

The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on Thursday, June 13th, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. The location of the meeting was held in the First Floor Board Room of the County Office Building, 121 Bagley Circle, Suite 100, Marion, Virginia.

**PRESENT:** Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins; Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris; Park District Supervisor Kristopher Ratliff; Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill; Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener; Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call; North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF:** County Administrator Shawn Utt; Assistant County Administrator – Operations Lisa Richardson; Assistant County Administrator – Development Clegg Williams; Executive Assistant Auna Louthian; County Attorney Scot Farthing.

**OTHERS:** Smyth County Sheriff's Deputy and citizens

**6/13/2024 5:02 PM** Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**6/13/2024 5:02 PM** Dennis Greer, Building and Grounds Superintendent led the Pledge of Allegiance and Reverend Emily Edmondson, of Christ Episcopal Church gave the invocation.

**6/13/2024 5:03 PM** Addition to the agenda

- *Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill made a motion to add closed session item A.3 Regarding the EMS Building. Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris seconded the motion.*

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

**AYES:** Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener, North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings, Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris, and Park District Supervisor Kristopher Ratliff.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

ABSENT: None.

**6/13/2024 5:04 PM Public Hearings:**

- Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill made a motion to waive the reading of the rules for all public hearings on June 13, 2024. Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener seconded the motion.

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

**AYES:** Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,  
Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill,  
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,  
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,  
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris, and  
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** None.

**6/13/2024 5:04 PM Budget Amendment #9:**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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, June 13, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. or soon thereafter, to receive comments on the proposed amendments of the budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.

This amendment will increase the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 adopted budget by \$3,143,275.00 for additional School Board related expenditures/funding and operational costs related to County operations and Children's Services Act (CSA) needs. The new total budget amount will be \$143,807,919.00.

All interested persons may express their views by emailing [alouthian@smythcounty.org](mailto:alouthian@smythcounty.org) prior to the meeting. Written comments may also be mailed to the County Administrator Shawn Utt, 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 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2024. 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.

Smyth County fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. For more information, or to obtain a Title VI Discrimination Complaint Form, contact (276) 783-3298 or at <https://www.smythcounty.org>.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SMYTH COUNTY, VIRGINIA**  
**Shawn M. Utt, County Administrator**

Exhibit A  
 FY2023/24  
 Budget Amendment #9 (05-09-24)

**Part 1. REVENUES**

Fund	Department	Line Item Number	Account Title	Adopted Budget	Amount of Amendment	Budget with Amendment	Notes
Fund 001	Expenditure Refunds	001-010030-0007	Insurance Recoveries	\$ (100,000)	\$ (128,886)	\$ -	(228,886) Replace Solid Waste Trailer and Truck
Fund 001	Comprehensive Services Act	001-022500-0002	CSA - Pool Funds (State)	\$ (2,232,528)	\$ (135,371)	\$ -	(2,367,899) State CSA funds
Fund 001	Local Funds Transfer	001-040000-0005	Use of Fund Balance	\$ (2,633,655)	\$ (41,261)	\$ -	(2,674,916) Local match for CSA funds
Fund 009	Smyth County Schools	009-021010-0002	State Sales Tax	\$ (5,781,701)	\$ (50,000)	\$ -	(5,831,701) Add'l budget revenues tied to higher enrollments & state funds
Fund 009	Smyth County Schools	009-021010-0006	Basic Aid	\$ (37,505,774)	\$ (320,177)	\$ -	(37,825,951) Add'l budget revenues tied to higher enrollments & state funds
Fund 009	Smyth County Schools	009-021010-0072	Federal money passed thru	\$ (9,598,283)	\$ (2,385,382)	\$ -	(11,983,665) Add'l ESSER Reimbursements
Fund 009	Smyth County Schools	009-021010-0123	Revenue from Other Funds	\$ (4,999,400)	\$ (82,198)	\$ -	(5,081,598) Add'l budget revenues tied to higher enrollments & state funds
<b>Total Revenues With Amendment</b>				<b>\$ (140,664,644)</b>	<b>\$ (3,143,275)</b>	<b>\$ (143,807,919)</b>	

**Part 2. EXPENDITURES**

Fund	Department	Line Item Number	Account Title	Adopted Budget	Amount of Amendment	Amended Budget Amount	Notes
Fund 001	Expenditure Refunds	001-011010-8900	Insurance Recoveries	\$ 100,000	\$ 128,886	\$ -	228,886 Replace Solid Waste Trailer and Truck
Fund 001	Contributions - Other Expenses	001-056000-7001	Opioid Settlement Funds	\$ 189,290	\$ (50,057)	\$ -	139,233 Move funds to set-up new department
Fund 001	OAA Direct Distributions	001-052400-0001	VOAA Coop Agreement	\$ -	\$ 50,057	\$ -	50,057 Set up separate account fund for Grant from Commonwealth
Fund 001	Comprehensive Services Act	001-083040-5701	CSA - Pool Funds	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 176,632	\$ -	2,576,632 Final to close out fiscal year
Fund 009	Smyth County Schools	009-099990-5801	Instruction (81000)	\$ 45,544,394	\$ 263,360	\$ -	45,807,754 Add'l budget revenues tied to higher enrollments
Fund 009	Smyth County Schools	009-099990-5802	Administration/Attendance (62000)	\$ 2,019,488	\$ 24,365	\$ -	2,043,853 "
Fund 009	Smyth County Schools	009-099990-5803	Transportation (63000)	\$ 3,195,900	\$ 140,826	\$ -	3,336,726 "
Fund 009	Smyth County Schools	009-099990-5804	Operations & Maintenance (64000)	\$ 6,353,928	\$ 731,352	\$ -	7,085,280 "
Fund 009	Smyth County Schools	009-099990-5805	Food Service (65000)	\$ 4,652,056	\$ 363,178	\$ -	5,015,234 "
Fund 009	Smyth County Schools	009-099990-5806	Technology (66000)	\$ 1,718,821	\$ 78,915	\$ -	1,797,736 "
Fund 009	Smyth County Schools	009-099990-5807	Capital Outlay-Facilities (66000)	\$ 5,093,118	\$ 1,235,761	\$ -	6,328,879 "
<b>Total Expenditures With Amendment</b>				<b>\$ 140,664,644</b>	<b>\$ 3,143,275</b>	<b>\$ 143,807,919</b>	

<b>Revenues</b>	\$ (140,664,644)	\$ (3,143,275)	\$ (143,807,919)
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$ 140,664,644	\$ 3,143,275	\$ 143,807,919
<b>Difference</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**RESOLUTION**  
**SMYTH COUNTY BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 – AMENDMENT #9**

**WHEREAS**, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors, on June 8th, 2023 adopted the Fiscal Year 2023/24 Budget in the original amount of \$132,444,641; and

**WHEREAS**, in the meeting of August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (Budget amendment #1) for Fiscal Year 2023/24 in the amount of \$135,536,020; and

**WHEREAS**, in the meeting of September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (Budget amendment #2) for Fiscal Year 2023/24 in the amount of \$135,436,104; and

**WHEREAS**, in the meeting of November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (Budget amendment #3) for Fiscal Year 2023/24 in the amount of \$135,839,906; and

**WHEREAS**, in the meeting of December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (Budget amendment #4) for Fiscal Year 2023/24 in the amount of \$136,471,806; and

**WHEREAS**, in the meeting of January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (Budget amendment #5) for Fiscal Year 2023/24 in the amount of \$136,471,806; and

**WHEREAS**, in the meeting of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (Budget amendment #6) for Fiscal Year 2023/24 in the amount of \$140,059,644; and

**WHEREAS**, in the meeting of March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (Budget amendment #7) for Fiscal Year 2023/24 in the amount of \$140,289,644; and

**WHEREAS**, in the meeting of May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (Budget amendment #8) for Fiscal Year 2023/24 in the amount of \$140,664,644; and

**WHEREAS** the aggregate amount of budget amendment #9 is \$3,143,275 which would increase the Fiscal Year 2023/24 budget to a total of \$143,807,919 as shown 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 2023/24 in the amount of \$143,807,919.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the approval of this budget amendment #9 shall indeed constitute an appropriation of the same funds.

**Adopted** this the 13th day of June 2024

**ATTEST:**

**SMYTH COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Shawn M. Utt, Clerk

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Charles Atkins, Chair

**6/13/2024 5:08 PM** Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins opened the public hearing.

Charles Wassum of 321 Wassona Drive, Marion shared his concerns for raising the debt limits in budget amendments. Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill explained income is added throughout the year with grants and other approved funds that come in, causing the budget to increase.

**6/13/2024 5:12 PM** With no one else wishing to speak, Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins closed the public hearing for Budget Amendment #9.

- *Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to waive the rules of the public hearing in order to vote pertaining to Budget Amendment #9. Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener seconded the motion.*

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

**AYES:** Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,  
Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill,  
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,  
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,  
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris, and  
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** None

- *Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #9 as presented and adopt the resolution. Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener seconded the motion.*

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

**AYES:** Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,  
Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill,  
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,  
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,  
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris, and  
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** None

**6/13/2024 5:13 PM** Public hearing for Smyth County FY24/25 Operating Budget:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED SMYTH COUNTY BUDGET FOR  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025**

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 on Thursday, **June 13, 2024 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 **Thursday, June 13, 2024.**

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>FY2024 Budget</u>	<u>Proposed FY2025</u>	<u>Inc. / (Dec.)</u>
Real Property Taxes	\$ 11,850,000	13,495,597	1,645,597
Public Services	1,700,000	1,725,000	25,000
Minerals	8,079	7,000	921
Personal Property	4,873,209	5,173,209	300,000
Machinery & Tools	2,122,716	2,161,716	39,000
Merchants Capital	275,359	352,500	77,141
Lodging Tax	100,000	110,000	10,000
Meal's Tax	100,000	125,000	25,000
Cigarette Tax	240,000	220,000	(20,000)
Penalties & Interest	695,000	695,000	-
Motor Vehicle License	480,669	480,000	(669)
Rolling Stock Tax	32,235	35,000	2,765
Utility Licenses Tax	98,431	98,431	-
Consumer's Utility Tax	1,050,892	1,050,800	(92)
Permits & Other Licenses	113,219	93,500	(19,719)
Fines & Forfeitures	130,664	105,000	(25,664)
Interest on Investments	843,368	960,000	116,632
Use of Property	143,770	180,074	36,304
Court Cost	9,172	10,000	828
Charges for Commonwealth Attorney	3,000	4,000	1,000
Charges for Sanitation & Solid Waste	1,210,000	1,275,000	65,000
Expenditure Refunds	3,539,943	3,619,263	79,320
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,064,790	857,000	(207,790)
Grant Money	3,722,280	5,798,680	2,076,400
Revenue from the Commonwealth	995,181	1,079,700	84,519
PPTRA	1,804,316	1,804,316	-
Opioid Direct Distribution	-	41,666	41,666
Comprehensive Service Act	2,242,987	2,240,459	(2,528)
Commonwealth Attorney	850,373	850,000	(373)
Sheriff	2,741,940	2,741,500	(440)
Commissioner of the Revenue	248,582	248,000	(582)
Treasurer	223,960	223,000	(960)
Registrar/Electoral Board	73,697	90,000	16,303
Clerk's Office	511,045	510,200	(845)
Local Sales Tax	2,850,000	3,000,000	150,000
Categorical Aid - Other	139,175	206,707	67,532
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	644,380	222,806	(421,574)
Special Assessments	4,800	8,500	3,700
Local Funds Transfers	(11,441,275)	(14,017,280)	(2,575,985)
Animal Licenses	12,500	16,500	4,000
EDA Funds	3,373,693	2,905,943	(467,750)
Court Rev Towns	6,500	8,000	1,500
State/Federal School Funds	57,885,158	56,695,619	(1,189,539)
Local Funds Transfer General Fund-Schools	12,872,002	13,398,174	526,172
Department of Social Services	5,717,841	6,060,785	342,944
DSS Local Share from General Fund	1,169,091	1,155,661	(13,430)
School Textbook Revenue	135,000	635,000	500,000

911 Wireless Grants	196,496	196,496	-
Interest/Transf Courthouse Sav	49,710	-	(49,710)
Water-Sewer Revenue	3,890,090	2,860,636	(1,029,454)
Transfer Station Redevelopment	2,750,000	1,500,000	(1,250,000)
Social Security Funds	73,110	85,610	12,500
Drug Asset Revenue	50,000	50,000	-
Sheriff Restitution Fund	10,000	20,000	10,000
Sheriff DARE Revenue	10,000	15,000	5,000
Sheriff DMV Safety Grant	25,000	25,000	-
Courthouse Security Revenue	303,234	320,451	17,217
Asset Forfeiture	125,000	125,000	-
Police Activity Fund	696,835	582,000	(114,835)
Sheriff Federal/State Asset Forfeiture	90,000	90,000	-
Money Collected in Court	30,000	30,000	-
Recovery Court	173,565	178,498	4,933
Federal Money-CWA	20,000	20,000	-
Collections Circuit Court	5,000	5,000	-
APRA Funds	4,350,862	-	(4,350,862)
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>130,314,644</b>	<b>124,860,737</b>	<b>(5,453,907)</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			
Proceeds From Previous Financing	-	-	-
Debt Proceeds - Public Safety Communications Project	10,350,000	9,000,000	1,350,000
Debt Proceeds - Building Study Implementation Project	-	12,775,000	(12,775,000)
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>10,350,000</b>	<b>21,775,000</b>	<b>(11,425,000)</b>
<b>Total County Budget Revenues</b>	<b>140,664,644</b>	<b>146,635,737</b>	<b>5,971,093</b>

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>FY2024</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>FY2025</u>	<u>Inc. / (Dec.)</u>
Board of Supervisors	\$ 1,842,575	\$ 1,422,634	(419,941)
County Administration	433,148	436,028	2,880
Legal Department	100,000	100,000	-
Commissioner of the Revenue	455,339	575,614	120,275
Assessor	360,000	10,000	(350,000)
Treasurer	499,011	506,870	7,859
Accounting Department	131,687	183,533	51,846
Information Systems	979,087	1,045,540	66,453
Registrar	329,537	301,117	(28,420)
Circuit Court	261,109	266,070	4,961
General District Court	11,930	11,930	-
Juvenile & Domestic Courts	114,776	105,372	(9,404)
Clerk of the Circuit Court	804,884	816,854	11,970
Sheriff	4,645,494	4,729,379	83,885
Law Library	1,000	1,000	-
Sheriff School Resource Officer Grant	297,379	312,456	15,077
Commonwealth Attorney	925,539	951,988	26,449
Victim Witness Asst. Program	115,151	117,305	2,154
Central Dispatch	4,000	4,000	-
Smyth County Basic 911	1,020,425	843,293	(177,132)
Volunteer Fire Department	626,000	658,199	32,199
Ambulance & Rescue Service	494,300	794,500	300,200
Forestry	8,746	8,747	1
Smyth Co. Fire & Rescue	1,378,303	1,348,518	(29,785)
Public Safety Communications	275,418	283,807	8,389
Sheriff - Jail	2,219,690	2,374,298	154,608
Building Inspection & Zoning	473,936	544,003	70,067
Animal Control	520,852	405,906	(114,946)
Medical Examiner - Coroner	500	500	-
Emergency Services - Civil Defense	159,167	176,946	17,779
Refuse Collection & Disposal	1,884,649	2,007,552	122,903
Convenience Stations	496,273	535,480	39,207
Rye Valley Water Co.	25,995	25,995	-
Smyth County Tourism	87,843	90,471	2,628
Building & Facility Maintenance	842,520	867,850	25,330
Vehicle Maintenance Garage	-	254,934	-
Local Health Department	349,703	385,650	35,947
Mental Health	1,395,982	205,782	(1,190,200)
OAA Direct Distribution	-	73,207	-
OAA Grant Project	-	41,666	-
OAA Cooperative Partnerships	-	3,924,119	-
Social Services Board Member Payments	4,200	4,200	-
Other Community expenses	747,497	835,367	87,870
Community Colleges	168,811	195,999	27,188
Capital Improvements	3,479,556	1,199,408	(2,280,148)
Recreation Support	90,000	90,000	-
Parks & Recreation	50,000	151,090	-
Explorers After-School Program	66,590	67,090	500
Library Administration	757,500	797,500	40,000
Planning Commission	3,750	4,800	1,050
Community & Economic Development	178,486	196,777	18,291
Economic Development Authority	1,198,442	642,567	(555,875)
Soil & Water Conservation	30,000	30,000	-
Cooperative Extension Program	116,390	115,649	(741)
Comprehensive Service Act	2,417,339	2,416,839	(500)
Animal Control (Fund 3)	12,500	16,500	4,000
EDA General Expenses	3,373,693	2,905,943	(467,750)
Court Reimbursements to Towns	6,500	8,000	1,500
County School Operations & Capital Outlay (Non-Local)	57,885,158	56,695,619	(1,189,539)



County School Operations & Capital Outlay (Local)	10,692,547	11,482,849	790,302
County School Debt Service Local Funds	2,179,455	1,915,325	(264,130)
Department of Social Services	6,898,932	7,216,448	329,514
School Textbook Fund Expense	135,000	635,000	500,000
Dispatch (Fund 38)	198,498	198,498	-
Courthouse Project	49,710	-	(49,710)
Water-Sewer Department Operations	1,659,910	1,718,498	58,588
Water-Sewer Department Debt Service	940,180	938,480	(1,700)
Water-Sewer Capital Outlay	1,165,000	50,000	(1,115,000)
Lead Service Line Project	125,000	153,660	28,660
Transfer Station Construction	2,750,000	1,500,000	(1,250,000)
Social Security Funds	73,110	85,610	12,500
Drug Asset Expense	50,000	50,000	-
Sheriff Restitution Fund	10,000	20,000	10,000
Sheriff DARE Program	10,000	15,000	5,000
Sheriff DMV Safety Grant	25,000	25,000	-
Courthouse Security	303,234	320,451	17,217
Asset Forfeiture	125,000	125,000	-
Police Activity Fund Expense	696,835	582,000	(114,835)
Sheriff Asset Forfeiture	90,000	90,000	-
Purchase Equipment	30,000	30,000	-
Recovery Court	173,565	178,498	4,933
CWA Fed Funds	20,000	20,000	-
Expenses Circuit Court	5,000	5,000	-
Special Projects Fund	4,350,862	-	(4,350,862)
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>127,901,198</b>	<b>121,475,772</b>	<b>(6,425,424)</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>			
Debt Service Payments	2,413,448	3,384,965	971,517
Capital Projects (Public Safety Radio System)	10,350,000	9,000,000	(1,350,000)
Capital Projects (Building Study Construction Bond)	-	12,775,000	12,775,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>12,763,448</b>	<b>25,159,965</b>	<b>12,396,517</b>
<b>Total County Budget Expenditures</b>	<b>140,664,644</b>	<b>146,635,737</b>	<b>5,971,093</b>

#### TAX RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 / 25

In preparation of the above budget, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors proposes the following tax levies as shown below:

Pursuant to Virginia Code §58.1-3001 et seq., the Board proposes to 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 **\$0.59** 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 at \$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; airplane tax of \$1.40 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation; Prepared Meals tax levy of 6% and a Cigarette tax levy at \$0.40 per pack purchased.

The Proposed FY2024/2025 budget also includes a proposed increase in water/sewer utility rates of up to 5%.

By order of the Smyth County Board of Supervisors, Shawn M. Utt, County Administrator

**6/13/2023 5:13 PM** Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins opened the Public Hearing for the proposed Smyth County Operating/ Capital Budget for FY24/25.

Charles Wassum of 321 Wassona Drive, Marion shared his concerns with borrowing funds as well as increased debt.

**6/13/2024 5:18 PM** With no one else wishing to speak, Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins closed the public hearing for Smyth County Operating/Capital Budget for FY24/25.

**6/13/2023 5:18 PM** Public hearing for the proposed County Schools Operation/Capital Budget for FY24/25.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ON THE SMYTH COUNTY SCHOOL BUDGET  
FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING**

**July 1, 2024– June 30, 2025**

**On Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., or shortly thereafter as may be heard**

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 quarterly 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, 2024. The public hearing will be held in the Board of Supervisors meeting room, 121 Bagley Circle, Smyth County Office Building on Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., or shortly thereafter as may be heard.

Subject to the rules and procedures of the Board of Supervisors, at the above-mentioned day, time, and place any citizen of Smyth County may appear and express their opinion(s).

A full copy of the proposed Smyth County School Board budget is on file at the Office of the County Administrator, 121 Bagley Circle, Suite 100, Marion, Virginia, and may be viewed online at [www.smythcounty.org](http://www.smythcounty.org).

By order of the Smyth County Board of Supervisors  
Shawn Utt, County Administrator

Smyth County School Board			
Operations Budget For the Year Ending June 30, 2025			
Revenue Summary for Operations Budget			
	2023-2024	2024-2025	Difference
State Revenue	\$ 37,505,774	\$ 40,732,668	\$ 3,226,894
Local Revenue	\$ 10,692,547	\$ 11,482,849	\$ 790,302
Federal Revenue	\$ 9,598,283	\$ 7,713,971	\$(1,884,312)
State Sales Tax	\$ 5,781,701	\$ 5,185,879	\$ (595,822)
Other Revenue	\$ 4,999,400	\$ 3,063,101	\$(1,936,299)
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 68,577,705</b>	<b>\$ 68,178,468</b>	<b>\$ (399,237)</b>
Expenditure Summary for Operations Budget			
	2023-2024	2024-2025	Difference
Instruction	\$ 45,544,394	\$ 47,316,508	\$ 1,772,114
Administration	\$ 2,019,488	\$ 2,098,953	\$ 79,465
Transportation	\$ 3,195,900	\$ 3,333,884	\$ 137,984
Operations/Maintenance	\$ 6,353,928	\$ 6,510,056	\$ 156,128
Food Service	\$ 4,652,056	\$ 5,074,164	\$ 422,108
Facilities	\$ 5,093,118	\$ 2,110,000	\$(2,983,118)
Technology	\$ 1,718,821	\$ 1,734,903	\$ 16,082
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 68,577,705</b>	<b>\$ 68,178,468</b>	<b>\$ (399,237)</b>

Smyth County School Board			
Capital Outlay and Debt Service Budget For the Year Ending June 30, 2025			
Revenue Summary for Capital Outlay and Debt Service Budget			
	2023-2024	2024-2025	Difference
Local Funds - Capital Outlay	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Local Funds - Debt Service	\$ 2,179,455	\$ 1,915,325	\$ (264,130)
Other Funds – Interest Rebate	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>\$ 2,179,455</b>	<b>\$ 1,915,325</b>	<b>\$ (264,130)</b>
Expenditure Summary for Capital Outlay and Debt Service Budget			
	2023-2024	2024-2025	Difference
Capital Outlay – Facilities	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Capital Outlay - Debt Service	\$ 2,179,455	\$ 1,915,325	\$ (264,130)
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>\$ 2,179,455</b>	<b>\$ 1,915,325</b>	<b>\$ (264,130)</b>

**6/13/2023 5:18 PM** Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins opened the Public Hearing for the proposed County Schools Operation/ Capital Budget for FY24/25.

Charles Wassum of 321 Wassona Drive, Marion voiced his concerns with debt.

**6/13/2024 5:19 PM** With no one else wishing to speak, Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins closed the public hearing for County Schools Operation/ Capital Budget for FY24/25.

**6/13/2024 5:20 PM** Utility Rate Increases- Mr. Utt shared due to an error in the public hearing ad, it will need to be readvertised and the public hearing rescheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup>.

- *Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener made a motion to readvertise utility rates and set a public hearing for July 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm or thereafter. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.*

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

**AYES:** *Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings, Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener, Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris, and Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff.*

**NAYS:** *None.*

**ABSTAINERS:** *None.*

**ABSENT:** *None*

6/13/2024 5:20 PM Public Hearing for the Proposed Assessment Increase Notice of Proposed Real Property Tax Increase in Smyth County.

## **Assessment Increase 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 39.3 percent.
2. **Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment:** The tax rate that would levy the same amount of real estate tax revenue as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$0.535 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 \$0.59 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed tax rate would be a \$0.055 per \$100 or 10.28 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 11.1 percent.

A public hearing on the increase will be held on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., or shortly thereafter as may be heard, 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 rate 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 2024-2025* is based on an adopted tax rate of \$0.59 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.

Smyth County fully complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. For more information, or to obtain a Title VI Discrimination Complaint Form, contact (276) 783-3298 or at <https://www.smythcounty.org>.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SMYTH COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
Shawn M. Utt, County Administrator

**6/13/2023 5:20 PM** Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins opened the Public Hearing for the Proposed Assessment Increase Notice of Proposed Real Property Tax Increase in Smyth County.

Charles Wassum of 321 Wassona Drive, Marion shared he believes the County should operate on the budget from the previous year and the real estate tax rate should be set to match taxes of last year.

**6/13/2024 5:23 PM** With no one else wishing to speak, Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins closed the public hearing for the Proposed Assessment Increase Notice of Proposed Real Property Tax Increase in Smyth County

**6/13/2024 5:23 PM** Minutes of the May 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 6th Board of Supervisors meetings:

- *A motion was made by Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill to approve the minutes from the May 23rd, 2024, meeting as presented. Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris seconded the motion.*

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

**AYES:** Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,  
Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill,  
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,  
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,  
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris, and

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff.

**ABSENT:** None.

- *A motion was made by Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill to approve the minutes from the June 6th, 2024, meeting as presented. Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener seconded the motion.*

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

**AYES:** Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,  
Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill,  
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,  
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,  
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris, and

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff.

ABSENT: None.

6/13/2024 5:24 PM Assistant County Administrator, Lisa Richardson reviewed the County financial information.

**SMYTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTING

May 2024

Request approval of the following payables:

<u>General County - Regular Checks</u>	\$1,473,309.34
<u>Fund 004 EDA - Regular Checks</u>	\$109,620.28
Fund 302 Public Safety Radio	\$266,650.82
Fund 505 Transfer Station-Regular Checks	\$0.00
Accounts Payable Listing - April 2024	\$1,849,580.44
<u>Fund Accounts - Manual Checks</u>	
Fund 501 Water Deposit Refunds	\$300.00
Fund 747 Sheriff State Asset Forfeiture	\$0.00
Fund 748 Sheriff Purchase of Equipment	\$0.00
Fund 749 Recovery Court	\$775.00
Fund 760 Commonwealth Attorney Federal Drug Asset	
Fund 770 Circuit Court Clerk - Holding Account	
Total Fund Accounts	\$1,075.00
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - May 2024</b>	<b>\$1,850,655.44</b>

6/13/2024 5:25 PM A motion was made by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call to approve the accounts payable listing as presented above. North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following vote:

**AYES:** *Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener, North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings, Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris, and Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff.*

**NAYS:** *None.*

**ABSTAINERS:** *None.*

**ABSENT:** *None.*

**6/13/2024 5:26 PM** Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins opened citizen's time.

Rose Linkins, Smyth County Library Director spoke to the Board about recent successes in the summer programs and upcoming events.

Charles Wassum of 321 Wassona Drive, Marion offered copies of the Constitution and Bill of Rights to each Board member and encouraged them to read each document.

John Graham, Clerk of the Court shared his excitement for the deed of the future home of the Appalachian Center for Hope being completed. Mr. Graham shared they have received two construction bids and are debating how to move forward. Once construction begins, Mr. Graham shared his timeline is about a year out from completion.

Sheriff Schuler shared the Police force has recently lost 3 incredible officers including Scott Prater of Smyth County Sheriffs office, David Bradley, the previous Smyth County Sheriff, and John Grubb of VA State Police. This is a huge loss for the community and asked that everyone keep the families, friends and coworkers in your thoughts and prayers.

**6/13/2024 5:41 PM** With no one else wishing to speak, Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins closed citizen's time.

**6/13/2024 5:42 PM** Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill read the minutes from the June 6th Public Safety Committee meeting and presented the following recommendations:

- *Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris made a recommendation to move forward with the Fire/EMS systemwide study with the understanding of obtaining additional quotes to compare for a final determination. Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.*



*After consideration, the Public Safety Committee recommendation PASSED by the following vote:*

*AYES: Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,  
Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill,  
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,  
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,  
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris, and  
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff.*

*NAYS: None.*

*ABSTAINERS: None.*

*ABSENT: None.*

**6/13/2024 5:42 PM** Mr. Utt read the minutes from the May 30th Budget Committee meeting and presented the following recommendations:

- Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener made a motion to recommend Interim Town Manager Aaron Sizemore draft a Resolution of Moral Obligation for the Town of Saltville's sewer repair for the Board's consideration and approval. Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill seconded the motion, and it was approved by the Committee.*

*After consideration, the Budget Committee recommendation PASSED by the following vote:*

*AYES: Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,  
Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill,  
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,  
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,  
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris, and  
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff.*

*NAYS: None.*

*ABSTAINERS: None.*

*ABSENT: None.*

*Mr. Utt presented the following Resolution drafted by Saltville's Interim Town Manager, Aaron Sizemore for review and consideration:*

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SMYTH COUNTY, VIRGINIA**  
**APPROVING A SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH THE VIRGINIA RESOURCES**  
**AUTHORITY, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE VIRGINIA WATER SUPPLY**  
**REVOLVING FUND, AND THE TOWN OF SALTVILLE, VIRGINIA AND RELATED**  
**MATTERS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE WATER REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2024**  
**BY THE TOWN OF SALTVILLE, VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, the Town of Saltville, Virginia (the “Town”) has determined the need exists to provide funds to pay a portion of the cost, along with grant monies, to finance the replacement of the Town’s above ground water storage tank with an in-ground water storage tank, the replacement of the Town’s water meters and the replacement of the majority of the Town’s existing water lines together with related legal, consulting and administrative fees, if any (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Town has received a commitment from the Virginia Resources Authority (the “VRA”), on behalf of the Virginia Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund (the “Fund”), to purchase the Town’s Sewer Revenue Bond, Series 2024 to finance a portion of the Project (the “VRA Bond”) pursuant to the terms of a Financing Agreement, to be dated a date specified by VRA, between VRA, as Administrator of the Fund, and the Town (the “Financing Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Town proposes to issue the VRA Bond in an amount not to exceed \$87,450; and

WHEREAS, VRA requires the Board of Supervisors (the “Board of Supervisors”) of the County of Smyth, Virginia (the “County”), as a condition of the purchase of the VRA Bond, to enter into a Support Agreement, in the form attached to this Resolution (the “Support Agreement”), to undertake a non-binding obligation to appropriate from time to time moneys to the Town in connection with payments due on the VRA Bond; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to approve a Support Agreement as described above, as additional security for the Town’s VRA Bond in an amount not to exceed \$87,450.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SMYTH, VIRGINIA:**

1. It is determined to be in the best interests of the County and its citizens for the Board of Supervisors to enter into the Support Agreement.
2. The Board of Supervisors of the County acknowledges that (i) VRA would not purchase the VRA Bond without the security and credit enhancement provided by the Support Agreement, (ii) VRA will be a third party beneficiary of the Support Agreement for so long as the VRA Bond remains outstanding, and (iii) VRA is treating the Support Agreement as a “local obligation” within the meaning of Section 62.1-199 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (the “Virginia Code”), which in the event of a nonpayment thereunder authorizes VRA to file an affidavit with the Governor that such nonpayment has occurred pursuant to Section 62.1-216.1 of the Virginia Code. Section 62.1-216.1

of the Virginia Code provides that if the Governor is satisfied that such 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.

3. As provided in the Support Agreement, the Board of Supervisors of the County hereby undertakes a non-binding obligation to appropriate to the Town such amounts as may be requested from time to time pursuant to the Support Agreement, to the fullest degree and in such manner as is consistent with the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Board of Supervisors of the County, 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 future Boards of Supervisors of the County do likewise during tire term of the Support Agreement.
4. In consideration of the Town's undertakings with respect to financing the Project, the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, either of whom may act, are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Support Agreement. The Support Agreement shall be in substantially the form presented to this meeting, which is hereby approved, with such completions, omissions, insertions or changes not inconsistent with this resolution as may be approved by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the execution thereof by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to constitute conclusive evidence of his or her approval of such completions, omissions, insertions or changes.
5. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to carry out the obligations imposed by the Support Agreement on the County Administrator.
6. All actions previously taken by representatives or agents of the County in furtherance of the Project and issuance of the VRA Bond are hereby ratified and approved.
7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Members of the Board of Supervisors during an open meeting voted as follows:

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	<b>Vote:</b>
Charles E. Atkins	_____
Roscoe D. Call	_____
W Jason Parris	_____
Kristopher S. Ratliff, DPh	_____
Rick A. Billings	_____
Michael L. Sturgill	_____
S. Courtney Widener	_____

**Absent:**

*Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, Board of Supervisors of Smyth County, Virginia

- *North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings made a motion to approve the Resolution of the Board of Supervisors in regard to the Town of Saltville sewer project as presented. Saltville district Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.*

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

*AYES: Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener, North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings, Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris, and Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff.*

*NAYS: None.*

*ABSTAINERS: None.*

*ABSENT: Non*

The Board then discussed next steps for the Town of Saltville water projects that will be revisited after the budget process for this fiscal year is completed.

**6/13/2024 5:38 PM** Sheriff's Office Relocation Bids: Mr. Utt shared two contractors placed bids for the relocation of the Sheriff's Office and are both being reviewed by AECOM but would like to accept the lower bid once negotiations have been completed.

- *Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to accept the lowest bid for the Sheriff's Office relocation and authorize County Administrator to execute any related documents pending architectural review. Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill seconded the motion.*

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

*AYES: Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,  
Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill,  
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,  
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris, and  
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff.*

*NAYS: None.*

*ABSTAINERS: Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener.*

*ABSENT: None.*

**5/13/2024 5:51 PM** Mr. Utt shared a current need for storage due to different offices moving. An option that has come about is the Wagon Wheel Building that the Marion EDA currently owns and is willing to lease the second floor for \$550 a month and would be deferred until December 2025.

- *Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill made a motion to approve the Wagon Wheel lease with the Town of Marion for 18 months and allow County Administrator to execute all documents. Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.*

*After consideration, the Animal Control Committee recommendation PASSED by the following vote:*

*AYES: Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,  
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,*

*Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill,  
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris, and  
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff.*

*NAYS: None.*

*ABSTAINERS: North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings.*

*ABSENT: None.*

**6/13/2024 5:57 PM County Attorney Report**

Sheriff Shuler shared the campers have been removed from Churchland drive which does have a current nuisance complaint on it. The campers were on the road and the owners were given a specific amount of time to relocate them but were not moved, resulting in the campers being towed. Mr. Farthing shared he does have an upcoming hearing on this property as well.

**6/13/2024 6:00 PM County Administrator Report -**

Mr. Utt shared a need for an additional \$2,000 in appropriations for the 748 fund due to two pending bills.

- *A motion was made by Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill to appropriate an additional \$2,000 in fund 748. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.*

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

*AYES: Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,  
Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill,  
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,  
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris, and  
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff.*

*NAYS: None.*

*ABSTAINERS: Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener.*

*ABSENT: None.*

Mr. Utt then requested review of an Animal Control Damage claim that the department has requested to be paid out of this fiscal year.

- Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener made a motion to approve the Animal Control Damage claim in the amount of \$300.00 to Charlie Heath of 2260 Riverside Rd, Marion, VA. North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings seconded the motion.

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

*AYES: Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,  
Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill,  
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,  
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,  
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris, and  
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff.*

*NAYS: None.*

*ABSTAINERS: None.*

*ABSENT: None.*

Mr. Utt then requested a review of the current freeze of penalties and services charges on five large flat rate sewer accounts. The Board elected to freeze these charges for a 6-month term, which is currently up. One of the accounts has been paid in full, two are actively on payment plans and the other accounts have been referred to the County Attorney.

- Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener made a motion to freeze penalties and service charges on the 4 outstanding large flat rate sewer accounts indefinitely. North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings seconded the motion.

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

*AYES: Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,  
Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill,  
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,  
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,  
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris, and  
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff.*

*NAYS: None.*

*ABSTAINERS: None.*

*ABSENT: None.*

Mr. Utt then discussed various appointments that have come to term. After discussion the following motions were made:

- *Chilhowie District Supervisor Courtney Widener made a motion to appoint Gwen Beattie to the VA Highlands Community College Board for a 4-year term set to expire 6/30/2028. Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener seconded the motion.*

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

*AYES: Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener, North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings, Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris, and Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff.*

*NAYS: None.*

*ABSTAINERS: None.*

*ABSENT: None.*

- *Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to appoint Jane Hess to the Department of Social Services Board for a 4-year term set to expire 6/30/2028. North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings seconded the motion.*

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

*AYES: Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins, Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill, Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener, North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings, Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call, Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris, and Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff.*

*NAYS: None.*

*ABSTAINERS: None.*

*ABSENT: None.*

- *Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener made a motion to appoint Justine Bradley to the Department of Social Services Board for a 4-year term set to expire 6/30/2028. Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill seconded the motion.*



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

*AYES: Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,  
Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill,  
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,  
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,  
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris, and  
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff.*

*NAYS: None.*

*ABSTAINERS: None.*

*ABSENT: None.*

- *Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener made a motion to appoint Sheriff Schuler and County Administrator Shawn Utt to the Southwest VA Community Corrections Criminal Justice Board for a 2-year term set to expire 6/30/2026. Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill seconded the motion.*

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

*AYES: Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,  
Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill,  
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,  
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,  
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris, and  
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff.*

*NAYS: None.*

*ABSTAINERS: None.*

*ABSENT: None.*

- *Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris made a motion to appoint James McNeil to the Economic Development Authority for a 4-year term set to expire 6/30/2028. Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill seconded the motion.*

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

*AYES: Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,  
Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill,*

*Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,  
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,  
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris, and  
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff.*

*NAYS: None.*

*ABSTAINERS: None.*

*ABSENT: None.*

- *Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris made a motion to appoint Clegg Williams to the Transportation Rural Technical Committee for a 2-year term set to expire 6/30/2026. Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener seconded the motion.*

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

*AYES: Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,  
Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill,  
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,  
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,  
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris, and  
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff.*

*NAYS: None.*

*ABSTAINERS: None.*

*ABSENT: None.*

### **6/13/2024 6:16 PM Supervisor Comment Time -**

North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings shared his appreciation to everyone working on the budget. Mr. Billings also thanked citizens who came to share all comments, good and bad.

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call shared gave thanks to all who came as well as thanking Ms. Linkins for the incredible job she does for the libraries.

Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener thanked the Sheriff for coming and speaking on behalf of the fallen police officers. Mr. Widener shared they had left behind a legacy, and it is a sad time for the departments, their friends and their families. Mr. Widener then thanked Mr. Graham for his dedication to the ACH building. He then spoke about the

Sheriff's office being hit by lightning about two weeks ago and spoke highly of all emergency management staff who were there to resolve all issues.

Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris thanked all for coming out as well as Ms. Linkins for all she does for the community. Mr. Parris also shared that David Bradley, one of the fallen officers helped found the Adwolfe Fire Department and that was a huge accomplishment and commitment to his community.

Park District Supervisor Kristopher Ratliff thanked the Budget Committee and Mr. Utt for their hard work balancing such a large budget and for constantly looking for value in cost.

Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charlie Atkins thanked everyone for their attendance as well as HS Williams for their bid. Mr. Atkins shared his appreciation for keeping work of this magnitude local.

Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill congratulated the Smyth County teams who had an incredible season.

**6/13/2024 6:41 PM** *Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener made a motion to enter into closed session under Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711(a)3 Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for public purposes, or of the disposition of publicly held real property regarding EMS Building. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.*

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

**AYES:** Chair Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,  
Vice Chair Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill,  
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,  
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener, and  
Park District Supervisor Kristopher Ratliff.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSTAINERS:** None.

**ABSENT:** None.

**6/13/2024 7:07 PM** *Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener made a motion to*

*adopt the following resolution and enter back into open session. Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris seconded the motion.*

**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 Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,  
Vice Chair Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill,  
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,  
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,  
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener, and  
Park District Supervisor Kristopher Ratliff.*

*NAYS: None.*

*ABSTAINERS: None.*

*ABSENT: None.*

- *Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener made a motion to allow County Administrator to execute the lease for Station Two pending County Attorney review. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call seconded the motion.*

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

*AYES: Chair Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins,  
Vice Chair Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill,  
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris,  
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,  
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener, and  
Park District Supervisor Kristopher Ratliff.*

*NAYS: None.*

*ABSTAINERS: North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings.*

*ABSENT: None.*

**6/13/2024 7:10 PM** With no further business to discuss, Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins adjourned the meeting.