingly. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*


Sheriff Chip Shuler stated that this move is supported by the Sheriff's Department staff. The Personnel Committee's recommendation was unanimously approved.

 6/9/2020 6:25 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant presented a second recommendation from the Personnel Committee meeting on June 9, 2020 to advertise for a Coordinator of Emergency Management as soon as possible with a two-week cut off time.

- *Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to advertise for recruitment of a full-time Emergency Management Coordinator. Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.*

The Personnel Committee recommendation was unanimously approved.

 6/9/2020 6:26 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called for a five-minute recess.

 6/9/2020 6:35 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called the meeting back to order and opened the public hearing for the proposed ordinance amendment. Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson read the advertisement for the record as shown below.

SMYTH COUNTY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Supervisors of Smyth County, Virginia will hold a public hearing to receive public input regarding a proposed amendment to the following County ordinance:

Division 4. Cost Assessment for Prisoner Processing, Section 23-160 – Assessment and Collection. Proposed amendment to change the \$10.00 sum currently provided for in this ordinance to \$20.00 as provided for in Senate Bill 149 in the 2020 Session of the Virginia General Assembly, effective 07/01/2020.


The public hearing will be held Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., or soon thereafter, in the Board Room of the Smyth County Administration Building, 121 Bagley Circle, Marion, VA 24354.


Interested persons may express their views by emailing citizen@smythcounty.org prior to the meeting. Written comments may also be mailed to County Administrator, 121 Bagley Circle, Suite 100, Marion, VA 24354; or by fax to (276) 783-9314. All emails, written comments and faxes must

be received by 2:00 PM Tuesday, June 9, 2020. A copy of the full text of the proposed amendment is available for public review online at www.smythcounty.org or by contacting the County Administrator's Office. Anyone having questions regarding the above may contact the County Administrator's Office at 276-783-3298, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

In compliance with the provisions of 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 24 hours prior to the hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SMYTH COUNTY, VIRGINIA
Aaron Sizemore, Interim County Administrator

 6/9/2020 6:38 PM With no one wishing to speak, Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed the public hearing.

 6/9/2020 6:38 PM *Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to approve the ordinance amendment to Smyth County Ordinance Division 4. Cost Assessment for Prisoner Processing, Section 23-160 – Assessment and Collection. The \$10.00 sum collected in each criminal or traffic case in which the defendant is convicted of a violation of any statute or ordinance will increase to \$20.00 effective July 1, 2020 per Virginia Senate Bill 149. 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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 6/9/2020 6:38 PM County Attorney Scot Farthing reported that the Board of Equalization Order has been entered with the court and sent to the Commissioner's Office. Mr. Farthing also noted that he would like to add A.7. Legal to closed session at tonight's meeting for discussion concerning the claim of Beverly Cole.

 6/9/2020 6:40 PM Mr. Sizemore discussed the budget adoption procedure. The public hearing ad will need to run seven days before the hearing and a vote on the budget can be

taken seven days after the hearing. He noted that, although the tax rates are not changing this year, because of the reassessment some citizens' taxes may go up more than 1% based on the new assessed value so there will also need to be a public hearing on that matter because levies will come in higher. The public hearing specifically on the tax rate will need to be advertised 14 days before the hearing and on the date of the public hearing the Board can vote to adopt the rate without having to wait seven days. There will need to be two special called meetings of the Board for the budget adoption process. *Vice Chair Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to authorize publication of the ads for the tax rate and the FY20-21 proposed County budget. 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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 6/9/2020 6:43 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called a special Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday, June 22, 2020 for the public hearing on the FY20-21 County budget and the first public hearing on the CDBG grant. She called a special Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 to vote on adoption of the budget, to hold a public hearing on the tax rate, to hold the second public hearing on the CDBG grant, and take care of year-end matters. Both meetings will begin at 5:00 p.m.

 6/9/2020 6:46 PM *A motion was made by Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff to enter into closed session under Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711 – **A.1; Personnel Matters**; consideration of employment of a new County Administrator; **A.7 Legal**; discussion with legal counsel and staff pertaining to actual or probable litigation concerning the Beverly Cole case. 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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 6/9/2020 7:22 PM *It was moved by Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, seconded by Vice Chair Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, 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,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 6/9/2020 7:23 PM *Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to accept the settlement offer of \$30,000 in legal fees to end the on-going Beverly Cole case. 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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 6/9/2020 7:23 PM Vice Chair Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to execute a contract with Mr. Shawn Utt to serve as the new County Administrator effective July 13, 2020. 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
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 6/9/2020 7:23 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant welcomed Mr. Utt. Mr. Utt stated that he appreciates the vote of confidence.

 6/9/2020 7:24 PM Supervisor Comment Time

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call reviewed a Saltville Rescue Squad call sheet and commended them for doing a good job. He asked that other towns look at what they have done and urged the budget committee to grant what they've asked for. Supervisor Call stated they had saved the County a lot by surviving the past two years on their own. The Town of Saltville has given them money and he is requesting consideration by the budget committee to keep their funding. He also welcomed Mr. Utt to his new position and encouraged everyone to stay safe.

Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade Blevins asked everyone to be safe.

North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson had no comment.

Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant welcomed Mr. Utt and looks forward to working with him. She stated that Karen Copenhaver needs to be reappointed to the EDA. She nominated Margaret Linford to serve on the Smyth County Public Library Board as the Royal Oak District representative. *Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff made a motion to appoint Margaret Linford to the Smyth County Public Library Board. 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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Vice Chair Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel welcomed Mr. Utt and looks forward to working with him and she is excited about his economic development background. She noted some things to consider going forward related to EMS and working to address issues and make sure citizens are getting the service they deserve. She thanked everyone for coming and is glad the budget process is winding down.

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins encouraged everyone to be safe and thanked Mr. Utt for coming. He will be glad to help with the transition to his new position and is glad to have him on board.

Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff welcomed Mr. Utt and looks forward to working with him. With the resignation of Carole Greer from the Library Board, *Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff made a motion to appoint Tom Copenhaver to the Smyth County Public Library Board as the Park District representative to fill the unexpired term of Carole Greer. 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 Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Supervisor Ratliff noted that are more presumed positive cases of the coronavirus locally and he encouraged everyone to wear masks and be respectful to help make sure schools will be able to function in the fall.

 6/9/2020 7:30 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant adjourned the meeting.


The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held a special called meeting on Monday, June 22, 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; Wade H. Blevins Jr., Chilhowie District Supervisor; Kristopher S. Ratliff, Park District Supervisor; North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson (6)

ABSENT: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call (participated via phone for first two meeting items) (1)

STAFF: Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore; Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson; Administrative Assistant Christy Bise (3)

OTHERS: Sheriff Chip Shuler; Stephanie Porter-Nichols, Smyth County News; several citizens

 6/22/2020 5:03 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called the special called meeting to order.

 6/22/2020 5:04 PM Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore asked the Board's consideration to amend the agenda from the original notice to include the School Board's FY20 appropriation request for \$245,000 from the food service category. *Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to amend the agenda to include the School Board's FY20 appropriation request for \$245,000 from the food service category. Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff seconded the motion.*


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 6/22/2020 5:04 PM Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore presented information concerning the appropriation request from the School Board. These funds are generated from the food service program and the appropriation from the Board of Supervisors needs to take place before the School Board meeting on Thursday, June 25th. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to approve the

FY20 appropriation request from the School Board for \$245,000.00 from the food service category. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion.


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:


AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 6/22/2020 5:06 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call extended his apologies and stated he would be exiting the meeting at this time.

 6/22/2020 5:06 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened the public hearing on the FY20-21 Smyth County Budget. Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson read the advertisement for the record as shown below.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED SMYTH COUNTY BUDGET FOR FISCAL
YEAR JULY 1, 2020- JUNE 30, 2021**

Pursuant to § 15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, a Public Hearing will be conducted by the Board of Supervisors on the budget for informative and planning purposes in the Board of Supervisors meeting room, Smyth County Office Building, 121 Bagley Circle, Marion, VA Monday, June 22, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., or soon thereafter, at which time any citizen of the County shall have the right to attend and subject to Rules and Procedures of the Board of Supervisors state his or her views. The budget is for informative and fiscal planning purposes and will not be approved, adopted or ratified by the Board of Supervisors on Monday, June 22, 2020.

This budget synopsis is prepared and published for informative and fiscal planning purposes only. The inclusion in the budget of any item does not constitute an obligation or commitment on the part of the Board of Supervisors of this County to appropriate any funds for that purpose, except as it relates to the budget for the Smyth County School Board, which is governed by Virginia Code § 22.1-93, et seq.

This budget has been prepared on the basis of estimates and requests submitted to the Board of Supervisors by numerous offices and department heads of this County. There are no allocations or designation of any funds of this County for any purpose until there has been an appropriation for that purpose by the Board of Supervisors.

A full copy of the proposed Smyth County Budget is on file at the Office of the County Administrator, 121 Bagley Circle, Suite 100, Marion, Virginia, and may be viewed during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.

SMYTH COUNTY PROPOSED BUDGET

Revenue	FY/2020 Budget	Proposed FY/2021	Inc./Dec.
Real Property Taxes	\$ 10,207,000	\$ 11,031,421	\$ 824,421
Public Services	1,160,000	1,320,757	\$ 160,757
Minerals	5,000	5,000	\$ -
Personal Property	3,238,500	3,575,318	\$ 336,818
PPTRA	1,804,310	1,804,316	\$ 6
Machinery & Tools	1,670,500	1,654,977	\$ (15,523)
Merchants Capital	280,200	267,509	\$ (12,691)
Lodging Tax	56,000	53,141	\$ (2,859)
Penalties & Interest	514,000	523,500	\$ 9,500
Motor Vehicle License	458,000	492,700	\$ 34,700
Rolling Stock Tax	34,521	34,521	\$ -
Utility Licenses Tax	85,500	168,100	\$ 82,600
Consumer's Utility Tax	1,069,000	975,200	\$ (93,800)
Permits & Other Licenses	91,300	64,800	\$ (26,500)
Fines & Forfeitures	169,900	180,400	\$ 10,500
Interest on Investments	162,000	198,000	\$ 36,000
Use of Property	142,074	114,281	\$ (27,793)
Court Cost	12,576	12,821	\$ 245
Charges for Commonwealth Attorney	3,500	3,500	\$ -
Charges Sanitation & Waste	786,000	848,000	\$ 62,000
Expenditure Refunds	933,565	1,132,308	\$ 198,743
Miscellaneous Revenue	24,100	23,000	\$ (1,100)
Grant Money	500,000	1,001,853	\$ 501,853
Revenue from the Commonwealth	239,800	253,500	\$ 13,700
Comprehensive Service Act	1,200,000	919,680	\$ (280,320)
Commonwealth Attorney	697,976	712,796	\$ 14,820
Sheriff	1,940,520	2,003,702	\$ 63,182

Commissioner of the Revenue	114,874	115,370	\$ 496
Treasurer	114,291	114,292	\$ 1
Registrar/Electoral Board	44,772	46,125	\$ 1,353
Clerk's Office	357,357	341,049	\$ (16,308)
Local Sales Tax	2,220,000	2,220,000	\$ -
Categorical Aid - Other	261,006	137,000	\$ (124,006)
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	116,000	210,000	\$ 94,000
Special Assessments	20,800	22,700	\$ 1,900
Local Funds Transfers	(10,852,438)	(11,395,187)	\$ (542,749)
Animal Licenses	5,500	6,013	\$ 513
EDA Funds	560,000	560,000	\$ -
Court Rev Towns	-	5,600	\$ 5,600
State/Federal School Funds	41,232,869	41,674,227	\$ 441,358
Local Funds Transfer General Fund-Schools	10,008,139	10,406,617	\$ 398,478
Department of Social Services	4,205,756	4,556,837	\$ 351,081
Local Share from General Fund	844,299	988,570	\$ 144,271
School Textbook Revenue	912,000	200,000	\$ (712,000)
911 Wireless Grants	182,760	172,030	\$ (10,730)
Interest/Tranf Courthouse Sav	186,453	187,106	\$ 653
Adwolfe Sewer Project	-	-	\$ -
Miscellaneous	-	-	\$ -
Water-Sewer Revenue	2,294,050	2,328,369	\$ 34,319
Capital Projects	900,000	931,800	\$ 31,800
Social Security Funds	82,585	82,585	\$ -
Drug Asset Revenue	70,000	50,000	\$ (20,000)
Sheriff Dare Revenue	10,000	20,000	\$ 10,000
Courthouse Security Revenue	152,600	302,960	\$ 150,360
Asset Forfeiture	685,000	125,000	\$ (560,000)
Police Activity Fund	1,098,884	1,237,396	\$ 138,512
Sheriff Federal/State Asset Forfeiture	70,000	90,000	\$ 20,000
Money Collected in Court	60,000	60,000	\$ -
Recovery Court	169,033	150,855	\$ (18,178)
Federal Money-CWA	20,000	20,000	\$ -
Collections Circuit Court	-	5,000	\$ 5,000
CARES ACT Funding	-	2,626,458	\$ 2,626,458
CDBG Grant	-	300,000	\$ 300,000
Sub-total	83,632,432	88,273,873	\$ 4,641,441

Debt Service

Proceeds From Short term borrowing	5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	-
Proceeds From Financing	900,000	\$ 700,000	(200,000)
Sub-total	5,900,000	\$ 5,700,000	(200,000)

Total County Budget Revenues	<u>\$89,532,432</u>	<u>\$ 93,973,873</u>	<u>\$ 4,441,441</u>
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Expenditures	FY/2020 Budget	Proposed FY/2021	Inc./Dec.
Board of Supervisors	\$ 912,765	\$ 1,904,476	\$ 991,711
County Administration	446,363	440,555	\$ (5,808)
Legal Department	75,000	75,000	\$ -
Commissioner of the Revenue	308,551	301,421	\$ (7,130)
Assessor	90,000	6,000	\$ (84,000)
Treasurer	404,743	402,620	\$ (2,123)
Information Systems	463,989	600,024	\$ 136,035
Registrar	210,406	217,862	\$ 7,456
Circuit Court	192,970	199,625	\$ 6,655
General District Court	9,369	11,399	\$ 2,030
Juvenile & Domestic Courts	187,836	212,232	\$ 24,396
Clerk of the Circuit Court	581,196	608,000	\$ 26,804
Sheriff	2,975,436	3,642,328	\$ 666,892
Law Library	1,000	1,000	\$ -
Sheriff School Resource	101,282	162,572	\$ 61,290
Commonwealth Attorney	733,295	749,959	\$ 16,664
Victim Witness Asst. Program	103,403	100,228	\$ (3,175)
Central Dispatch	2,800	2,800	\$ -
Smyth County Basic 911	494,870	239,352	\$ (255,518)
Volunteer Fire Department	428,822	427,899	\$ (923)
Ambulance & Rescue Service	371,641	342,787	\$ (28,854)
Forestry	8,750	8,750	\$ -
Sheriff - Jail	3,002,481	2,946,739	\$ (55,742)
Building Inspection & Zoning	321,233	343,847	\$ 22,614
Animal Control	472,556	422,333	\$ (50,223)
Medical Examiner - Coroner	500	500	\$ -
Emergency Services - Civil Defense	28,026	121,937	\$ 93,911
Refuse Collection & Disposal	1,436,464	1,309,327	\$ (127,137)
Convenience Stations	297,985	296,700	\$ (1,285)
Rye Valley Water Co.	25,922	25,922	\$ -
Smyth County Tourism	43,090	43,096	\$ 6
Building & Facility Maintenance	627,766	693,361	\$ 65,595
Local Health Department	441,023	441,023	\$ -
Mental Health	166,022	195,982	\$ 29,960
Social Services Board Member Payments	4,200	4,200	\$ -
Other Community expenses	192,336	244,039	\$ 51,703
Community Colleges	56,388	70,645	\$ 14,257
Recreation	29,000	35,250	\$ 6,250
Library Administration	660,000	0	\$ (660,000)
Planning Commission	6,900	3,750	\$ (3,150)
Community & Economic Development	90,975	86,570	\$ (4,405)
Economic Development Authority	608,328	551,742	\$ (56,586)
Soil & Water Conservation	27,600	27,600	\$ -
Cooperative Extension Program	93,610	93,594	\$ (16)
Comprehensive Service Act	1,202,750	1,202,750	\$ -
Animal Control (Fund 3)	11,095	11,900	\$ 805
EDA General Expenses	560,000	560,000	\$ -
County School Operations & Capital Outlay(Non-Local)	41,232,869	41,674,226	\$ 441,357
County School Operations & Capital Outlay (Local)	7,815,575	8,215,575	\$ 400,000
County School Debt Service Local Funds	2,192,564	2,191,042	\$ (1,522)
Department of Social Services	5,050,055	5,548,407	\$ 498,352
School Textbook Fund Expense	900,000	200,000	\$ (700,000)
Dispatch (Fund 38)	182,760	145,282	\$ (37,478)
Courthouse Project	186,453	187,106	\$ 653

Adwolfe Sewer Project	0	0	\$	-
Water-Sewer Department Operations	1,230,308	1,324,865	\$	94,557
Water-Sewer Department Debt Service	906,835	958,504	\$	51,669
Funded Projects	35,500	45,000	\$	9,500
Capital Projects	900,000	931,800	\$	31,800
Social Security Funds	82,585	82,585	\$	-
Drug Asset Expense	90,000	90,000	\$	-
Sheriff Dare Program	10,000	10,000	\$	-
Courthouse Security	152,600	302,960	\$	150,360
Asset Forfeiture	685,000	125,000	\$	(560,000)
Sheriff Federal Asset Forfeiture	50,000	60,000	\$	10,000
Purchase Equipment	60,000	60,000	\$	-
Recovery Court	169,033	150,855	\$	(18,178)
Police Activity Fund Expense	1,120,414	1,237,396	\$	116,982
CWA Fed Funds	20,000	20,000	\$	-
CWA/Sheriff's Office	0	0	\$	-
Expenses Circuit Court	0	5,000	\$	5,000
CARES ACT Funding	0	2,626,458	\$	2,626,458
CBDG Grant	0	300,000	\$	300,000
				\$ -
Sub-total	82,583,288	86,881,757	\$	4,298,469
DEBT SERVICE			\$	-
			\$	-
Payment on Line of Credit	5,000,000	5,000,000	\$	-
Courthouse Debt Service	1,049,144	1,102,116	\$	52,972
Capital Projects	900,000	990,000	\$	90,000
Sub-total	6,949,144	7,092,116	\$	142,972
				\$ -
				\$ -
Total County Budget Expenditures	<u>\$ 89,532,432</u>	<u>\$ 93,973,873</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>4,441,441</u>


TAX RATES FOR 2020


In preparation of the above budget the Smyth County Board of Supervisors proposed no changes in the current tax levies as follows:


Pursuant to Virginia Code §58.1-3001 et seq., the Board proposes to re-adopt, a real estate levy on all taxable real estate located in Smyth County, Virginia, including equalized real estate, where applicable, a unit levy of \$0.74 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation; Tax on tangible personal property and the tangible personal property of public service corporations, except rolling stock of corporations operating railroads, a unit levy of \$2.30 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation; Machinery & Tools \$1.55 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation; Tax on Category 23 items (trucks used in interstate commerce over 10,000 pounds) a unit levy of \$1.55 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation; Tax on merchants capital a unit levy of \$0.40 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation; and airplane tax \$1.40 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.


There are no fee structure changes in the Proposed FY2020-2021 Budget.


By order of the Smyth County Board of Supervisors, Aaron Sizemore, Interim County Administrator


 6/22/2020 5:11 PM Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson read the rules and procedures for public hearings.


 6/22/2020 5:13 PM Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins presented a statement from the budget committee. The committee has reviewed the requested information received from the Smyth County Public Library. This financial information was requested back in January and had not been received as of the last budget committee meeting held on June 8th before the newspaper publication deadline. As the committee chair, Mr. Atkins took responsibility for putting \$0 in the FY20-21 budget for the Library. The budget committee met earlier in the day and unanimously agreed to change the Library line item from \$0 to \$660,000 for FY20-21 which was taken from the Board of Supervisors line. The funding amount represents level funding from last year's budget. He also reminded those in attendance that tonight's public hearing is on the County budget, not the tax rate. He noted that the budget can still be amended prior to final adoption.

 6/22/2020 5:15 PM Megan Patrick, 633 Kiawana Road, Atkins, spoke in support of the Library and appreciates the statement that the Library has now been funded. She stated that, after reading different information during the past week, it's apparent to the tax payers that there is an agenda to push out the current Library Director. She continued to say that it didn't look good for the Board of Supervisors, the Library, or the Library Board and is not presenting a full picture of honesty and transparency from all of the Board members. She asked the Board to look closely in the future at their purpose and what is guiding each of them.

 6/22/2020 5:17 PM Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore noted that he had received three written e-mail comments for the public hearing.

 6/22/2020 5:17 PM Sharon Dishner, 202 Spring Valley Road, Marion, said she would like to reiterate what Megan Patrick said and that the business of the Board of Supervisors should be truly transparent. She feels that the \$0 funding for the Library was placed to generate reaction. Everything being done in this County should be for the good of the citizens and not for the good of anyone's personal agenda.

 6/22/2020 5:18 PM Sandra Wolfe, 233 Walkers Creek Road, Marion, stated she is a retired school teacher and loves the Library. She agrees with the other two ladies who spoke that Mr. Farmer had nothing to do with problems with the Library in the past and she hopes that he retains his position.

 6/22/2020 5:19 PM Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, asked Mr. Sizemore to read the three e-mail comments from her district for the record.

- Hello!
I will keep this brief. I have just seen on Facebook that the Library is getting ZERO FUNDING? The Library does many good things for our town and community. Shame on you for suggesting a ZERO FUNDING!
Sincerely,
Adeline Sheffield-Firestone
- Good morning, I had hoped to attend today's meeting but due to rising COVID-19 cases in the county I am reluctant to come in person.

I want to ask the BOS to fund the Library. Having been a patron since moving here in 1992 the Library has provided me with knowledge, entertainment, a richness of benefits that is unmatched by any other entity in the county.

More importantly, in my work of over 25 years of in mental health services in Smyth County so many of the folks I serve have found the libraries to be a welcoming, affordable safe haven.

These folks cannot afford Red Box videos or kindle books, there is no other place for people to come a sit quietly with a newspaper without having to purchase a drink or a meal.

Please fund the Library. Thank you.

Patty McAndrews, 1218 Horne Hollow Rd Sugar Grove VA.

- With all due respect to our Board of Supervisors, the current Library Board, and the Director of the Smyth County Library.

Our Library is a treasure, and it provides so many services to Smyth County. We have branches in Saltville and Chilhowie that do a fabulous job. Our Library systems, have worked hard and long, to make each Library the best they can with huge budget cuts in the past years. The staff have also experienced drama, law suits, misinformation, and division amongst staff members and the Boards. The staff, and our patrons certainly deserve to know, that the Library will be funded, and that they can continue doing the work they love.

Lack of communication, allegations of missing information and placing a \$0 amount on the Library budget is not effective in insuring trust. I would have thought, due to problems in the past, that consideration, communication, trust and transparency, would or should have been, on each persons mind of those involved in the success of our Library.

If you are elected to the Board, by the people of this community you hold our trust to oversee how monies for our community are spent. If you are on the Library Board, I suspect you are familiar with the Library and it's functions, that you know what it takes to run the Library, and that you speak to staff if you have questions. If you are the Director, you have the experience, education, and training to direct your staff and oversee the daily functions.

My hope is that our Library will be funded, that are staff will remain employed, and that we can move forward and not hold on to the unfortunate situations of the past!

Respectfully,

Dora Dewell

I worked for the Smyth Bland Regional Library for 27 years. I retired several years ago.



6/22/2020 5:22 PM With no one else wishing to speak, Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed the public hearing.




6/22/2020 5:22 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding public hearing.


NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING


The Board of Supervisors of Smyth County will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 5:15 p.m., or soon thereafter, in the Board Room of the Smyth County Administration Building, 121 Bagley Circle, Marion, VA 24354 to solicit public input on local community development in relation to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for a project in our county. Information on the amount of funding available, the requirements on benefit to low- and moderate-income persons, eligible activities,

and plans to minimize displacement and provide displacement assistance as necessary will be available. Citizens will also be given the opportunity to comment on the County's past use of CDBG funds. All interested citizens are urged to attend. For additional information, contact Aaron Sizemore (276) 783-3298. Comments and grievances can be submitted in writing by mail to 121 Bagley Circle, Suite 100, Marion VA, 24354 or by email to countyadministrator@smythcounty.org prior to the public hearing. For Virginia Relay (TTY) dial 711. In compliance with the provisions of 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 24 hours prior to the hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SMYTH COUNTY, VIRGINIA
Aaron Sizemore, Interim County Administrator

 6/22/2020 5:23 PM Brian Reed, Deputy Director with Mount Rogers Planning District Commission, presented information on CDBG funding available through the Department of Housing and Community Development for COVID-19 response relief. DHCD has set aside \$6,500,000 in funding for counties, towns, and small cities and Smyth County has shown interest in applying for the relief funds. As a requirement, two public hearings are required. This public hearing is not project specific, it is to let the public know the funds are available and to give them the opportunity to comment on past use by the County of CDBG funds. Smyth County is eligible to apply for \$700,000 of the funds with no local match required.

 6/22/2020 5:25 PM With no one else wishing to speak, Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed the public hearing.

 6/22/2020 5:25 PM With no further business, North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to adjourn. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
NAYS: None.
ABSTAINERS: None.
ABSENT: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call.

The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held a special called meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 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; Wade H. Blevins Jr., Chilhowie District Supervisor; Kristopher S. Ratliff, Park District Supervisor; North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson (6)

ABSENT: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call (1)

STAFF: Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore; Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson; Administrative Assistant Christy Bise (3)

OTHERS: Attorney Don Martin, Jr.; Sheriff Chip Shuler; Smyth County Deputy; Stephanie Porter-Nichols, Smyth County News; several citizens



6/30/2020 5:03 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called the meeting to order.



6/30/2020 5:03 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened the public hearing for the tax rate. Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson read the advertisement for the record as shown below.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE
SMYTH COUNTY, VIRGINIA**


Notice is hereby given that the County of Smyth, Virginia proposes to increase property tax levies.


1. **Assessment Increase:** The total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 5.0 percent.
 2. **Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment:** The tax rate that would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$0.69 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."
 3. **Effective Rate Increase:** The County of Smyth, Virginia, proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$0.74 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed tax rate would be a \$0.05 per \$100 or 7.2 percent. The difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase." Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.
 4. **Proposed Total Budget Increase:** Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of the County of Smyth may exceed last year's by 3.9 percent.
- The proposed tax rate of \$0.74 per \$100 has been the county's tax rate for real property since 2012. The increase in revenue is due to the increase in assessed value of real property and is not produced by an increase of the rate at which taxes are levied.


A public hearing on the increase will be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Smyth County Administration Building, 121 Bagley Circle, Marion, VA 24354. All citizens have the right to attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed real property tax increase within such reasonable time limits as shall be established by the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors is not obligated to adopt the proposed tax rates, but may modify them, as it deems necessary. The County Budget Committee's Recommended Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 is based on an adopted tax rate of \$0.74 per \$100 of assessed value.


In compliance with the provisions of 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 24 hours prior to the hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SMYTH COUNTY, VIRGINIA
Aaron Sizemore, Interim County Administrator

 6/30/2020 5:06 PM Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson read the rules and procedures for public hearings.

 6/30/2020 5:07 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened the floor for public comment.

 6/30/2020 5:07 PM With no one wishing to speak, Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed the public hearing.

 6/30/2020 5:07 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened the public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Smyth County Food Pantry Assistance Project. Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson read the advertisement for the record as shown below.


SECOND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Supervisors of Smyth County will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 5:15 p.m., or soon thereafter, in the Board Room of the Smyth County Administration Building, 121 Bagley Circle, Marion, VA 24354 to solicit public input on local community development in relation to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposal to be submitted to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the Smyth County Food Pantry Assistance Project. Residents are encouraged to attend. The Project proposal will include the following activities: Funding for the purchase of food, equipment, masks, gloves, storage units, etc. to help further the efforts of Smyth County food pantries to feed families in need affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Information on the amount of funding available, the requirements on benefit to low- and moderate-income persons, eligible activities, and plans to minimize displacement and provide displacement assistance as necessary will be available. Citizens will also be given the opportunity to comment on the County's past use of CDBG funds. All interested citizens are urged to attend. For additional information, contact Aaron Sizemore (276)783-3298.

Comments and grievances can be submitted in writing by mail to 121 Bagley Circle, Suite 100, Marion VA, 24354 or by email to countyadministrator@smythcounty.org prior to the public hearing. For Virginia Relay (TTY) dial 711. In compliance with the provisions of 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 24 hours prior to the hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SMYTH COUNTY, VIRGINIA
Aaron Sizemore, Interim County Administrator

 6/30/2020 5:09 PM Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to waive the reading of the rules for public hearings. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:


AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call.

 6/30/2020 5:10 PM Raymond Cross, Saltville, spoke on behalf of the food pantry in Saltville. He stated the food pantry started in 1997 with five families and has since grown to 450 families a month and any help they could get would be appreciated.

 6/30/2020 5:11 PM Brian Reed with the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission stated this was the second required public hearing by the Department of Housing and Community Development for the county to be eligible for the CDBG funding available for the food pantry assistance program. A food pantry management team has been assembled and is working together to apply for \$440,000 of the grant money which can be used toward the purchase of food and equipment to help residents affected by the COVID-19 situation. The use of these funds by the food pantries could impact the county for the next 2-3 years in providing a valuable service to those in need. Mr. Reed asked the Board for consideration of adopting the resolution in support of the funding application.

 6/30/2020 5:14 PM With no one else wishing to speak, Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed the public hearing.

 6/30/2020 5:14 PM Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel read the following resolution for the record:

RESOLUTION

**AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND FILING OF AN APPLICATION
FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUNDS FOR COVID-19
RESPONSE THROUGH
THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is soliciting applications for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) COVID -19 response program to fund local community improvement projects, and

WHEREAS, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors and the Food Pantry Management Team has determined that there is a need and community support for a CDBG project to address the needs of the Smyth County food pantries during the COVID-19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has met the citizen participation requirements of the program by conducting two public hearings that were properly advertised in the newspaper as required by the CDBG program guidelines. and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors wishes to apply for up to \$700,000 in CDBG funds to address the needs of the local food pantries, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Administrator to sign and submit all appropriate documents for submittal of the CDBG application.

Date: 6/30/2020

Attest: Aaron Sizemore

SMYTH COUNTY
Judy Weyant
Chairman
[Signature] Clerk

Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to adopt the resolution for the CDBG funding request application. Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call.



6/30/2020 5:17 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant read the following resolution for consideration of the FY20-21 County budget:

RESOLUTION

SMYTH COUNTY BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

WHEREAS, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors has properly prepared a budget plan for County operations, maintenance, capital outlay, and debt service for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and has advertised and held the required public hearings required by the Code of Virginia Section 15.2-2503, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors pursuant to said authority now proposes to adopt the attached budget for fiscal year 2020-2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors sets forth and approves the Smyth County Budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$94,209,332.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the approval of this budget shall not constitute an appropriation of funds.

Adopted this the 30th day of June, 2020

ATTEST:

SMYTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Aaron Sizemore, Interim County Clerk



Judy Wyant, Chair



6/30/2020 5:18 PM Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to adopt the resolution for the FY20-21 County budget as presented. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff
NAYS: Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr., and
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson
ABSTAINERS: None.
ABSENT: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call.



6/30/2020 5:19 PM Sheriff Chip Shuler discussed Virginia Code Section §15.2-925 as it pertains to Smyth County Ordinance 41-13. The code section was adopted in 1968 by the General Assembly during a time of riots and unrest. The Sheriff is asking for date-specific and location-specific authority to enforce this code section in the event that the upcoming events scheduled to take place on Friday, July 3, 2020 become violent in the area of the Courthouse. With the Board's approval, enforcement of this code section would give the Sheriff the authority to disburse any group without having to call for an unlawful assembly. First Amendment rights will not be prohibited, but his job is to keep people from getting hurt or killed if the peaceful protest turns violent. The Board discussed the importance of respecting the First Amendment rights of the people, but also the need for the people to recognize and respect authority. Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to grant the Sheriff authority provided under Virginia Code Section §15.2-925. Attorney Don Martin spoke and stated he had reviewed the statute and, the way it is written, is most likely constitutionally invalid. The clear and present danger law that this statute was based on when it was enacted in 1968 was overturned the following year. He cannot find any municipality in Virginia that uses it and no case interpretation of it. The problem is not with passing an unconstitutional statute, it is applying it in an unconstitutional manner so he did want the legal weaknesses of this statute noted for the record. Mr. Martin feels that the unlawful assembly statute covers the safety of the citizens. Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel noted this is not intended to prohibit anybody from exercising their constitutional rights, it is only going to be used if things become violent and people are in danger. Ms. Deel stated that her motion stands. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion. Mr. Sizemore noted that the Board should consider specifying a certain date to grant this authority to the Sheriff. Ms. Deel amended her motion to include the effective dates of July 3-5, 2020. Mr. Stephenson seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call.



6/30/2020 5:32 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant read the following resolution for consideration of the FY20-21 Smyth County Public Schools' budget:

RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE SMYTH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET
BY EXPENDITURE CLASSIFICATION/CATEGORY

WHEREAS, the Smyth County School Board has approved and presented to the Board of Supervisors a budget for FY 2020-21 totaling \$52,080,844; and

WHEREAS, §22.1-1-115 of the Code of Virginia establishes expenditure classifications or categories; and

WHEREAS, the Smyth County School Board presented the budget in seven (7) categories; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has the legal authority and ability to approve the Smyth County School Board budget by category (§§ 22.1-94 and 95); and

WHEREAS, given the magnitude of the County (Local Funds) contribution to the Schools budget and to provide increased accountability for the expenditure of such funds, it is appropriate to approve the overall spending plan for the Smyth County School Board on a categorical basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Smyth County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 30th day of June, 2020 the Smyth County School Board FY 2020-21 budget is hereby approved as follows:


<u>Expenditures/Educational Category</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
Instruction	\$ 35,686,768
Administration, Attendance & Health	\$ 1,468,814
Transportation	\$ 2,546,120
Facilities	\$ 4,494,531
Food Service	\$ 3,773,795
Debt and Fund Transfers	\$ 2,678,155
Technology	\$ 1,432,661
Total Funds Budget	\$ 52,080,844

Adopted this the 30th day of June, 2020

ATTEST: **SMYTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



Aaron Sizemore, Interim County Clerk



Judy Wyant, Chair

Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff made a motion to adopt the resolution for the Smyth County Public Schools FY20-21 budget as presented. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call.



6/30/2020 5:36 PM Dr. Dennis Carter, Smyth County School Superintendent, thanked the Board for their support and is looking forward to discussion on long-range plans. The Board thanked Dr. Carter for the work being done within the school system.



6/30/2020 5:36 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant read the following appropriations:

General County FY19-20	
Accounts Payable Listing (FY end 6/30/20):	\$226,580.87
Payroll	\$35,791.67
Total County Appropriation:	\$262,372.54
EDA Fund 4	\$3,549.68
Sheriff Dept Fund 748	\$2,695.15
Recovery Court Fund 749	\$991.24
Social Services FY20-21 (July 1-July 14, 2020)	\$60,000.00
General County FY20-21 (carryover funds)	\$10,000.00
Total General Fund FY20-21:	\$70,000.00

Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to approve the appropriations as listed. Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

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

Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call.



6/30/2020 5:37 PM Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to adjourn.
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chairman, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call.


The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 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; Wade H. Blevins Jr., Chilhowie District Supervisor; Kristopher S. Ratliff, Park District Supervisor (5)

ABSENT: Phil Stevenson, North Fork District Supervisor; Roscoe Call, Saltville District Supervisor (2)

STAFF: County Administrator Shawn Utt; Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore; Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson; Administrative Assistant Christy Bise (4)

OTHERS: Smyth County Sheriff's Deputy; Stephanie Porter Nichols with Smyth County News and Messenger

 7/14/2020 5:02 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She welcomed Mr. Utt to his first meeting in his new role as County Administrator. Lisa Richardson, Assistant County Administrator, led the pledge of allegiance and Kendra Hayden, Administrative Assistant, gave the invocation.

 7/14/2020 5:04 PM Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting. 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
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

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

 7/14/2020 5:04 PM Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2020 meeting. Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel Park District Supervisor 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
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

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

 7/14/2020 5:04 PM Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2020 meeting. 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
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

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

 7/14/2020 5:05 PM Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson reviewed the County financial information for fiscal year-end 19-20 going into FY20-21.

 7/14/2020 5:09 PM It was moved by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to approve the following appropriations:

General County	
Accounts Payable Listing:	\$996,619.42
Payroll:	\$730,000.00
Auto Draft Rural Development:	\$15,515.00
AEP/CenturyLink Bills:	\$25,000.00

County Administration Fund:	\$5,000.00
Total County Appropriation (Plus Carryover):	\$1,854,000.00
Social Services	
(July 15 – 31, 2020)	\$365,000.00
(August 1 – 11, 2020)	\$60,000
Total Social Services:	\$425,000.00
Schools-Operating Fund	
Instruction	\$660,000.00
Administration, Attendance, & Health	\$80,000.00
Transportation	\$95,000.00
Facilities	\$400,000.00
School Food Service	\$350,000.00
Technology	\$100,000.00
Total School Operating Fund:	\$1,685,000.00
School Debt and Capital Outlay	\$700,000.00
School Textbook Fund	\$200,000.00
EDA Fund 4	\$15,000.00
Sheriff Dept Fund 748	\$266.41
Recovery Court Fund 749	\$182.77

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
 Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
 Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
 Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.*


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

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

 7/14/2020 5:11 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened citizen's time.

 7/14/2020 5:11 PM With no one wishing to speak, Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed citizen's time.

 7/14/2020 5:11 PM Kendra Hayden presented recommendations to the Board from the Broadband Management Team. The Board expressed their thanks to the committee for their hard work for the underserved areas within the County. Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff asked how citizens know who to contact for service in their particular area and Ms. Hayden provided information about an FCC map available online. That map will be made available on the County website. *Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to adopt the recommendations from the Broadband Management Team. 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
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

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

 7/14/2020 5:17 PM Interim County Administrator Aaron Sizemore presented information on two projects within the County that VDOT has approved for funding through the SMART SCALE program. Both are on US Route 11; one for a roundabout on SR 660 and the other for improvement to the intersection of Route 11 and Rifton Drive. *Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff made a motion to adopt the VDOT Smartscale Project Resolution for 2020. 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
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

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

	Park District Kris Ratcliff	Rye Valley District Lori Deel	Saltsville District Roscoe Call	North Fork District Phil Stevenson
	Smyth County, Virginia 121 Bagley Circle, Suite 100 Marion, VA 24354	Adkins District Charles Atkins	Chilhowie District Wade H. Blevins, Jr.	Royal Oak District Judy Wyant
	Alicia Richardson Assistant County Administrator			

VDOT SMARTSCALE PROJECT RESOLUTION - 2020

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a Resolution be received from the sponsoring Local Jurisdiction requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation to establish a project in Smyth County;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors hereby requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish two projects for the construction of:

US Route 11 / SR 660 Roundabout South
US Route 11 at Rifton Drive

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Smyth County hereby agrees to enter into a project administration agreement with VDOT and, if required; provide the necessary oversight to ensure the project is developed in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and Local requirements for design, right of way acquisition, and construction of the project.

This 14 day of July, 2020.

Smyth County, Virginia

Motion by: Ratcliff

Seconded by: Deel


Aye 5

Nay 0

Absent 2


Judy Wyant, Chair


Lisa Richardson, Clerk

 7/14/2020 5:20 PM Mr. Sizemore noted that Board will need to meet jointly with the Planning Commission since these projects have to be included in the County's Comprehensive Plan. *Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to schedule a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. 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
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

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

 7/14/2020 5:20 PM Mr. Sizemore presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the County and Virginia's Industrial Advancement Alliance (VIAA) for economic development partnership. The money for this service is included in the budget, but there has been no signed formal agreement in the past. *Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the County and VIAA. 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
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

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

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
VIRGINIA'S INDUSTRIAL ADVANCEMENT ALLIANCE & SMYTH COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Virginia's Industrial Advancement Alliance, hereafter referred to as VIAA, has been created as an economic development partnership by the localities Smyth, Wythe, Grayson, Carroll, and Bland Counties and City of Galax; and

WHEREAS, Smyth County, has a need for economic development support services, administrative services and business retention and expansion

WHEREAS, VIAA, can provide assistance to Smyth County

NOW THEREFORE, Smyth and VIAA hereto do mutually agree as follows:

VIAA shall provide economic development support services from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The compensation to be paid to VIAA for the economic development services shall not exceed \$40,000 per year; however, if expenses exceed \$40,000, VIAA shall be allowed to submit additional invoices for actual expenses incurred.

The following services shall be provided:

Economic Development Services

- Under supervision of the VIAA Executive Director, VIAA will provide project management services that include all RFI and prospect opportunities for Pathway Park.
- Provide no fewer than 8 hours per week of economic development support services that focuses on local economic development initiatives and needs including marketing, data/research, planning, and project management


Business Retention and Expansion

- Implement Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) Outreach Program under the Supervision of VIAA's Executive Director and in conjunction with locality
- Build and track meetings in a joint CRM system to ensure proper documentation of information gathered from meetings and surveys of regional employers. This information will be shared with the Chief Administrative Officer of Smyth County and to the IDA and BOS upon request

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended from time to time by written authorization of Smyth and VIAA and shall be subject to renegotiations if such amendment results in a change in the scope of services.

Smyth County Administrator: _____

VIAA Chairman: _____

 7/14/2020 5:22 PM Mr. Sizemore presented a nuisance ordinance complaint from the Building and Zoning Department for the property located at 248 Bent Lane, Saltville, VA. *Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to set a public hearing for the nuisance complaint on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. 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
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.*


NAYS: None.


ABSTAINERS: None.

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

 7/14/2020 5:23 PM Mr. Sizemore reported that Patton Graham, who had been selected alongside Scot Farthing to serve as County Attorney, was recently appointed to the Library Board. Mr. Graham felt that was a conflict of interest so he resigned his position as County Attorney.

 7/14/2020 5:24 PM Mr. Sizemore stated that Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff had notified him that the information for committee appointments listed on the County website is out of date. The office will be working to get this information updated and will schedule an appointment committee meeting to review what appointments are needed. It was noted that Marvin Craig, Atkins District representative who had been serving on the Economic Development Authority (EDA) for several years, recently resigned and will need to be replaced.

 7/14/2020 5:25 PM Ms. Richardson presented information on the upcoming VACo Conference scheduled to be held in Norfolk on November 8-10. At this point, the conference has not been canceled and the hotel reservation deadline is October 16th. The County will go ahead and reserve some rooms for anyone interested in attending. The agenda for the conference is scheduled to come out in mid-August.

 7/14/2020 5:29 PM Mr. Sizemore discussed the County tax rate for FY20-21 as presented at the public hearing on June 30, 2020. *A motion was made by Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, seconded by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to adopt the following County tax rate for FY20-21:*

Pursuant to §58.1-3001 et seq. a real estate levy on all taxable real estate located in Smyth County, Virginia, including equalized real estate, where applicable, a unit levy of \$0.74 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation; Tax on tangible personal property and the tangible personal property of public service corporations, except rolling stock of corporations operating railroads, a unit levy of \$2.30 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation; Machinery & Tools \$1.55 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation; Tax on Category 23 items (trucks used in interstate commerce over 10,000 pounds) a unit levy of \$1.55 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation; Tax on merchant's capital a unit levy of \$0.40 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation; and airplane tax a unit levy of \$1.40 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.

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
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

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

 7/14/2020 5:30 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant noted that Mr. Farthing is out of town and no attorney report will be presented.

 7/14/2020 5:30 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened supervisor comment time.

Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff wanted to thank local law enforcement agencies, including Marion, Smyth County, Chilhowie, Saltville, Wytheville, Damascus, and Bristol, for their protection of Town property. He stated that the money spent outweighs the expense that could have possibly been incurred.

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins also wanted to thank local law enforcement. He welcomed Mr. Utt to his new position and is anxious to see the County grow and get things going again after COVID is past.

Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel stated she had received calls from the Humane Society concerning the current operating status of animal control. Mr. Sizemore noted that the shelter is currently closed and not taking in animals due to lack of proper

isolation since animals have been shown to be carriers of COVID. Ms. Deel read the following letter for the record at the request of one of her constituents:

RECEIVED
7-8-20

CB

Jack Owens Plumbing & Heating

191 Rowland Creek Lane
Marion Va 24354
276-783-759-09
Jackowensph@yahoo.com

July 6, 2020

To: Whom it may concern

I am a life long resident of Smyth County and have been in business here for over 46 years
As I write this letter on Independence Day this July 4 2020 to you who are
going to read it

I have set and gave this a lot of thought

You who are on the Smyth County Board of Supervisors , Marion Town
Council as well as the Town of Chulhowie And The Saltville Town Council
I don't envy the task you have taken on in this time of turmoil
The decisions that each town council makes not only effects the town but
also effects each Smyth County resident

The organized events that have recently happened in the Town Of Marion
have greatly effected all of Smyth County
So far the Marion Town council have let a underage Minor set policy for
what has happened

This minor boy is not old enough to vote , sign a legal document, buy a car
in his name, buy alcohol or purchase a house but yet he is telling the
Marion town Council when ,where and how these organized events will
happen

It has been reported that he has called in not only (1) but (2) bomb threats
at near by schools

If he is capable of this he doesn't care what happens at these organized
protest events

By having these organized events he has cost the areas residents several
thousand dollars of tax money as well as area business a lot of money

As far as the organized protest events go he has admitted that he is the
organizer of these events and has called them as such

If any further organized events are to be held and since they are organized
events and as he is a minor child he and his family should be held
responsible for any damage , related cost and injury's related to these
organized events by providing a bond and proof of liability insurance
Also it is not up to the people of Smyth County or the business of the town
of Marion to provide sanitary facilities for these people

The Va Dept Of Health Should be inspecting these organized events to see that these are being provided by these organizers

Legally you cant stop the protest but you can stop a organized event such as these

These organized protest events not only have set back racist views back (100) years but have widened the racial gap that was getting closer all though slowly

*It has also put fear into people minds that they are afraid to come to Marion to shop in fear of being attacked by these protesters
Whether the violence happens here or some where else it is on there minds*

*I want to as ask of you a question I don't want a reply just ask you to answer it in your own mind
When you see a protest on television or in the paper what is the first thing that comes to mind
Is this is a peaceful protest about Black Lives or is it what are they going to burn ,loot or destroy this time*

*We ure at a cross roads at this time in America
We are so close to a Race War it is scary if this doesn't come to a swift end very soon
The end of this just as well start in Smyth County*

*This young boy has had his 15 minutes of fame enough is enough!
We have been very lucky that we have had no damage or no injuries (YET)
If this continues it will only just get worse its not whether it will happen but when*

I respectfully ask for me my family and all of the residents of Smyth County that you put a end to this in Smyth County and let the healing begin

I am sending this letter to the following

*Smyth County Board Of Supervisors
Town Of Marion
Town Of Chilhowie
Town Of Saltville
Va Dept Of Health*

I hope this will be read into the record at your next meeting

Sincerely Robert J Owens

Ms. Deel reported that the Konnarock-Green Cove festival scheduled for September 20th has been canceled and this event raised a lot of funds for that community so she encouraged support of their other events. She also thanked Evergreen Soil and Water for their annual report. Ms. Deel thanked Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade Blevins for his leadership on the Board.

Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant also thanked Mr. Blevins for his service on the Board. She stated that Ballard Health is seeing a large increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations and we need to be diligent, take precautions, and follow guidelines.

Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade Blevins thanked everyone for putting up with him the last few months and wishes the County luck and hopes to see future growth. He encouraged everyone to be safe.

 7/14/2020 5:41 PM *Upon a motion by Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, seconded by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, the meeting was adjourned.*

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
Chilhowie District Supervisor Wade H. Blevins Jr.,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

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


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:

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

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 Social Services appropriations:

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

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 School Board appropriations:

Schools-Operating Fund	
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
Total School Operating Fund:	\$1,760,000.00
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
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Judy Wyant (Chair)

Rye Valley District
Lori Deel (Vice Chair)

Saltville District
Roscoe Call

North Fork District
Phil Stevenson

Atkins District
Charles Atkins

Chilhowie District
Wade Blevins, Jr.

Park District
Kris Ratliff

Shawn Utt
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 cursive script, appearing to read "Judy Wyant".

Judy Wyant, Chair
Smyth County Board of Supervisors

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alicia Richardson".

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 11th 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 Slemph, 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. Slemph'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.*

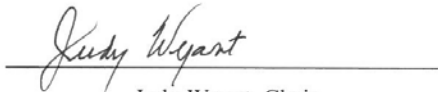
SMYTH COUNTY NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

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.

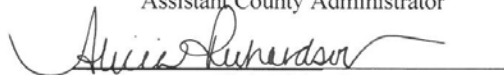
Smyth County will provide relocation assistance to each low/moderate-income household displaced by the demolition of housing or by the direct result of assisted activities. Such assistance shall be that provided under Section 104 (d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, or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

The FY 2020/2021 project includes the following activities:

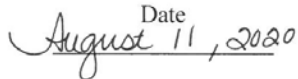
Activities for the project include: Purchase of Food, Safety Equipment, laptops, computers, freezers, storage equipment, and other items deemed necessary to maintain COVID-19 safe day to day operations for food pantries providing services to LMI households.

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 Circulation

the 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 Circulation

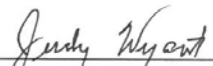
the availability of such positions with the information on how many to apply.

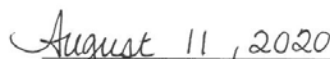
c) The County, its contractors, and designated third parties shall be required to maintain a record of inquiries and applications by project area residents who respond to advertisements, and shall maintain a record of the status of such inquiries and applications.

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 Wyant, Chair


Date Adopted

Fair Housing Certification

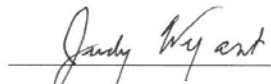
Compliance with Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968

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

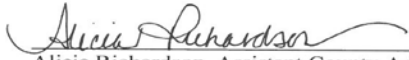
Smyth County has adopted an internal grievance procedure providing for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging any action prohibited by the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) (24 CFR 8.53(b)) implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 USC 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.

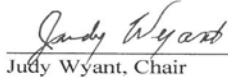
1. A complaint should be filed in writing or verbally contain the name and address of the person filing it, and briefly describe the alleged violation of the regulations.
2. A complaint should be filed within five (5) days after the complainant becomes aware of the alleged violation. (Processing of allegations 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. 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.

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:

FROM:	AMOUNT:
001-21070-8888-25 (DMV Highway Safety Grant)	\$25,000.00
TO:	AMOUNT:
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 11th but still needs \$400 to finish paying for the food. The Board discussed doing something special for the 2020 graduates at the May 12th 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 11th and have Mr. Utt contact Saltville and Chilhowie to see how their proms were funded for discussion at the September 8th 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

<i>amount in current budget</i>		
<u>Proposed Phase 1 Funding Summary:</u>		
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
	TOTAL (Phase 1)	2,626,458.00

<i>amount of budget amendment</i>		
<u>Proposed Phase 2 Funding Summary:</u>		
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
	TOTAL (Phase 2)	2,626,458.00


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 8th.



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.

The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 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; Charles Atkins, Atkins District Supervisor; Michael Sturgill, Chilhowie District Supervisor; Kristopher S. Ratliff, Park District Supervisor Roscoe Call, Saltville District Supervisor (5)


ABSENT: Vice Chair Lori H. Deel, Rye Valley District Supervisor; Phil Stevenson, North Fork District Supervisor (2)

STAFF: County Administrator Shawn Utt; Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson; County Attorney Scot Farthing; Administrative Assistant Christy Bise (4)

OTHERS: Smyth County Sheriff Chip Shuler and Department Deputy; Stephanie Porter-Nichols, Smyth County News; Dr. Karen Shelton, Director of the Mount Rogers Health District; James Tyler, Ballad Health Vice-President/Hospital CEO; Peggy Hurley, Census

 9/8/2020 5:04 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called the meeting to order.

 9/8/2020 5:04 PM Reverend Alan Gray, Royal Oak Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation. Administrative Assistant Christy Bise led the Pledge of Allegiance.

 9/8/2020 5:08 PM *A motion was made by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, seconded by Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020 meeting.*


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

 9/8/2020 5:08 PM *A motion was made by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, seconded by Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2020 meeting.*

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:


AYES: Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant,


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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins .

*ABSENT: Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.*

 9/8/2020 5:09 PM Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson reviewed the County financial information.

 9/8/2020 5:13 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following payment of invoices:

General County	
Accounts Payable Listing:	\$1,364,678.42
Payroll:	\$730,000.00
Auto Draft Rural Development:	\$15,515.00
Utilities/Misc	\$30,000.00
County Administration Fund:	\$5,000.00
Total County Appropriation (Plus Carryover):	\$2,150,000.00

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,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

*ABSENT: Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.*

 9/8/2020 5:13 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following Social Services appropriations:

Social Services	
(September 9 – 30, 2020)	\$385,000.00
(October 1 – 13, 2020)	\$60,000.00
Total Social Services:	\$445,000.00

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,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

*ABSENT: Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.*

 9/8/2020 5:14 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following School Board appropriations:

Schools-Operating Fund	
Instruction	\$3,105,000.00
Administration, Attendance, & Health	\$143,000.00
Transportation	\$160,000.00
Facilities	\$345,000.00
School Food Service	\$400,000.00
Technology	\$200,000.00
Total School Operating Fund:	\$4,353,000.00
School Debt and Capital Outlay	\$0.00
School Textbook Fund	\$0.00

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,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

*ABSENT: Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.*

 9/8/2020 5:14 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following EDA Fund 4 appropriation:

EDA Fund 4	\$36,170.00
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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,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

*ABSENT: Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.*

 9/8/2020 5:14 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following Sheriff's Department Fund 748 appropriation:

Sheriff Dept Fund 748	\$3,864.72
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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,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

*ABSENT: Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.*

 9/8/2020 5:14 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following Recovery Court Fund 749 appropriation:

Recovery Court Fund 749	\$332.08
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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,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

*ABSENT: Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.*

 9/8/2020 5:14 PM Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to approve the following CARES Act Fund 775 appropriation:

CARES Act Fund 775	\$966,184.00
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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,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.


*ABSENT: Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.*


 9/8/2020 5:15 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened citizen's time.


 9/8/2020 5:15 PM With no one wishing to speak, Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed citizen's time.

 9/8/2020 5:15 PM Dr. Karen Shelton, Director of the Mount Rogers Health District, presented information to the Board concerning the COVID-19 situation within the County and Mount Rogers Health District. Dr. Shelton gave an overview of case numbers, testing sites, trends, available resources, and safety measures that can be taken to help prevent the spread of the disease. Dr. Shelton also provided an update on the comprehensive harm reduction program through the Health Department which helps link those struggling with substance abuse to available recovery resources. Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill thanked Dr. Shelton for her expertise and accessibility during the pandemic. Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff expressed concern to Dr. Shelton about Hepatitis C and the financial impacts it could create. Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant thanked Dr. Shelton for her presentation and asked if there was any way for active cases to be tracked

Dr. Shelton stated that Virginia does not track active cases, but looking at the total number of daily cases for the previous 10 days on the dashboard would give an approximate number of active cases. Dr. Shelton noted that large gatherings such as religious groups, protests, or family gatherings cannot be regulated by the Board, but she encouraged them to be done smartly and safely by following the recommended VDH guidelines.

 9/8/2020 5:49 PM James Tyler, CEO of Smyth County Community Hospital, provided a FY2020 update on the hospital and how Ballad Health is handling COVID-19 hospitalizations. He reviewed the hospital's financial performance, quality metrics, and patient satisfaction metrics. He noted that both the hospital and Francis Marion Manor ended the fiscal year over budget. The hospital also placed in the 90th percentile in quality target measures with the exception of one category. Mr. Tyler also reported that Smyth County Community Hospital is the only five-star rated hospital in Virginia through the healthcare Content Management System (CMS). Hospital staff have worked closed with the Health Department during the COVID-19 pandemic. He noted that there is currently an average of 100 COVID patients throughout the 21 Ballad hospitals. Some staff have been deployed to other hospitals based on their specialty and patient need. Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff asked questions concerning daily census, rate of transfers to other hospitals, the status of the local Urgent Care, substance abuse treatment and local mental health options. Mr. Tyler encouraged anyone with further questions to please reach out to him for more information.

 9/8/2020 6:17 PM Peggy Hurley provided an update on the 2020 Census. She reported that Virginia currently has an overall self-response rate of 70%, while Smyth County is at 60.7%. She noted that the Sugar Grove area has a particularly low response rate. Outreach efforts to the low responding areas have been limited due to the pandemic. The Census Bureau is working on a mobile questionnaire assistance program (MQA) to help with self-response for individuals who don't have mobile devices or internet access. Ms. Hurley stated she is open to suggestions on outreach opportunities because the County's future funding depends on the response rates. She reported that the response cut-off date has not been officially determined yet, but MQA events run through the end of September. Enumerators are being sent out to the areas with low response rates. Mr. Utt asked Ms. Hurley to provide him with information that can be put on the County's website and social media to help encourage participation.

 9/8/2020 6:32 PM Mr. Utt presented an MOU for child care services funded through CARES Act money. The County is partnering with Smyth County Schools to provide this service at the Education Center in the Atkins Industrial Park for front-line workers. The program would house 40 slots not to exceed \$25,000. Mr. Utt is requesting approval of the MOU and authorization to execute the MOU to have it in place before virtual school ends. The goal is to replicate this program on the western side of the County through United Way. *A motion was made by Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill to approve and execute the MOU for child care services. 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,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,*

*Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

*ABSENT: Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.*

 9/8/2020 6:35 PM Mr. Utt presented a letter from Northwood High School outlining their plans for a prom this Saturday evening outside in the Town square. They do have a need for the \$400 donation from the County to apply toward expenses. Mr. Utt spoke with Chilhowie parents and their 2020 prom has already been held and was fully funded by private donations. They asked the Board to consider donating the \$400 toward the 2021 prom since the juniors of 2020 did not get to participate in this year's prom. *Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the donations of \$400 each to Northwood and Chilhowie's proms. 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,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

*ABSENT: Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.*

 9/8/2020 6:37 PM Mr. Farthing reported that the petition to appoint the BZA members had been filed with the Clerk's Office this afternoon. The three members are being reappointed so any action that may have been taken by the members before their reappointment is fine.

 9/8/2020 6:38 PM Mr. Utt reported that an offer had been made for the Emergency Management Coordinator position and they will be starting on October 1st. Mr. Utt also discussed an e-mail he had received from Herb Clay requesting a day of unity in Smyth County, but Mr. Utt wants to do more research and the matter will be on a future agenda. A proclamation was presented from the Daughters of the American Revolution that Mr. Utt and Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant have been asked to sign. Also, the Commissioner of Revenue has asked for tax exoneration on two properties totaling \$768.70 relative to the Enterprise Zone exemption.

- Mt. View Properties – Acct #6874 – building located at 1204 N. Main St., Marion
- Richards Comm Properties – Acct #149233 – building located at 129/131 E. Main St., Chilhowie

A motion was made by Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins to approve the tax exemption as requested by the Commissioner of Revenue's Office. 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,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

*ABSENT: Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.*

 9/8/2020 6:42 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call reported that the Saltville District representative on the Library Board, Iris Worley, has resigned. *Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to appoint Heather Colley, 213 Woodbury Drive, Saltville to serve on the Library Board. 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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe D. Call.


*ABSENT: Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel,
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.*


Ms. Colley will complete the unexpired term ending 6/30/2022.


 9/8/2020 6:44 PM Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill reported that he had ordered 100 hot spots from Verizon through the School Board. The jump drives are being sent out with the food service deliveries to those areas that don't have internet available. He also noted that 75-80% of those without internet live in areas that do have cell service so the hot spots will help with providing them internet access. Also, the hot spots can be used at the daycare as a back-up if needed. The schools are doing everything they can to help get through this crisis and he is proud of the work being done.

 9/8/2020 6:45 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant thanked the Health District and Smyth County Community Hospital for tonight's helpful presentations.

 9/8/2020 6:46 PM Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins urged everyone to be safe.

 9/8/2020 6:46 PM Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff welcomed Mr. Sturgill to the Board since this was the first meeting they have attended together. Mr. Ratliff thanked law enforcement for a job well done. He appreciated the packet put together by the County Administration office for this meeting. He also thanked the local clergy for providing the invocation at tonight's meeting.

 9/8/2020 6:47 PM Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill also thanked the Board for supporting the school system and expressed appreciation to the EMS and healthcare workers for the challenges they face every day.

 9/8/2020 6:48 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant continued the meeting until Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 5:00 P.M.

The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held a continued meeting on Thursday, September 24, 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; Kristopher S. Ratliff, Park District Supervisor Roscoe Call, Saltville District Supervisor (6)

ABSENT: Phil Stevenson, North Fork District Supervisor (1)

STAFF: County Administrator Shawn Utt; Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson; County Attorney Scot Farthing; Administrative Assistant Christy Bise (4)

OTHERS: Smyth County Sheriff's Department Deputies; Stephanie Porter-Nichols, Smyth County News

 9/24/2020 5:01 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called the meeting to order.

 9/24/2020 5:01 PM Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel led a moment of silence for Charles "Dog" Woods, an Adwolfe Volunteer Fire Department member who recently passed away from a medical emergency while at the scene of a fire. The Board expressed their condolences to Mr. Woods' family.

 9/24/2020 5:05 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened the public hearing for the FY20-21 budget amendment. Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson read the public notice below for the record:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Smyth County Board of Supervisors
BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia, notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Smyth County, Virginia, will hold a public hearing in the Boardroom of the Smyth County Administration Building at 121 Bagley Circle, Marion, Virginia, on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. or soon thereafter, to receive comments on a proposed amendment of the budget for fiscal year 2020-2021.

This amendment will increase the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 adopted budget for additional federal CARES Act funding. The new total budget amount will be \$97,135,790.

All interested persons may express their views by emailing sutt@smythcounty.org prior to the meeting. Written comments may also be mailed to County Administrator,

121 Bagley Circle, Suite 100, Marion, VA 24354; or by fax to (276) 783-9314. All emails, written comments and faxes must be received by 2:00 PM Thursday, September 24, 2020. A copy of the proposed budget amendment is available for public review by contacting the County Administrator's Office. Anyone having questions regarding the above may contact the County Administrator's Office at 276-783-3298, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

In compliance with the provisions of 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 24 hours prior to the hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SMYTH COUNTY, VIRGINIA
Shawn Utt, County Administrator



9/24/2020 5:08 PM A motion was made by Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins to waive the reading of the rules. 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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.



9/24/2020 5:08 PM County Administrator Shawn Utt summarized the proposed budget amendments to the FY 20-21 budget. The total budget amendment of \$2,926,458 includes:

- Increase of \$2,626,458 to CARES Act Fund (775);
- Increase/transfer of \$300,000 to EDA Fund (004) from CARES Act Fund (775);
- Decrease of budgeted funds for Appalachian Juvenile Commission (General Fund, 001) in the amount of (\$24,852);
- Increase of I.T. Internet costs (General Fund, 001) by \$10,320; and
- Increase of Capital Outlay budget in Board of Supervisors budget (General Fund, 001) by \$14,532.



9/24/2020 5:14 PM With no one else wishing to speak, Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed the public hearing.



9/24/2020 5:14 PM A motion was made by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to waive the rules of public hearings and vote on the proposed FY20-21 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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.



9/24/2020 5:15 PM Mr. Utt presented the budget committee recommendations from the September 21, 2020 meeting.

- *Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to approve the FY20-21 budget amendments as presented. Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve recommendation along with the resolution for the FY 20-21 budget amendments as presented. Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion.

**RESOLUTION
SMYTH COUNTY BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 – AMENDMENT #1**

WHEREAS, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors, on June 30, 2020 adopted the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget in the original amount of \$94,209,332; and

WHEREAS, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors properly prepared a budget amendment #1 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and has advertised and held the required public hearings required by the Code of Virginia Section 15.2-2503, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate amount of budget amendment #1 is \$2,926,458 which would increase the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget to a total of \$97,135,790 as described in greater detail on Exhibit A attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors sets forth and approves the amended Smyth County Budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$97,135,790.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the approval of this budget shall not constitute an appropriation of funds.

Adopted this the 24th day of September, 2020

ATTEST:



Shawn M. Utt, Clerk

**SMYTH COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**



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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.



9/24/2020 5:16 PM Mr. Utt presented the second recommendation from the budget committee to appropriate the remaining Phase 1 CARES Act money along with all of Phase 2.

- *Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to appropriate the remaining Phase 1 and all of Phase 2 CARES Act Funding totaling \$4,286.732 . Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the recommendation for appropriation of the remaining Phase 1 CARES Act money along with all of the Phase 2 money. 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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.



9/24/2020 5:18 PM Mr. Utt presented the budget committee's recommendation to enter into an agreement with HGACBuy for local government procurement services. They are required to meet procurement standards that the County is held to and several other locations in the Mount Rogers region are using their services. The County would continue to shop between the cooperative and state contract for the best savings.

- *Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to approve execution of the purchase agreement documents with HGACBuy for national government procurement services and authorizes the County Administrator to execute the necessary documents. Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill made a motion to approve the recommendation and authorize signing the agreement with HGACBuy procurement services. 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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.



9/24/2020 5:20 PM Mr. Utt presented the budget committee's recommendation for the School Board's FY20 rollover funding request for window replacement at Marion Senior High School.

- Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to approve the School Board's request for use of their unspent funds in the amount of \$83,568. Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to approve the rollover funding request. 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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.



9/24/2020 5:21 PM A motion was made by Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, seconded by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, to approve the following General County appropriation:

General County	
Accounts Payable Listing	\$58,685.51
Total County Appropriation:	\$58,685.51


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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

 9/24/2020 5:22 PM A motion was made by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, seconded by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, to approve the following EDA Fund 4 appropriation:

EDA Fund 4 – Smyth Strong Fund (CARES Act funds)	\$300,000.00
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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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

 9/24/2020 5:22 PM A motion was made by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, seconded by Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, to approve the following Fund 749 appropriation:

Recovery Court Fund 749	\$331.70
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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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

 9/24/2020 5:22 PM A motion was made by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, seconded by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, to approve the following amendment to the School Board's Operating Fund/Instruction:

Schools – Operating Fund Amendment (Pg. 15)	
Instruction	\$21,100.00

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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.



9/24/2020 5:22 PM With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, seconded by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, to adjourn the meeting.

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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 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; Kristopher S. Ratliff, Park District Supervisor Roscoe Call, Saltville District Supervisor (6)

ABSENT: Phil Stevenson, North Fork District Supervisor (1)


STAFF: County Administrator Shawn Utt; Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson; County Attorney Scot Farthing; Emergency Services Coordinator Curtis Crawford; Administrative Assistants Kendra Hayden and Christy Bise (6)

OTHERS: Smyth County Sheriff's Department Deputy; Stephanie Porter-Nichols, Smyth County News; several citizens

 10/13/2020 5:01 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

 10/13/2020 5:01 PM Reverend Emily Edmondson, Christ Episcopal Church, gave the invocation.

 10/13/2020 5:02 PM Shawn Utt, County Administrator, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

 10/13/2020 5:03 PM Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel read the following resolution in honor of Adwolfe Volunteer Fire Fighter Charles "Dog" Woods who passed away at the scene of a fire on September 23, 2020.



SMYTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF FIREFIGHTER CHARLES “DOG” WOODS

WHEREAS, Charles C. “Dog” Woods, a dedicated, courageous, and beloved firefighter, who was born in and has been a lifelong resident of Smyth County; and,

WHEREAS, Firefighter Woods served his community for 34 years as a member of Adwolfe Volunteer Fire Department, Marion Lifesaving Crew, and Marion Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, on the morning of September 23rd, 2020, Firefighter Woods answered the call to protect his community and assist a neighbor in a time of need, and responded to a house fire in the call of duty, and during that duty made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Firefighter Woods lived selflessly, always thinking of others in life by providing aid to neighbors and the communities of Smyth County and even in death in being an organ donor; and,

WHEREAS, to honor his bravery and service to others, full fireman’s honors were rendered by the Adwolfe Volunteer Fire Department during Firefighter Woods’s interment; and,

WHEREAS, Firefighter Woods was a dedicated husband of 35 years to his wife, Missy and father of two sons, Zach and Jimmy, both of whom have followed in his footsteps to serve the community; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Smyth County Board of Supervisors would like to formally honor the family of Firefighter Woods for their support that allowed him to faithfully serve his community in so many ways for so many years; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Smyth County Board of Supervisors hereby note with great sadness the sacrifice of Firefighter Charles “Dog” Woods, a dedicated firefighter/EMT and a beloved member of the Adwolfe community and the Smyth County community as a whole.

Adopted this the 13th day of October, 2020

ATTEST:

**SMYTH COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Shawn M. Utt, Clerk

Judy Wyant, Chair

A motion was made by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to adopt the resolution. 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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

The resolution was presented to members of Mr. Woods' family along with members of the Adwolfe Volunteer Fire Department. The fire department thanked the County for their support during this difficult time. The Board expressed their condolences to Mr. Woods' family and fire department members.

 10/13/2020 5:10 PM *A motion was made by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, seconded by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2020 meeting.*


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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

 10/13/2020 5:10 PM *A motion was made by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, seconded by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2020 meeting.*

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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and*

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson



10/13/2020 5:11 PM Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson reviewed the County financial information.



10/13/2020 5:15 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following payment of invoices:

General County	
Accounts Payable Listing:	\$2,129,838.85
Payroll:	\$730,000.00
Auto Draft Rural Development:	\$15,515.00
Utilities/Misc	\$30,000.00
County Administration Fund:	\$5,000.00
Total County Appropriation (Plus Carryover):	\$2,900,000.00

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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson



10/13/2020 5:16 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following Social Services appropriations:

Social Services	
(October 14 – 31, 2020)	\$385,000.00
(November 1 – 10, 2020)	\$60,000.00
Total Social Services:	\$445,000.00

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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson

 10/13/2020 5:16 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following School Board appropriations:

Schools-Operating Fund	
Instruction	\$2,900,000.00
Administration, Attendance, & Health	\$125,000.00
Transportation	\$140,000.00
Facilities	\$335,000.00
School Food Service	\$225,000.00
Technology	\$100,000.00
Total School Operating Fund:	\$3,825,000.00

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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson

 10/13/2020 5:16 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following School Board appropriations:

School Debt and Capital Outlay	\$220,000.00
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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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson

 10/13/2020 5:17 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following CDBG Fund 303 appropriation:

CDBG Food Pantry Fund 303	\$6,025.00
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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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson

 10/13/2020 5:17 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following Fund 748 appropriation:

Sheriff Dept Fund 748	\$2,058.85
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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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*


NAYS: None.


ABSTAINERS: None.


ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson

 10/13/2020 5:17 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened citizen's time. Roby Parks, Jr, 187 Churchland Drive, Atkins, presented information about an on-going problem with the property located at 190 Churchland Drive, Atkins. Mr. Parks has been in contact with the Health Department, Sheriff's Department, Virginia State Police, and the County's Building and Zoning Department concerning junk cars, campers, and sewage issues related to that property. Mr. Parks reported that the Health Department has issued citations for sewage violations in the past, but when they come back and check the property is in compliance. Mr. Parks believes this is a nuisance and downgrading the value of his property. Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant deferred this matter to the County Attorney for more research and asked him to follow-up with Mr. Utt to get the issue resolved.

 10/13/2020 5:27 PM Jason Pratt, 159 Churchland Drive, Atkins, echoed what Mr. Parks said about the property located at 190 Churchland Drive. Mr. Pratt stated he has spoken with the Virginia State Police, VDOT, and the Commonwealth Attorney's Office and nothing has been resolved.

 10/13/2020 5:31 PM Nathan Gary, Saltville Rescue Squad, provided an update to the Board of the status of the squad. Mr. Gary provided call reports for the month of September and reported they are currently operating in the black. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call and Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant commended Mr. Gary and the squad for their hard work. Mr. Gary asked about the status of the new ambulance that has been ordered for Saltville and Mr. Crawford stated the expected arrival is in December.

 10/13/2020 5:34 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed citizen's time.

 10/13/2020 5:34 PM Mr. Utt presented a budget amendment request in the amount of \$111,541 for two items. One is a grant for mass casualty response from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management in the amount of \$27,973. This grant requires no local match from the County. The second request is from the School Board for window replacement at Marion Senior High School using FY20 rollover funds in the amount of \$83,568. *Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff made a motion to approve the budget amendment request and adopt the following resolution:*



SMYTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION SMYTH COUNTY BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 – AMENDMENT #2

WHEREAS, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors, on June 30, 2020 adopted the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget in the original amount of \$94,209,332; and

WHEREAS, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$97,135,790; and,

WHEREAS, the aggregate amount of budget amendment #2 is \$111,541 which would increase the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget to a total of \$97,247,331 as described in greater detail on Exhibit A attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors sets forth and approves the amended Smyth County Budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$97,247,331.

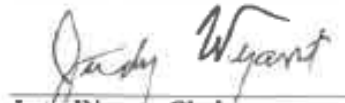
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the approval of this budget shall not constitute an appropriation of funds.

Adopted this the 13th day of October, 2020

SMYTH COUNTY
ATTEST:


Shawn M. Utt, Clerk

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


Judy Wyant, Chair

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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson



10/13/2020 5:36 PM Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel presented the following recommendations from the Water and Sewer Committee meeting on October 6, 2020:

- The Bank of Marion had requested a reduction in the water and sewer lien the County has on the property located at 1902 Ashton Lane, Marion.
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to deny the Bank of Marion's request for a reduction of the County's lien on the property located at 1902 Ashton Lane, Marion. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Additionally, North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson motioned that, upon approval from the Health Department, the sewer be plugged off at this property. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- Pump and haul permit request for 1105 South Main Street, Marion.
The committee unanimously agreed to table this matter until the Health Department makes their determination on the request.
- Deep sewer taps requiring special equipment that have to be contracted out to a third party at a higher cost.
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to leave the sewer connection fees the same and buy a trench box this fiscal year and reassess the fee schedule in the future. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- Additional refund request from Mrs. Foster for deceased son's property located on Harris Lane.
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to deny the additional refund request from Mrs. Foster for sewer fees paid by her deceased son. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The Board unanimously approved all four recommendations from the Water and Sewer Committee.




10/13/2020 5:42 PM Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins presented the following recommendations from the Animal Damage Committee meeting on October 6, 2020.


- Amanda McClure – 10 chickens – After review and discussion, *North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion approving \$30.00 to be paid for the claim. Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*
- Walter Thorpe – 6 chickens, 1 duck – After review and discussion, *North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion approving \$70.00 to be paid for the claim. Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*
- Wayne Talbert – 1 sheep – After review and discussion, *North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to deny the claim based on the inability to determine how the sheep died. Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

- Tiphney Evans – 1 pregnant goat – After review and discussion, *North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to deny the claim based on the inability to determine how the goat died. Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

The Board unanimously approved all four recommendations from the Animal Damage Committee.

 10/13/2020 5:45 PM County Attorney Scot Farthing stated he had nothing to report at this time.

 10/13/2020 5:45 PM Mr. Utt reported he had met with Herbert Clay about his request for a “Day of Unity” to bring groups from various sides of many issues together as a show of solidarity. After discussion, Mr. Utt and Mr. Clay agreed to get a larger group together to discuss a future plan. Mr. Utt presented information on a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) he is working on with County leadership staff. He is conducting an internal audit of needs from each department and anticipates presenting an initial draft of the CIP to the Board at their December meeting. Mr. Utt also discussed a proposed retreat for the Board to get together and have discussion about a variety of issues. No date or location has been determined yet, and he asked the Board to provide him with any ideas they might have. Mr. Utt is currently working to get a third-party facilitator to assist with the retreat. Mr. Utt reported that Aaron Sizemore has been working with the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy to get a copy of the mineral extraction permit for the mines in Saltville. The permit shows the County boundary relative to the location of both the salt and gas wells using the boundary line shown on USGS mapping. Mr. Utt is asking the Board if they would like to continue with the \$14,000 boundary survey that was previously authorized. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call reported that the gas company has two wells that he believes split the Smyth and Washington County lines. Mr. Call also reported that a new well (#5) will be drilled soon. Mr. Call recommended the survey move forward because there is good potential for capital investment of the company and revenue for the County. Mr. Utt noted that he wanted clarification for moving forward with the survey and no action from the Board is required at this time.

 10/13/2020 5:53 PM Mr. Utt reported that new information had come to his attention this afternoon and he is requesting the Board to add a closed session to the agenda before adjournment under Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)5 discussion concerning a prospective business or industry, or the expansion of an existing business and industry, where no previous announcement has been made of the business’ or industry’s interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community regarding Project Twin Rivers.

A motion was made by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call to amend the agenda to add closed session. 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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and*


Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins


NAYS: None.


ABSTAINERS: None.


ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson


 10/13/2020 5:54 PM Supervisor Comment Time – Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff welcomed the new Emergency Management Coordinator, Curtis Crawford. Mr. Crawford expressed his thanks for the opportunity and looks forward to working with the County and the Board. Mr. Ratliff also recognized School Board member Mac Buchanan and thanked him for coming to the meeting. He thanked Mr. Parks for coming before the Board and expressing his concerns and hopes to get the matter resolved. He thanked law enforcement for their presence at the meeting. Lastly, he stressed the importance of getting a flu shot and taking care of family members.

 10/13/2020 5:57 PM Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins reminded everyone the November meeting will be held on the second Thursday, November 12th. He encouraged everyone to be safe and appreciates that way the Board is working together to get things accomplished.

 10/13/2020 5:58 PM Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel thanked the Board for their support of the Adwolfe Fire Department and Mr. Woods' family. She commended Mr. Utt for his leadership and thinking ahead with a new vision and she looks forward to great things. She also welcomed Mr. Crawford to his new position and thanked him for the work he has done so far. Ms. Deel echoed what Mr. Atkins said about the Board working together to do what's best for the citizens. She is glad to be moving forward with the salt mines situation and hopes for large returns. She is also relieved that schools are going back to semi-normal schedules and encouraged everyone to be kind to teachers and the School Board with all the tough decisions that have to be made. Lastly, she encouraged everyone to stay safe and be mindful.

 10/13/2020 5:59 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant welcomed Mr. Crawford and stated she is glad to have his expertise and guidance. She added that the health and welfare of our community is primary and we need to do everything possible to keep everyone healthy. She thanked Mr. Utt for his good use of taxpayer dollars. Ms. Wyant thanked everyone, including the School Board, for their hard work this year and she looks forward to planning the capital improvement projects in the coming year.

 10/13/2020 6:01 PM Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill welcomed Mr. Crawford and looks forward to his work. He also thanked EMS for doing a great job and for their dedication and sacrifice. Mr. Sturgill thanked Mr. Buchanan for attending tonight's meeting and he appreciates that hard work of the School Board. He thanked law enforcement for the protection of the County and Mr. Utt and his team for their leadership.

 10/13/2020 6:02 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call welcomed everyone who attended tonight's meeting. He expressed concern over the convenience station workers who are working on the front-lines of COVID and only being paid minimum wage. Mr. Call understands that minimum

wage is going up January 1, 2021, but he would like to make a motion to raise all County minimum wage employees' pay to the new amount effective November 1, 2020 instead of waiting until January to show gratitude and appreciation. Board Members also discussed the idea of doing a one-time bonus now and then giving the raise as scheduled in January. Mr. Utt recommended that staff do more research on this issue and bring the information back before the Board at the November meeting. *Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call amended his motion to direct staff to research the wage/bonus issue and create a plan to present at the November Board Meeting. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.* Mr. Atkins said that, as discussed in budget meetings, all salaries need to be looked at based on the minimum wage increase. Mr. Ratliff asked about the status of the salary study approved by the Board and asked if staff could also provide the Board with a roster of current positions and salaries at the November meeting.


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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson

 10/13/2020 6:08 PM *A motion was made by Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins to enter into closed session under Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)5 discussion concerning a prospective business or industry, or the expansion of an existing business and industry, where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community regarding Project Twin Rivers. 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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson

 10/13/2020 6:21 PM *It was moved by Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, seconded by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, 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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson



10/13/2020 6:23 PM A motion was made by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, 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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff,
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, and
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson


The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held a regular meeting on Thursday, November 12, 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; Michael Sturgill, Chilhowie District Supervisor; Phil Stevenson, North Fork District Supervisor; Kristopher S. Ratliff, Park District Supervisor; Roscoe Call, Saltville District Supervisor (6)


ABSENT: Charles Atkins, Atkins District Supervisor (1)

STAFF: County Administrator Shawn Utt; Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson; County Attorney Scot Farthing; Administrative Assistant Christy Bise (4)

OTHERS: Smyth County Sheriff Chip Shuler and Sheriff's Department Deputy; Stephanie Porter-Nichols, Smyth County News; several citizens

 11/12/2020 5:01 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

 11/12/2020 5:02 PM Manuel Street, GIS Coordinator, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Invocations were given by Administrative Assistant Kendra Hayden and Reverend Latara Turner Cross, Mt. Zion Temple Family Worship Center.

 11/12/2020 5:04 PM *A motion was made by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, seconded by Chilhowie District Supervisor Mike Sturgill, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 meeting.*

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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson

ABSENT: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

 11/12/2020 5:04 PM Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson reviewed the County financial information.

 11/12/2020 5:08 PM *Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following payment of invoices:*

General County	
Accounts Payable Listing:	\$1,155,013.45
Payroll:	\$750,000.00
Auto Draft Rural Development:	\$15,515.00
Utilities/Misc	\$30,000.00
County Administration Fund:	\$5,000.00
Total County Appropriation (Plus Carryover):	\$1,600,000.00

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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

 11/12/2020 5:08 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following Social Services appropriations:

Social Services	
(November 11 - 30, 2020)	\$425,000.00
(December 1 - 8, 2020)	\$60,000.00
Total Social Services:	\$4,850,000.00

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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

 11/12/2020 5:09 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following School Board appropriations:

Schools-Operating Fund	
Instruction	\$3,550,000.00
Administration, Attendance, & Health	\$160,000.00
Transportation	\$200,000.00
Facilities	\$300,000.00
School Food Service	\$475,000.00
Technology	\$125,000.00
Total School Operating Fund:	\$4,810,000.00

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, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill

ABSENT: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

 11/12/2020 5:09 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following School Board appropriations:

School Debt and Capital Outlay	\$1,135,000.00
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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, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill

ABSENT: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

 11/12/2020 5:09 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following Four-for-Life distribution:

Town of Marion Fire and EMS	\$7,136.22
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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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

 11/12/2020 5:09 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following Four-for-Life distribution:

Town of Chilhowie Fire Department	\$7,136.22
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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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

 11/12/2020 5:10 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following Four-for-Life distribution:

Saltville Rescue Squad	\$7,136.22
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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



11/12/2020 5:10 PM Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to approve the following Four-for-Life distribution:

Sugar Grove Life Saving Crew	\$7,136.22
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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

Mr. Utt clarified that the Four-For-Life distributions are awarded to agencies that provide EMS services.



11/12/2020 5:11 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following EDA Fund 4 appropriation:

EDA Fund 4	\$65,600.00
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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

 11/12/2020 5:11 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following CDBG Fund 303 appropriation:

CDBG Food Pantry Fund 303	\$433,975.00
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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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

 11/12/2020 5:12 PM Chilhowie District Supervisor Mike Sturgill made a motion to approve the following Fund 746 appropriation:

Sheriff Dept Fund 746	\$6,500.00
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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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

 11/12/2020 5:12 PM Chilhowie District Supervisor Mike Sturgill made a motion to approve the following Fund 748 appropriation:

Sheriff Dept Fund 748	\$4,919.37
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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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

 11/12/2020 5:12 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following Fund 749 appropriation:

Recovery Court Fund 749	\$872.15
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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

 11/12/2020 5:13 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened citizen's time.

 11/12/2020 5:13 PM With no one wishing to speak, Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed citizen's time.

 11/12/2020 5:13 PM Mr. Utt asked that the Unity Day item on the agenda be skipped for now until those scheduled to speak arrive.

 11/12/2020 5:14 PM Building and Grounds Committee recommendation – Committee Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel presented the following recommendations from the committee:

- Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff made a motion to transfer ownership of the Cornerstone property to the Smyth County Economic Development Authority (EDA) and direct them to put out an RFP for a realtor to sell the property at a negotiated minimum price with the profits to be split 50/50 with the County. Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.*

After discussion, the Board tabled the matter and directed Mr. Utt to review the last appraisal of the property and gather more information to be presented at the November 19th Board Meeting.

Status of Riverside Community Center:

- *Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff made a motion to transfer ownership of the Riverside Community Center to the Riverside Ruritan Club. The County will notify the Electoral Board of the transfer of ownership. Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.*

After consideration, the committee recommendation 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

Heating system for Morrison Building:

- *Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff made a motion to hire a mechanical engineer to evaluate the heat needs for the Morrison Building and develop the specifications to be put out for bid. Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.*

After consideration, the committee recommendation 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

Southwest Virginia Community Corrections space at the Courthouse:

- *Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff made a motion to utilize remaining Courthouse bond funds to do the necessary renovations to house the Community Corrections offices and to complete the sewer line repairs. Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.*


After consideration, the committee recommendation 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

 11/12/2020 5:39 PM Mr. Utt presented information on the Unity Day follow-up as discussed at the last Board Meeting. The Justice, Equality, Peace, Change (JEPC) organization has approached various elected bodies to start the process of pulling people back together in unity. The Town of Marion and City of Bristol have adopted resolutions in support of the unity project. Various members of the JEPC including Misty Russell, Travon Brown, Herbert Clay, and Sabrina Meadows presented information to the Board about the mission of the JEPC and asked the Board to support an end discrimination and denounce racism. Lasandra Thompson also spoke in support of unity as a representative from the Grassroots Coalition of Southwest Virginia. Board Members expressed their appreciation for the presentation and the information provided. Mr. Utt will take the information that was shared at tonight's meeting and draft a resolution for the Board's consideration at the December meeting.

 11/12/2020 6:14 PM Public Safety Committee – Committee Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel presented the following committee recommendation:

- A motion was made by Chilhowie District Supervisor Mike Sturgill for the Board of Supervisors to send a letter of support to each of the Fire Departments within the County. The motion was seconded by Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff and unanimously approved.*

After consideration, the committee recommendation 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

 11/12/2020 6:23 PM Budget Committee – Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel presented the following committee recommendations:

Budget Amendment Request –

School Board:

1. **Governor's Emergency Education Relief Funds (GEER):** these funds were provided to the School System to purchase backpack foggers, mobile hot spots for students who need them (and have cell coverage at home), and water bottle fill stations for every school. The amount of GEER funds is **\$227,625**.
2. **Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF):** these funds were provided by the Governor and have the same spending deadline as the County's CARES Act funding (spent by Dec. 30th). The Superintendent is recommending the purchase of buses, Chromebooks for teachers and miscellaneous reimbursements for costs incurred last school year (mostly OT-type). The amount of CRF funds is **\$709,170**.
3. **Smyth County CARES Act Funds:** Following their anticipated action to approve their budget on November 9th, we will need for formally appropriate the County's contribution (**\$776,157**) into Fund 009.

VDEM grant:

1. The VDEM grant is for an additional \$49,804 and will need to be included in the budget prior to moving forward. It does require a local match, but that money could come from CARES Act funds

Additional CARES Act funding for Broadband:

1.

	Joint Applicant	Amount	Grant	Match
Application #1	Point Broadband LLC	\$262,875	\$191,427	\$71,448
Application #2	Point Broadband LLC	\$140,405	\$122,165	\$18,240
Application #3	SmythNet	\$ 65,600	\$ 65,600	\$0
	TOTAL	\$468,880	\$379,192	\$94,688

The total budget amendment would be in the amount of \$2,141,948.

- *A motion was made by Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to set a public hearing at the November Board Meeting for December 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for the proposed budget amendments. Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

After consideration, the committee recommendation 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 Commissioner of Revenue's Office is requesting to add in Royal Oak Real Estate LLC to the Enterprise Zone Program. The value of the increase in assessment is \$8,867.69, which is the amount requested to be exonerated for the Enterprise Zone Program.

- *A motion was made by Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to approve the Enterprise Zone Program request. Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

After consideration, the committee recommendation 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

 11/12/2020 6:31 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant, called for a 10-minute recess.

 11/12/2020 6:48 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called the meeting back to order.

 11/12/2020 6:48 PM Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel continued with the following Budget Committee recommendations:

- *Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant made a motion to implement the minimum wage increase to \$9.50 per hour effective January 1, 2021, with a one-time \$500 bonus for all full-time employees and a one-time \$250 bonus for all part-time employees to be paid on November 30, 2020. Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

After consideration, the committee recommendation 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

- *Tax relief request from the Commissioner of Revenue's Office for a \$1,778.65 refund as part of the Tax Relief Program for a property located on Skyview Drive in Chilhowie.*

Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to approve the tax refund request. Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

After consideration, the committee recommendation 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

- *Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to appropriate \$10,000 of CARES Act funds to the Konnarock Center for walking track improvements if enough funding remains available and Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion. Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant abstained from the vote because she would like to see all areas of the County be evaluated for funding consideration. After further discussion, Ms. Wyant agreed with the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

After consideration, the committee recommendation 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

Mr. Utt reported that he had asked the AirMedCare Network to provide another presentation to the Board at the January meeting.



11/12/2020 6:58 PM Sheriff Chip Shuler presented information to the Board concerning legislative effort to repeal or revise the judicial doctrine of qualified immunity for law enforcement officials. He noted that qualified immunity doesn't excuse law enforcement from an unlawful act, it protects them from frivolous lawsuits. If the qualified immunity goes away, hiring and retaining law enforcement officers in Virginia would become extremely difficult. Sheriff Shuler also noted that the County would see an enormous cost increase for insurance coverage if this legislation passes. *A motion was made by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to support a resolution in opposition to any legislative effort to repeal or revise the judicial doctrine of qualified immunity for law enforcement officers. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion.*



SMYTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO ANY LEGISLATIVE EFFORT TO REPEAL OR REVISE THE JUDICIAL DOCTRINE OF QUALIFIED IMMUNITY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Virginia is considering possible repeal or revision of the judicial doctrine of qualified immunity, and

WHEREAS qualified immunity protects law enforcement officials from frivolous, vengeful, and harassing lawsuits while allowing full trial of any case with merit; and

WHEREAS any legislative repeal or revision of qualified immunity would manifestly harm law enforcement by putting law enforcement officers at constant risk of unjustified lawsuits for almost every action they take; and

WHEREAS, any legislative repeal or revision of qualified immunity would require the taxpayers of Smyth County to pay for the defense of any and every claim against law enforcement officials, no matter how frivolous or unjustified; and

WHEREAS, repeal or revision would contribute to making law enforcement officials hesitate or refrain from becoming involved in some high-conflict situations because of the fear of liability, even for actions taken in good faith, and such hesitation or restraint will jeopardize public safety; and

WHEREAS, repeal or revision would make it harder to recruit and to retain the most highly qualified candidates for deputy positions because of the fear of repeated unjustified lawsuits; and

WHEREAS efforts at repeal or revision represent ill-advised prejudice against the men and women of law enforcement who put their lives on the line every day to protect public safety,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SMYTH COUNTY:

1. That Smyth County opposes any legislative repeal or revision of the judicial doctrine of qualified immunity and urges the County's delegation to the General Assembly to oppose any such effort.
2. The Clerk shall provide an attested copy of this resolution to all members of the County's delegation to the General Assembly.

Adopted by the Smyth County Board of Supervisors this 12th day of November, 2020.

ATTEST:


Shawn M. Utt, Clerk

**SMYTH COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**


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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins



11/12/2020 7:08 PM County Attorney Scot Farthing noted he had nothing new to report at this time.



11/12/2020 7:08 PM County Administrator's Report – Mr. Utt provided an update on the revenue sharing project for Colecrest. This was a revenue sharing project that was originally incorporated into the VDOT system in the mid-2000's with the owners agreeing to pay 50% of the cost over a 10-year period. There are 2 properties that still have outstanding balances, one of which was the property that the title search was completed for. The owners recently received a notice from the County Treasurer regarding the amount due (\$2,303.63 in principle and an additional \$729.97 in interest = \$3,033.60 total due). In the 2000's, the Treasurer's office was filing the agreements with Judgements and like documents but are now filing them with the deeds to make it easier to track. Since the researcher missed the filing, she is willing to pay the amount due but it respectfully requesting the waiver of the interest (\$729.97) that has accrued since 2015. In consultation with the County Treasurer, he is supportive of the request and is happy to be able to receive the principle amount due. *North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to deny the request from the title company requesting a waiver of the interest penalty. 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

Revenue Sharing – VDOT recently reported that the revenue sharing project to pave Green Acres Drive was funded, but the Commonwealth Transportation Board has moved all revenue sharing projects to FY25-26. It is possible that the projects may be moved forward, but the likelihood of that is not known at this time.

COF Extension for Speyside – Mr. Utt reported that the start-up process for Speyside Cooperage’s operation has been delayed by COVID-19. They are now up and operational, but behind schedule for hiring expectations outlined in their performance agreement. They currently have hired 28 of the 125 employees they originally committed to, but have invested close to \$33 million which exceeds their original \$25 million investment commitment. They are asking for a 15-month extension to meet the performance agreement hiring expectations. The state is support of this extension request, but it does require Board approval. *North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson made a motion to extend the COF extension request from Speyside Cooperage to meet hiring expectations. 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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

Board Retreat – Mr. Utt reported that he found a consultant, The Berkley Group, willing to facilitate the Board Retreat. He has also reached out to Shannon Blevins at UVA Wise to check her availability in participating. Possible locations for the retreat are Hemlock Haven or the Holston Hills Country Club with the option to hold an all-day event or split it up into two successive days. *Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to move forward with planning the Board retreat. 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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins

Financial Policies – Mr. Utt presented financial policies for review as recommended by auditors Robinson, Farmer, Cox. The documents include a draft Conflict of Interest Policy and information related to grant administration and financial management. He asked the Board to review these documents and they will be added to the November 19th meeting agenda for discussion and action.



11/12/2020 7:21 PM Supervisor Comment Time:

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call apologized for being unable to attend the recent Building and Grounds Committee Meeting due to health issues.

North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson stated that Mr. Call is a good supervisor and he's glad to hear his health is improving. Mr. Stevenson said he has missed some recent meetings due to doctor's appointments and work schedule conflicts, but he's seeing things committees have done with an open mind, which he appreciates. He is here for the County and not himself, but he expressed caution with moving forward and getting all the information possible before making decisions. He also noted that he supports law enforcement and appreciates the job Mr. Farthing is doing as County Attorney.

Chilhowie District Supervisor Mike Sturgill appreciates the support of the Board in trying to make the County the best place to live.

Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant appreciates the efforts of the Board working together for the citizens during this challenging year.

Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel reported on flooding concerns in the St. Clair's Creek area on Route 800. VDOT has made improvements to the intersection, but it has actually made flooding worse so she is completing a road maintenance form for submission. She noted that Casey's Diner has reopened with a new menu. Ms. Deel also requested a report/update on the Smyth Strong fund. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins wanted to make an appointment to the EDA for his district so, in his absence, *Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel made a motion to appoint James McNeil, 289 Hutton Branch Road, Marion VA to serve on the EDA for the Atkins District.*

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

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

Ms. Deel continued that she would like to recognize employees who have recently retired/resigned at the December Board Meeting.

Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff discussed concerns about COVID-19. He commended Ms. Deel for her leadership on the EMS/Public Safety Committee. He also recognized the School Board for their handling of the COVID-19 and tackling the tough subject and trying to make the right decisions. Supervisor Ratliff brought up the matter of the Bank of Marion's request concerning the Ashton Lane property lien that the Board had voted on at the October 2020 meeting. The Bank of Marion has reached out to him to asking the Board to reconsider a forbearance on the outstanding water bill, otherwise the property will continue to be on the books without going anywhere. Supervisor Ratliff made a motion allowing Mr. Utt to enter into negotiations with the Bank of Marion to recover the original outstanding bill of approximately \$2,500 without the extra penalties to get it off the books. Mr. Utt noted that the water on the property comes from the Town of Marion while the sewer comes from the County and the Health Department is strongly against plugging the sewer. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson asked Supervisor Ratliff if it was his intent to reverse the committee recommendation that was approved at the October meeting and bring forth a new motion to move forward with the Bank of Marion's request. Supervisor Ratliff stated that it was because otherwise the property is just going to sit there. Mr. Stevenson asked for Mr. Farthing's input on bringing forward a new motion. Mr. Farthing stated that a new motion would need to be made by someone on the prevailing side of the previous unanimous vote. *Supervisor Ratliff stated he is retracting his vote and is making a motion to reconsider the Bank of Marion's request and allow Mr. Utt to settle on a compromised amount not less than the outstanding sewer bill and for the bank to move forward with foreclosure.* Supervisor Call asked if the bank sells the property for more than the outstanding sewer bill would the surplus be used toward the bill. Mr. Farthing added that the discounted bill is only good to sell the property; any surplus would come to the County until our bill is paid. *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

Supervisor Ratliff asked about the status of the Churchland Drive situation that Mr. Roby Parks presented to the Board at the last meeting. Mr. Utt stated the previous zoning violations were rectified, but have since gone back into violation. Letters have been sent to the property owner notifying them of the violations and the matter will be turned over to Mr. Farthing to start the process of filing suit if they are not resolved. Supervisor Ratliff would like the matter to stay under Old Business each month until resolved, but Mr. Farthing noted that Court's aren't hearing cases right now so it could be a while before any resolution is reached. Supervisor Ratliff also added he would like to see broadband service on the forefront of every meeting.



11/12/2020 7:42 PM A motion was made by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to enter into closed session under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711-A (8) Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel regarding a proposal from the Smyth County Community Foundation. 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,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None

ABSENT: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins



11/12/2020 8:35 PM A motion was made by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel to return to open session. 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

It was moved by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, seconded by North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson, 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



11/12/2020 8:36 PM The meeting was continued until Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held its continued meeting at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 19, 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; Roscoe Call, Saltville District Supervisor (via telephone) (4)


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; Phil Stevenson, North Fork District Supervisor; Kristopher S. Ratliff, Park District Supervisor (3)

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, several citizens

Chair of the Board of Supervisors, Judy Wyant and Joel Pugh, Chairman of the Planning Commission, called the joint public hearing to order.

 11/19/2020 7:19 PM Ms. Wyant read the rules allowing Mr. Call to participate via conference call for this meeting.

 11/19/2020 7:20 PM Ms. Deel made the motion to waive the reading of the rules. Mr. Call seconded the motion and unanimously passed.

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**

The Smyth County Board of Supervisors and the Smyth County Planning Commission will conduct a joint public hearing on Thursday, November 19, at 7:00 P.M. or as soon after 7:00 P.M. as an application may be heard, in the Smyth County Office Building, 121 Bagley Circle, Marion, Virginia, to consider the following application to the Zoning Ordinance of Smyth County, Virginia:

An application from Freedom Tabernacle Baptist Church for a Special Use Permit for a Group Care Facility. The property is located at 665 Rocky Hollow Road, Atkins Virginia, identified as Tax Map Numbers: 49D-1-10, 49D-1-11, and is zoned Agricultural/Rural.

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


Copies of the application(s) along with their maps/drawings are on file in the Office of the County Administrator of Smyth County. Copies are also maintained by the County Zoning Administrator at the address given above, and may be viewed during regular business hours Monday through Friday.

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 and the Planning Commission.

Shawn Utt, County Administrator


Joel Pugh, Chairman of the Planning Commission


 11/19/2020 7:21 PM Mr. Williams read the outline of the Special Use Permit. He explained Freedom Tabernacle Baptist Church is negotiating to purchase a home located at 665 Rocky Hollow Road in Atkins. The proposed site will be used as a Group Care Facility.

 11/19/2020 7:22 PM Mr. Williams read letters from the following adjoining property owners:


Diane & Jay Rossell 642 Rocky Hollow Road
Brenda Breedlove 552 Rocky Hollow Road
George & Susan Ratcliffe 669 Rocky Hollow Road
Wendy Ratcliffe 697 Rocky Hollow Road
Brian Cress 654 Rocky Hollow Road

The issues highlighted in the above letters were: the impact of the additional traffic on an already dangerous, narrow rural road, whether the residents would have 24-hour supervision, the number of residents residing in the home, septic issues including sewage odor and leakage, and the location of the proposal.

 11/19/2020 7:29 PM Mr. Mike Sage, Pastor at Freedom Tabernacle Baptist Church addressed the board and commissioners. He explained this will be a home for no more than eight residents at a time. He has contacted the health department to address the septic issues. This facility will have 24-hour care and supervision.

 11/19/2020 7:41 PM Ms. Debra Parks addressed the board and commissioners. Ms. Parks is a licensed clinical social worker and will be the director of the facility. She explained the facility will be licensed through the Department of Social Services and will be monitored and inspected


twice a year. The residents will not be allowed to stay if they have current drug or alcohol problems. The workers at the facility must pass a background check before employment or volunteering.

 11/19/2020 7:55 PM Mr. Pugh asked Ms. Parks if there will be paid staff. Ms. Parks explained there would be paid personnel consisting of a director available 24-hours, and trained house parents on eight-hour shifts.

Ms. Wagoner asked for the total occupant load of the proposed facility. Ms. Parks indicated that the Health Department would dictate that number once the septic system(s) are evaluated.

Mr. Pugh asked Mr. Sage about the timeline of the project. Mr. Sage explained the licensure approval is through July 1, 2021.

Ms. Deel questioned if the special legislation specifying the facility was to be placed on church property would present a problem. Mr. Sage indicated that he was working with Mr. Todd Pillion on that matter but he was hopeful it would not be an issue considering the church planned to purchase the property.

 11/19/2020 8:05 PM The citizens signed up for citizen's time spoke:


George Ratcliffe: 669 Rocky Hollow Road: Mr. Ratcliffe spoke in opposition to the facility. He explained the home was in a bad location, it is in disrepair, and the septic has issues.

He also asked about the age limit of the children staying. Ms. Parks said the children would not be over 18 years of age.

Mike Ratcliffe: 669 Rocky Hollow Road: Mr. Ratcliffe spoke about concerns for the resident's safety because he has livestock and honey bees on his property. He is concerned about convicted felons due to his job regulations with the Department of Corrections. Sewage concerns need to be addressed. He is concerned about elderly widows living nearby. He spoke about a need for a privacy fence. Mr. Ratcliffe came to this meeting opposed, but is now undecided after hearing Mr. Sage's proposal.

Scott Ratcliffe: 260 Perry Lane: Mr. Ratcliffe asked if the residents would be local citizens.

Michael Burton: Mr. Burton asked about the change of use at a later date, if sold. Mr. Williams read the definition of a Group Home Facility and indicated that if approved, it would be the only additional use allowed on the property, regardless of ownership. Mr. Burton asked if conditions could be placed on the application if it is approved. He suggested the number of residents should be limited, the septic system should be approved by the health department, and the facility should be licensed.

 11/19/2020 8:23 PM Mr. Pugh closed the public hearing and asked for a recess until 8:30 PM

(Board of Supervisors Meeting relocated to the 3rd floor School Board Meeting Room)

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| • General County | \$9,000.00 (Laurel Springs Farm to be reimbursed from Fund 303 CDBG Food Pantry Grant) |
| • Fund 4 CARES Act/Smyth Strong | \$13,500.00 |

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, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

*ABSENT: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.*

8:36 PM A motion was made by Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel, seconded by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, 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, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

*ABSENT: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins
North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff.*

The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 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 (electronically); Charles Atkins, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins Supervisor; Michael Sturgill, Chilhowie District Supervisor; Phil Stevenson, North Fork District Supervisor; Kristopher S. Ratliff, Park District Supervisor (electronically); Roscoe Call, Saltville District Supervisor (7)


ABSENT: None

STAFF: County Administrator Shawn Utt; Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson; County Attorney Scot Farthing; Emergency Management Coordinator Curtis Crawford; Administrative Assistant Christy Bise (5)

OTHERS: Smyth County Sheriff's Department Deputy; Stephanie Porter-Nichols, Smyth County News; several citizens

 12/8/2020 5:03 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

 12/8/2020 5:03 PM Lisa Richardson, Assistant County Administrator, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Justin Hall, Cedar Bluff Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

 12/8/2020 5:05 PM A motion was made by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, seconded by Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill to approve the minutes from the November 12, 2020 meeting as written.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call 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,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.



12/8/2020 5:07 PM A motion was made by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, seconded by Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2020 meeting as written.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson.

ABSENT: None.



12/8/2020 5:08 PM Assistant County Administrator Lisa Richardson reviewed the County financial information.



12/8/2020 5:10 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following payment of invoices:

General County	
Accounts Payable Listing:	\$877,478.11
CDBG grant invoices (to be reimbursed from Fund 303)	\$15,500.00
Payroll:	\$745,000.00
Auto Draft Rural Development:	\$15,515.00
Utilities/Misc	\$30,000.00
County Administration Fund:	\$5,000.00
Total County Appropriation (Plus Carryover):	\$1,800,000.00

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call 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,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.



12/8/2020 5:11 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following Social Services appropriations.

Social Services	
(December 9 – 31, 2020)	\$410,000.00
(January 1 – 12, 2021)	\$60,000.00
Total Social Services:	\$470,000.00

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call 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,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 12/8/2020 5:12 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following School Board appropriations:

Schools-Operating Fund	
Instruction	\$2,800,000.00
Administration, Attendance, & Health	\$110,000.00
Transportation	\$365,000.00
Facilities	\$350,000.00
School Food Service	\$225,000.00
Technology	\$65,000.00
Total School Operating Fund:	\$3,915,000.00
School Debt and Capital Outlay	\$1,500.00
School Textbook Fund	\$0.00

Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call 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,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

ABSENT: None.



12/8/2020 5:12 PM District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following School Board appropriations:

School Debt and Capital Outlay	\$1,500.00
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Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call 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,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

ABSENT: None.



12/8/2020 5:13 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following Sheriff's Department Fund 748 appropriation:

Sheriff Dept Fund 748	\$1,282.33
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Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call 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,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.



12/8/2020 5:13 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following Recovery Court Fund 749 appropriation:

Recovery Court Fund 749	\$177.23
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Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call 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,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 12/8/2020 5:14 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the following Fund 775 appropriation:

Fund 775 (Broadband CARES Funds)	\$313,592.00
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Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill seconded the motion.


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call 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,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 12/8/2020 5:15 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened citizen's time.

Charles Wassum, Wassona Circle, Marion, spoke regarding the draft resolution being considered in support of the Constitutional right of unity and equality. He expressed concern about the wording and phrasing used in the resolution and how it might be interpreted as a misrepresentation by the Board of the County's citizens. Mr. Utt stated that he had written the resolution and it is still in draft form and would only be signed with the Board's adoption and approval. Mr. Wassum added that Board adoption of the resolution would indicate there was a racism problem in Southwest Virginia, which he does not believe to be the case. He also stated that individual Board members should sign such a document, but not sign it as a Board representing the whole County. Mr. Wassum noted that a public hearing should be conducted on the matter and the resolution reworked to allow citizens a choice.



12/8/2020 5:31 PM Nathan Gary, Saltville Rescue Squad, distributed October reports to the Board for review. He reported that the Squad has adopted a family to purchase Christmas gifts for and they are also participating in the first responder shopping at Walmart on December 12th. Over the last three months, they are averaging 90 calls a month, mostly due to COVID. Grant money has become available for some COVID-related purchases, and Mr. Gary would like to ask the Board's consideration for help with matching funds for a grant purchase coming up in February. Ms. Wyant asked about the current budget deficit, and Mr. Gary reported that was due to some unexpected vehicle maintenance issues and will be corrected. Mr. Gary also noted the squad is in a much better financial situation than this time last year. Mr. Call stated that he serves on the Board for the Rescue Squad and, for various reasons, has been unable to attend recent meetings but he does plan to be at the next one.



12/8/2020 5:39 PM With no one else wishing to speak, Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed citizen's time.



12/8/2020 5:39 PM Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins read the following resolution in recognition of Ron Thomason's contributions to Smyth County:



SMYTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF RON THOMASON UPON HIS RETIREMENT AS SMYTH COUNTY DIRECTOR OF TOURISM

WHEREAS, Ron Thomason served as the Cabinetry Plant Manager for Merillat Industries, helping recruit, build, and grow two facilities in Smyth County; and

WHEREAS, following retirement from Merillat, Ron Thomason stepped back into the workforce to help Smyth County as the first Director of Tourism – a part time role with a full-time commitment to build tourism as a vital industry in Smyth County; and

WHEREAS, Ron Thomason was instrumental to many tourism initiatives, including the Fly-Fishing Trail and annual Trout Unlimited fishing event, Smyth County presence at national and regional travel shows, the ongoing operation of the Smyth County Visitor's Center at the Bonham House; and

WHEREAS, Ron Thomason's crowning achievement is the development, promotion and growth of "Back of the Dragon" and the new Walker Mountain Overlook, where he secured over \$800,000 in grant funding and land rights to build this unique addition to help propel this attraction to national attention; and

WHEREAS, Ron Thomason is an avid golfer, traveler, and a West Virginia Mountaineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SMYTH COUNTY, VIRGINIA, that we hereby express our most sincere appreciation for the leadership provided by Ron Thomason through his talents, hard work, stewardship, skill, and love of our towns and county, and wish him well in his retirement.

Adopted this the 8th day of December, 2020

ATTEST:


Shawn M. Utt, Clerk

**SMYTH COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**


Judy Wyant, Chair

Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant made a motion to approve the resolution. Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call 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,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill*


NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Mr. Thomason thanked the Board of Supervisors, Tourism Board, and the citizens for their support over the years. Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant commended Mr. Thomason for the asset he has been to the County.

 12/8/2020 5:55 PM Emily Viers, with Robinson, Farmer and Cox Accounting Firm presented the Audit for the County for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020. Ms. Viers reported that no non-compliances were noted. Ms. Wyant asked about the material weakness noted for the School Board's cafeteria account, uncollectibles, and variances. Ms. Wyant also expressed concern about the Library's balances. Ms. Viers commended the County on fund balances being up by \$2 million. Debt service payments went down while money remains in place to purchase a boiler. The unassigned balance has grown up to \$11 million this year due to general property tax and sales tax growth. Ms. Viers added that she would like to see the School Board's cafeteria account moved to the Treasurer's Office. It was also recommended for water and sewer to be shown in two separate columns to meet Rural Development requirements, which would be a large undertaking. Mr. Viers added that Conflict of Interest forms are due soon and need to be done in a timely and complete manner. Ms. Viers asked for the Board Members to review the document in full and notify their firm with any questions.

 12/8/2020 6:21 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called for a 10-minute recess.

 12/8/2020 6:33 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant called the meeting back to order.

 12/8/2020 6:34 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened the public hearing for the Riverside School. Mr. Utt read the following public hearing notice for the record:


Notice of Public Hearing

The Board of Supervisors of Smyth County, Virginia will conduct a public hearing in the Boardroom of the Board of Supervisors, 121 Bagley Circle, Suite 100, Marion, Virginia, on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., or soon thereafter, to consider the donation/transfer of the Riverside Community Center from the Smyth County Board of Supervisors to the Riverside Ruritan Club. The purpose of this hearing will be to consider if Smyth County will donate and transfer the real estate and buildings of the old Riverside Elementary School, located at 114 Red Stone Road in the community of Chilhowie, tax map number 65-A-167, in the Chilhowie Voting District, and Rye Valley Magisterial District, with reversion rights to the Smyth County Board of Supervisors if the same is abandoned as a community center, or the community center ceases to operate, and subject to such other conditions as the Board of Supervisors may determine if the transfer is approved by the Board.

All interested persons may express their views by emailing sutt@smythcounty.org prior to the meeting. Written comments may also be mailed to County Administrator, 121 Bagley Circle, Suite 100, Marion, VA 24354; or by fax to (276) 783-9314. All emails, written comments and faxes must be received by 2:00 PM Tuesday, December 8, 2020. Anyone having questions regarding the above may contact the County Administrator's Office at 276-783-3298, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

In compliance with the provisions of 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 24 hours prior to the hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SMYTH COUNTY, VIRGINIA
Shawn Utt, County Administrator

 12/8/2020 6:36 PM Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to waive the reading of the rules of public hearings. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion.


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call 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,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill*


NAYS: None.


ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 12/8/2020 6:36 PM Mr. Utt presented pictures along with a history of the Riverside School building. A lease was signed between the County and the Riverside Ruritan Club in 1998 with the Club responsible for paying the insurance and maintenance costs for the building. The building is also used as a voting precinct and the County is working with the state Board of Elections to find out if that will change upon transfer of ownership. Mr. Utt received an e-mail from Sam Catron, whose family sold the property to the School Board back in the 1950's, stating he has the first right of refusal and was interested in purchasing the land where the playground area is beside the building. Mr. Utt is asking the Board's approval to direct Mr. Farthing to form an opinion on the title issue and determine what the next steps would be in the transfer process. That information would be presented to the Board at their January meeting.

 12/8/2020 6:39 PM Deborah Sturgill, 315 Straight Way, Chilhowie discussed her family's history with the Riverside School and how the Ruritan Club came to occupy the building. She added that the Ruritans use the building for various events including tractor shows, children's events, and private events such as wedding and baby showers. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson expressed concern about making sure there was enough land left with the building to accommodate parking for events. Ms. Sturgill also discussed issues concerning handicapped parking and building accessibility.

 12/8/2020 6:56 PM With no one else wishing to speak, Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed the public hearing.

 12/8/2020 6:56 PM Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant opened the public hearing for the FY20-21 budget amendment. Mr. Utt read the following public notice for the record:

-NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING-

**Smyth County Board of Supervisors
BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia, notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of Smyth County, Virginia, will hold a public hearing in the Boardroom of the Smyth County Administration Building at 121 Bagley Circle, Marion, Virginia, on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. or soon thereafter, to receive comments on proposed amendments of the budget for fiscal year 2020-2021.

This amendment will increase the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 adopted budget for additional School Board funds, Emergency Management (VDEM) grant funds, and additional Federal CARES Act funding for broadband. The new total budget amount will be \$99,389,279.

All interested persons may express their views by emailing sutt@smythcounty.org prior to the meeting. Written comments may also be mailed to County Administrator, 121 Bagley Circle, Suite 100, Marion, VA 24354; or by fax to (276) 783-9314. All emails, written comments and faxes must be received by 2:00 PM Tuesday, December 8, 2020. A copy of the proposed budget amendment is available for public review by contacting the County Administrator's Office. Anyone having questions

regarding the above may contact the County Administrator's Office at 276-783-3298, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

In compliance with the provisions of 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 24 hours prior to the hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SMYTH COUNTY, VIRGINIA
Shawn Utt, County Administrator



12/8/2020 6:58 PM Mr. Utt presented information on the proposed budget amendment. It includes a VDEM grant, additional School Board funding, and CARES Act broadband funding. Mr. Utt added that a performance agreement is being drafted with Point Broadband to ensure the County is not responsible for paying to upgrade any lines or equipment; the County is only the facilitator of the grant funds. *Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins made a motion to waive the rules of public hearings and adopt the budget amendment as presented. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion, contingent upon the performance agreement being put into place for the broadband funds.*

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call 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,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, and
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill

ABSENT: None.



SMYTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION SMYTH COUNTY BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 – AMENDMENT #3

WHEREAS, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors, on June 30, 2020 adopted the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget in the original amount of \$94,209,332; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2020, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (*Budget Amendment #1*) for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$97,135,790; and,

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2020, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (*Budget Amendment #2*) for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$97,247,331; and,

WHEREAS, the aggregate amount of budget amendment #3 is \$2,141,948 which would increase the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget to a total of \$99,389,279 as described in greater detail on Exhibit A attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors sets forth and approves the amended Smyth County Budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$99,389,279.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, due to the timing required to expend the amended funds, the approval of this budget amendment #3 shall indeed constitute an appropriation of the same funds.


Adopted this the 8th day of December, 2020


**SMYTH COUNTY
ATTEST:**


Shawn M. Utt, Clerk


BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


Judy Wyant, Chair

 12/8/2020 7:03 PM With no one else wishing to speak, Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant closed the public hearing.

 12/8/2020 7:04 PM Mr. Utt presented the recommendation from the Planning Commission concerning the special use permit request from Freedom Tabernacle Baptist Church.

	<h2>Smyth County Planning Commission</h2>	<p>Hazel Wagoner, Atkins District Graham Davidson Jr., Chilhowie District Robert Campbell, North Fork District Joel Pugh, Park District Tony Dean, Royal Oak District Paul Shepherd, Rye Valley District David Spence, Saltville District Clegg Williams, Zoning Administrator Sarah Parris, Administrative Assistant</p>
<p>121 Bagley Circle, Suite 120, Marion, VA 24354 Phone (276) 706-8316 Fax (276) 783-9314</p>		

To: Shawn Utt
From: Clegg Williams 
Date: November 30, 2020
Subject: Recommendations from Planning Commission

At the joint public hearing on Thursday, November 19, 2020, the following motion was rendered:

Recommendation on the request of Freedom Tabernacle Baptist Church Special Use Permit:

Commissioner Tony Dean made a motion to recommend approval of Freedom Tabernacle Baptist Church Special Use Permit request for a group home facility, with the following stimulations:

- The entrance be approved by VDOT;
- The Health Department issues a safe adequate and proper permit on the existing septic systems(s), and;
- Two 100' privacy fences be constructed with each one centered on the adjoining property owner's homes.

Ms. Wagoner seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

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

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve the Planning Commission's recommendation for the special use permit. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion.

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins asked for modification of the following Planning Commission stipulation:

- *Two 100' privacy fences be constructed with each one centered on the adjoining property owner's homes.*

Mr. Atkins wants the wording changed to "constructed and maintained".

Mike Sage, pastor from Freedom Tabernacle Baptist Church, was present and added that they are working with adjacent property owners and now considering a hedge instead of a fence, but all parties will work together to reach an agreeable solution.

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call amended his original motion to include the wording change to the stipulation. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion.


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call 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: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins.

ABSTAINERS: None.


ABSENT: None.

 12/8/2020 7:07 PM Mr. Utt discussed the draft unity and equality resolution. The goal of the draft was to be neutral and uniform saying we support the Constitution and everyone should be treated equal. After discussion, the matter was tabled until the January meeting to allow for further discussion and feedback from constituents.

 12/8/2020 7:12 PM Mr. Utt has worked with The Berkley Group to schedule a Board retreat, preferably to be done before next year's budget planning begins. Board Members can expect a call from The Berkley Group to talk with them one-on-one to get a better idea of what their goals are. After discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to hold the retreat on Thursday, January 28th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM and Friday, January 29th from 8:00 AM to Noon at a location to be determined.

 12/8/2020 7:17 PM Mr. Utt provided a summary of the businesses funded through the CARES Act funds/Smyth Strong program. He also noted that there are \$1.1 million in eligible expenses related to public health and safety which are automatically allowed but have not been reimbursed as of yet, so these funds can be used as a buffer to account for any items that auditors may designate as ineligible in the coming years. He further detailed the EDA's partnership with the Towns of Saltville and Chilhowie along with the Chamber of Commerce to determine the award of \$340,000 to local

businesses. A separate review committee looked at the applications and made the funding determinations presented to the EDA. Ms. Wyant stated work needs to be done in the economic development area within the County. Mr. Stevenson expressed his concern about future implications that may arise from the money being distributed now.

 12/8/2020 7:26 PM Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel presented information from the recent Public Safety Committee meeting. The new ambulance will be arriving soon and there will be a meeting with the Saltville Rescue Squad to discuss a lease agreement and expectations. There is also a chief's meeting coming up on January 5th at the Adwolfe Fire Department which the Public Safety Committee will be attending. The committee is also working to develop short and long-term strategic plans and conducting community assessments specific to each district. Mr. Utt added that the committee discussed the needed replacement of the current 911 audio recording system. Shannon Williams, 911 Coordinator, presented three quotes to the committee on replacement options and the committee unanimously recommends to go with Mobile Communications NexLog 740 in the amount of \$19,428.99.


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call 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,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 12/8/2020 7:31 PM Mr. Utt presented an e-mail from Tom Burkett, Treasurer requesting an extension of the personal property and real estate tax payment deadline. The Treasurer's Office has been closed due to COVID and unable to process all the payments that have come in to the office. Mr. Burkett feels confident the process can be completed by December 15th. The penalty can be waived without Board action, but Mr. Burkett is asking the Board to extend the payment deadline. *After discussion, Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to extend the personal property and real estate tax payment deadline to January 4, 2021. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion.*


After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call 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,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

 12/8/2020 7:35 PM Mr. Farthing directed the Board's attention to the current Smyth County Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedures document included with their agenda packet. Mr. Farthing asked the members to review the document before the January meeting and send him any proposed changes. He noted the set time for closed session, voting procedures, and meeting schedules as items that need to be reviewed. Mr. Farthing reported he had been working with Clegg Williams, Building and Zoning Administrator, on moving forward with legal action concerning the violations on Churchland Drive in Atkins. Mr. Farthing is working with Mr. Utt on various issues and asked the Board to contact him if any urgent matters arise.

 12/8/2020 7:40 PM Mr. Utt reported the Fire Department letters of support are ready for signatures and will be distributed soon.

Mr. Utt discussed tax refund requests from the Commission of Revenue's Office. In the past, the Treasurer and Commissioner of Revenue would handle any refunds less than \$1,000 and needed Board approval for requests in excess of \$1,000. Code of Virginia (§58.1-3219.5) clearly provides/ requires the refund under certain circumstances for Veteran's, regardless of the amount. The Treasurer and Commissioner of Revenue's Offices are requesting the amount of refunds requiring Board approval be increased from \$1,000 to \$2,500 (except for Veteran's, which would be automatic as required by State Code). *Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill made a motion to approve the requested refund amount requiring Board approval be increased from \$1,000 to \$2,500, except for Veteran's refunds which will be automatic. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion.*

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call 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,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Mr. Utt discussed the Morrison Building lease. The lease runs out at the end of this month and he and Mr. Farthing have been working with the Attorney General's Office and Virginia Department of General Services to finalize the transfer of ownership to the County. The goal is to close by the end of this month since that's when the current lease expires, but the Board has not formally accepted the resolution to close on the acquisition. In case things do not work out and the acquisition extends into 2021, Mr. Utt is requesting approval to extend the current lease and execute any documents necessary for that extension. *A motion was made by North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson to adopt the resolution accepting ownership of the building, and to work out any rights of way or easements. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.*



SMYTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT MORISON BUILDING AND REAL ESTATE

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services has offered to convey approximately 3.76 acres of real estate (a portion of Tax Map Number 211-130-1), with its improvements, the multistory brick building known as the Morison Building, with an address of 121 Bagley Circle, Marion Virginia, hereinafter the "Property," to Smyth County Virginia;

WHEREAS, Chapter 678 of the Virginia Acts of Assembly of 2019, as modified by Chapter 1289 of the Virginia Acts of Assembly of 2020, Item 77(E) (collectively, the "Legislation"), authorized the Commonwealth, with the approval of the Governor pursuant to § 2.2-1150 of the Code of Virginia and in a form approved by the Attorney General, to convey the Property to Smyth County, Virginia;

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services has been leasing the Property to Smyth County, and the Legislation authorizes the appropriate officials of the Commonwealth to execute the deed and other documents necessary to accomplish the conveyance;

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and Smyth County, Virginia, have agreed to the conveyance authorized by the Legislation for the transfer of the Property to Smyth County Virginia with the necessary easements and agreements for the quiet enjoyment and use of the Property by Smyth County, Virginia, as well as, the necessary easements and agreements reserved for the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to its remaining real estate for its continued quiet enjoyment and use; and,

WHEREAS, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors finds it is in the best interest of the citizens of Smyth County, Virginia, and the Property will improve the welfare, convenience and prosperity of the citizens of Smyth County, Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Smyth County resolves to accept the conveyance of the Property from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator, Shawn Utt, be authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of Smyth County, and/or Smyth County, Virginia, to execute ALL documents necessary and required to consummate the transfer of the Property from the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, including but not limited to, executing deeds, easements, agreements, settlement statements, certificates of acceptance, etc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Date of Adoption: December 8, 2020.

The Members of the Smyth County Board of Supervisors voted as follows:

NAME	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
Charles E. Atkins	—	<u>X</u>	—
Roscoe D. Call	<u>X</u>	—	—
Lori H. Deel	<u>X</u>	—	—
Kristopher S. Ratliff, DPh	<u>X</u>	—	—
Charles P. Stevenson	<u>X</u>	—	—
Mike Sturgill	<u>X</u>	—	—
Judy Wyant	<u>X</u>	—	—

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Smyth County, Virginia, certifies that the foregoing is a true, correct and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Supervisors present at a public meeting duly held on December 8, 2020, at which meeting a quorum was present and acting throughout.

Dated: December 8, 2020.



Shawn M. Utt, Clerk
Board of Supervisors of Smyth County, Virginia

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call 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: Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion authorizing Mr. Utt to execute any necessary documents extending the lease up to one year or until the property is transferred. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call 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,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Mr. Utt expressed thanks from employees for the recent bonuses. North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson added that the convenience station workers have also expressed thanks for the minimum wage increase.

 12/8/2020 7:47 PM Supervisor Comment Time

Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff encouraged everyone to be responsible and wear a mask. The COVID vaccine has been launched in the UK and will be in the US the first of next year and it will likely be May or June before the average person will be able to get the vaccination. Mr. Utt added that an information sheet on COVID and the vaccine had been provided to the Board from Emergency Management Coordinator Curtis Crawford.

Vice Chair, Rye Valley District Supervisor Lori Deel reiterated appreciation for Ron Thomason and his leadership over the years. She brought up an email she received from a constituent who had concerns with the recent tax assessment and tax increase on his property. He had appealed the increase to the Board of Equalization but it was denied. Ms. Deel asked if there were any other options and Mr. Utt said the matter could be appealed to the Circuit Court and he will follow up with Ms. Deel and provide more information. Ms. Deel thanked the Board for letting her join tonight's meeting virtually and she wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins would like the Board to consider going to a 4-year reassessment cycle instead of a 6-year cycle. Mr. Utt stated he would put this on the agenda for further consideration in January. Mr. Atkins encouraged everyone to stay safe and have a nice Christmas, even though things will be different this year.

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call expressed concern about the Library and would like for the Board to consider moving them under the Towns. Mr. Call said he wants transparency and would be talking to Saltville's mayor about this option for the Library. He encouraged everyone to stay healthy and God Bless.

Chair, Royal Oak District Supervisor Judy Wyant gave an update on the new Library Director that has been hired and added that they are fortunate to have her. Mr. Call noted he would like to see job descriptions for the Library to see if anything can be trimmed or cross-trained. Mr. Wyant thanked each member of the Board for their support and thanked Mr. Utt and Mr. Farthing for the progress being made. She encouraged everyone to stay safe and prays everyone has a nice and safe holiday.

North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson echoed what Supervisor Call said about the Library and encouraged accountability and clarity. He feels there needs to be more multi-tasking within the County. He thanked the Public Safety Committee for their work with the EMS programs. Mr. Stevenson does not want to see tax payers get reassessed every four years and will have to research what's best for the people. He complimented Ms. Wyant on the job she has done as Chair and Ms. Deel for her job as Vice Chair.

Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill reiterated what Ms. Deel said about Mr. Thomason and his accomplishments. Mr. Sturgill said COVID has affected healthy people he knows and it's a very real, serious thing. He thanked the Board for letting him come in mid-year and it has been a learning process for him. He looks forward to the new year and the challenges will be many but he looks forward to some normalcy. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



12/8/2020 8:06 PM A motion was made by North Fork District Supervisor Phil Stevenson, seconded by Roscoe Call, to adjourn the meeting.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following roll-call 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,
Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,
Park District Supervisor Kris Ratliff, and
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.