

Board of Supervisors



SMYTH
COUNTY, VA

Thursday, February 27, 2025

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County Administrator
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Shawn M. Utt
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Clegg Williams

MEETING AGENDA
SMYTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, February 27th, 2025
5:00 PM

- 1) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** Board Chair
- 2) **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA** Board Chair
- 3) **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS** Board Chair
Minutes of the February 13, 2025, meeting
- 4) **PRESENTATIONS** Board Chair
 - a. Powerhouse Community Wellness Center- Leslie Peterson and Dirk Moore
 - b. Communities in School of Appalachian Highlands- Brett Davis
- 5) **PUBLIC HEARINGS** Board Chair
 - a. Budget Amendment #7
- 6) **CITIZENS TIME** Board Chair
The Board welcomes your input. You may address the Board using the sign-in sheet located in the rear of the room. At this time, you may address the Board on items that may or may not be on the agenda. Time limit is three (3) minutes.
- 7) **OLD BUSINESS** Board Chair
 - a. Committee Reports/ Recommendations
 - i. Budget Committee
 - ii. Building and Grounds Committee
 - iii. Water and Sewer Committee
- 8) **NEW BUSINESS** Board Chair
 - a. Disaster Decoration Extension
- 9) **REPORT FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY** Scot Farthing, County Att'y
- 10) **REPORT FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR / STAFF** County Admin. / Staff
- 11) **SUPERVISOR COMMENT TIME** Board Members
- 12) **CLOSED SESSION** Board Chair
*Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711 A.5 regarding Project Harvest and
Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711 A.7 regarding Nuisance Issues on South Main St, Marion*



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February 21, 2025

To: Members, Smyth County Board of Supervisors

CC: Smyth County Leadership Team

From: Shawn M. Utt, Smyth County Administrator

RE: Packet summary –February 27th, 2025, Board meeting

Below are summaries related to specific agenda items. Should additional information become available, we will provide as quickly as possible:

1. **Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation** – The pledge of allegiance will be led by Building and Grounds Superintendent, Dennis Greer. The invocation will be provided by a local pastor.
2. **Amendments to the Agenda** – if any are necessary, they will be presented at the meeting.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)** – a draft copy of the minutes of the February 13th, 2025 meeting are **enclosed** (**Att. 1, Pg 1-20**) for the Board's review and approval.
4. **Presentations** –
 - a. **Powerhouse Community Wellness Center**- Leslie Peterson and Dirk Moore have requested continued support from surrounding localities for the Powerhouse Community Wellness Center project funded by the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority. **Enclosed** (**Att. 2, Pg 21-22**) is an executive summary of the Powerhouse. They will be in attendance to discuss the County's continued support.
 - b. **Communities in School of Appalachian Highlands**- Brett Davis, Chief Development Officer for Communities in Schools (a non-profit organization that supports children in need directly in the school system). They plan to apply for Opioid Abatement Authority funding and are asking for support from Smyth County through our direct distribution funds we receive (\$12,000). Thus far, we have not spent very much and have been working to identify partnership opportunities. **Enclosed** (**Att. 3, Pg 23-25**) for your review is a proposal Mr. Davis would like to discuss in great detail with the full Board.
5. **Public Hearings** –
 - a. **Budget Amendment #7** – As discussed at the February 13th Board meeting, we need to hold a public hearing for the proposed budget amendment. This one largely



includes funding related to the School Board's partnership for the regional virtual academy and additional funding. The partnership is actually a positive one for the County as we are able to take 5.5% of the funds to go toward administrative costs and cover the costs for our students to participate. In the essence of time, I would suggest the Board consider waiving the rules of public hearings and taking action on the amendment at this meeting. As a reminder, **enclosed (Att. 4, Pg 26-28)** is a copy of the amendment as well as a draft resolution for the Board's consideration.

6. **Citizen's Time** – Time has been set aside for citizens to provide comments to the Board on general items of interest or concern.

7. **Old Business Items:**

a. **Committee Reports/ Recommendations:**

- i. Budget Committee– minutes of the meeting are **enclosed** for your review and information (**Att. 5, Pg 29-40**). In addition, items related to committee recommendations are also **enclosed** for your review
- ii. Buildings and Grounds Committee– minutes of the meeting are **enclosed** for your review and information (**Att. 6, Pg 41**). In addition, items related to committee recommendations are also **enclosed** for your review.
- iii. Water and Sewer Committee minutes of the meeting are **enclosed** for your review and information (**Att. 7, Pg 42**). In addition, items related to committee recommendations are also **enclosed** for your review.

8. **New Business:** -

- a. **Disaster Declaration Extension** – **Enclosed** for your review and information (**Att. 8, Pg 43**) is a memo from Mr. Crawford requesting an extension of the Hurricane/Tropical Storm Helene Emergency Declaration to include damage from the recent storm that occurred between February 14-17 (which was a state declared emergency disaster and we hope a Federal declaration will be forthcoming). This will allow state and federal funding to continue supporting our citizens. We have also **enclosed (Att. 9, Pg 44)** a copy of the original emergency declaration from the October's Board meeting.

9. **Report from County Attorney:** Time has been reserved on the agenda to allow the County Attorney to provide input and various updates as needed.

10. **Report from County Administrator/Staff:** Time has been reserved on the agenda to allow the County Administrator and/or staff to provide input and various updates as needed.

11. **Supervisor Comment Time:** Roundtable discussion for individual Board members.

12. **Closed Session** –

Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711 A.5 regarding Project Harvest and

Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711 A.7 regarding Nuisance Complaints on South Main St, Marion

13. **Adjournment**

The Smyth County Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2025, 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; Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill; Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris; Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call; Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener; North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings; Park District Supervisor Kristopher Ratliff.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: County Administrator Shawn Utt; Assistant County Administrator – Development Clegg Williams; Assistant County Administrator – Operations Lisa Richardson; Executive Assistant, Auna Louthian.

OTHERS: Smyth County Sheriff's Deputy and citizens

2/13/2025 5:00 PM Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

2/13/2025 5:01 PM Jessica Davidson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Kendra Hayden provided the invocation.

2/13/2025 5:02 PM Minutes of January 23rd, 2025, Board of Supervisors meeting.

- *A motion was made by Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill to approve the minutes of the January 23rd, 2025 meeting. 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,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener, and
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

2/13/2025 5:03 PM Commonwealth Attorney, Bucky Blevins recognized Virginia State Police Special Agent Travis Sykes for his dedicated work in the investigation of circumstances surrounding the death of Smyth County Deputy Hunter Reedy. Mr. Blevins read the following resolution into record:

COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

SMYTH COUNTY, VIRGINIA

PRESENTS THIS

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

TO

SPECIAL AGENT TRAVIS SYKES

FOR

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Special Agent Travis Sykes distinguished himself by meritorious service while assigned as an investigator with Virginia State Police's Bureau of Complex Investigations. On August 9, 2024, Special Agent Sykes responded to a crime scene involving a murdered Smyth County Sheriff's Deputy in Marion, Virginia. Special Agent Sykes quickly discovered the murder victim was not only a fellow law enforcement officer, but also family friend. Less than 4 hours after the murder, Agent Sykes secured one aggravated murder warrant and 4 attempted aggravated murder warrants against the subject. Special Agent Sykes took meticulous steps throughout the course of the investigation to ensure this case's integrity was safeguarded. Moreover, Special Agent Sykes's superb law enforcement skills, attention to detail, and eagerness to protect Smyth County have greatly aided the Commonwealth's Attorney in executing his duties, protected Smyth County and ultimately resulted in making Smyth County a safer community for its citizens to live, raise families, and work. The distinctive accomplishments of Special Agent Travis Sykes reflect great credit upon himself, the Smyth County Commonwealth's Attorney, and the Virginia State Police.

2/13/2025 5:10 PM The VDOT representatives, including Assistant District Engineer Pam Heath, reviewed questions submitted by the Board members. The following concerns were raised:

1. **Elswick Bridge Road Repairs:** The need for road repairs on Elswick Bridge was discussed.
2. **Old St. Clair's Creek Road Flooding:** Ongoing flooding issues were addressed.
3. **Nicks Creek Road:** Concerns about rocks washing down the road, posing a safety risk.
4. **Exit 47:** Issues raised regarding the restriping of Exit 47 and concerns about traffic patterns. Marion Mold and Tool employees expressed concerns about employee safety while traveling this route.
5. **Pierce Road:** A request to bring 500 feet of Pierce Road into state maintenance was discussed, along with the possibility of a revenue-sharing option for the road.

6. **Snow & Ice Maintenance on Nicks Creek and Pierce Roads:** Grace Christian Academy requested better snow and ice maintenance, as they strive to remain operational during inclement weather.
7. **Hurricane Helene Cleanup:** Updates on ongoing efforts to address cleanup from Hurricane Helene.
8. **Lee Highway Solid Line:** A proposal to change the line on Lee Highway from Chilhowie Elm School to American Wood Fibers for industrial truck safety, in response to concerns from Blue Ridge Knives employees.
9. **Culverts on Flowing Springs Road:** Discussion on necessary maintenance of culverts.
10. **Upper Poore Valley Road Repairs:** Requested repairs for Upper Poore Valley Road.
11. **Flint Lane:** Consideration for Flint Lane to be brought into state maintenance.
12. **Other Concerns:** Various additional road-related issues were raised.

Mrs. Heath confirmed she would follow up on the listed concerns and emphasized that she is always available for assistance. The Board expressed gratitude to the VDOT representatives for their attendance and willingness to address the issues raised.

2/13/2025 6:09 PM Mr. Utt read the following notice that was advertised in the local publication on January 26th and February 5th –

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In compliance with the Code of Virginia of 1950, and amendments thereto, 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, February 13, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. or soon thereafter, to receive comments on the following proposed ordinance amendments to the Smyth County Code:

- *Smyth County Code Section 23-XVI: Proposed ordinance to address an abatement of tax levies on buildings damaged natural disasters or fortuitous events*
- *Smyth County Code Section 23-VII - TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS: Proposed amendments to increased eligibility requirements*

All interested persons may express their views by emailing 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, February 13, 2025. Anyone who has 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

- *Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to waive the reading of the rules for the public hearing. 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,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener, and
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris.*

NAYS: *None.*

ABSTAINERS: *None.*

ABSENT: *None.*

2/13/2025 6:09 PM Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins opened the public hearing for Proposed Amendments to Smyth County Code Section 23-VII - TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS.

Commissioner of Revenue, Bradley Powers spoke to the Board regarding raising income limits on the current Ordinance to better align with current Social Security Benefits and peer localities.

2/13/2025 6:12 PM With no one else wishing to speak, Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins closed the public hearing.

- *Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to waive the rules for the public hearing and vote on the Ordinance this evening. 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,*

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ARTICLE VII. TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS¹

Sec. 23-211. Authority.

This article is adopted pursuant to the authority of Code of Virginia, § 58.1-3210 et seq., as amended.
(Code 1978, § 8-20; Code 1995, § 34-151)

Sec. 23-212. Applicability.

The provisions of this article shall apply to all persons residing in the county, including the incorporated municipalities therein.
(Code 1978, § 8-21; Code 1995, § 34-152)

Sec. 23-213. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to provide a real estate exemption for qualified property owners of the county who are not less than 65 years of age and for those persons determined to be permanently and totally disabled and who are eligible according to the terms of this article.
(Code 1978, § 8-22; Code 1995, § 34-153)

Sec. 23-214. Rules of construction.

In the construction of this article, the rules contained in this section shall be observed and applied. The term "lot" includes the words "plat" and "parcel." The term "approve" shall be considered to be followed by the words "or disapprove," except when the context clearly indicates otherwise.
(Code 1978, § 8-23; Code 1995, § 34-154)

Sec. 23-215. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Affidavit means the real estate tax exemption or deferral affidavit, which shall be a sworn statement in writing.

Disabled means a person who is certified disabled by the Social Security Administration, the department of veterans affairs or the railroad retirement board, or if such person is not eligible for certification by any of these agencies, a sworn affidavit by two medical doctors who are either licensed to practice medicine in the commonwealth or are military officers on active duty who practice medicine with the United States Armed Forces,

to the effect that the person is permanently and totally disabled, as defined in Code of Virginia, § 58.1-3217; however, a certification pursuant to 42 USC 423(d) by the Social Security Administration so long as the person remains eligible for such social security benefits shall be deemed to satisfy such definition in Code of Virginia, § 58.1-3217. The affidavit of at least one of the doctors shall be based upon a physical examination of the person by such doctor. The affidavit of one of the doctors may be based upon medical information contained in the records of the civil service commission which is relevant to the standards for determining permanent and total disability as defined in Code of Virginia, § 58.1-3217.

Dwelling means the full-time residence of the head of the household occupying such residence and owning title or partial title thereto, such head of the household being at least 65 years of age or disabled at the time application is filed.

Exemption means exemption from the county real estate tax, according to the provisions of this article.

Property means real property only.

Taxable year means the calendar year, from January 1 until December 31, for which exemption or deferral is claimed.

Title or title to real property means record of property title ascertainable from the records of the clerk of the circuit court of the county, and shall not include leasehold or life estates.

(Code 1978, § 8-24; Code 1995, § 34-155)

State law reference(s)—"Permanently and totally disabled" defined, Code of Virginia, § 58.1-3217.

Sec. 23-216. Violations and penalties.

Any person falsely claiming an exemption under this article shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor.

(Code 1978, § 8-30; Code 1995, § 34-156)

Sec. 23-217. Administration.

- (a) The exemption authorized in this subdivision shall be administered by the Commissioner of the Revenue according to the general provisions contained herein. The Commissioner of the Revenue is hereby authorized and empowered to prescribe, adopt, promulgate and enforce rules and regulations in conformity with the general provisions of this subdivision, including the requirements of answers under oath, as may be reasonably necessary to determine qualifications for exemption as specified by this subdivision. The Commissioner of the Revenue may require the production of certified tax returns and appraisal reports to establish income or financial worth.
- (b) The County Treasurer shall provide notice of the exemption in accordance with Code of Virginia §58.1-3213.1

(Code 1978, § 8-25; Code 1995, § 34-157)Sec. 23-218. Requirements for exemption.

The exemption authorized by this article shall be granted to persons subject to the following provisions:

- (1) The title to the property for which an exemption is claimed is held or is partially held on January 1 of the taxable year by the person claiming the exemption, but such title shall not include leasehold interests or life estates.

- (2) The head of the household occupying the dwelling and owning title or partial title thereto is 65 years of age or older on December 31 of the year immediately preceding the taxable year, or is totally and permanently disabled as defined by this article.
- (3) The gross combined income of the owner during the year immediately preceding the taxable year shall be determined by the commissioner of the revenue to be in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00. The term "gross combined income" shall include all income from all sources of the owner and of all persons living in the dwelling for which claimed; provided that all income of individuals below the age of 18 and the first \$12,000 of income for relatives below the age of 23 and who is enrolled in two semesters in the current year in a high school, college, or technical school shall not be included in the gross combined income. The first \$1,500.00 of income of each relative whose income is not otherwise exempt in this article and is living in the dwelling shall be deducted from the gross combined income. The income of the owner's spouse shall be included in the total income. Income of non-relatives living in the dwelling shall be included in total in calculation of gross combined income.
- (4) The total combined financial net worth of the owners as of December 31 of the year immediately preceding the taxable year in which application is made shall be determined by the Commissioner of the revenue to be in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. Total financial worth shall include the value of all assets including equitable interests of the owner and the owner's spouse, but shall exclude the fair market value of the dwelling and the land upon which it is situated, not exceeding one acre, for which the exemption is claimed.

(Code 1978, § 8-26; Code 1995, § 34-158; Ord. of 10-11-2005; Amend. of 4-13-2010; Ord. of 10-8-2013(4))State law reference(s)—Restrictions and exemptions, Code of Virginia, § 58.1-3211; local restrictions and exemptions, Code of Virginia, § 58.1-3212.

Sec. 23-219. Claiming exemption.

- (a) In the first year for which exemption is sought, every person claiming an exemption under this article shall file an application with the commissioner of revenue of the county setting forth the basis for their claim of exemption. In each of the following two (2) years between their filing of such applications, if no circumstances relevant to determination of eligibility for the exemption has changed, the applicant shall certify that with the Commissioner of the Revenue on forms provided by the Commissioner; however, if an applicant's circumstances have changed to affect their eligibility for exemption, the applicant will need to file a new application. The date for filing such an application or certification shall begin after January 1 of the taxable year and must be submitted no later than December 5 of the taxable year, but may be extended by the commissioner of revenue to December 15 of a taxable year for a first-time applicant and to December 15 of each taxable year in a hardship case in which the commissioner of revenue determines that the applicant was unable to file by December 5 of the particular taxable year because of illness of the applicant, confinement of the applicant in a nursing home, hospital, or other medical facility or institution, or other case as determined by the Commissioner.
- (b) The application shall set forth the names of the related persons occupying the real property for which exemption is claimed, the name of any other person who is an owner of and resides in the dwelling on the property, and the combined household income of all such persons. The form of such application or certification shall be determined by the commissioner of revenue, and shall contain such other information as may be required adequately to determine compliance with the provisions of section 23-218.
- (c) If the person filing an application for exemption under this section is under sixty-five (65) years of age, the application shall have attached thereto proper documentation by the Social Security Administration, Veteran's Administration or the Railroad Retirement Board that the person has been certified as being

permanently or totally disabled as defined by those agencies, or if such person is not eligible for certification by any of these agencies, a sworn affidavit by two (2) medical doctors licensed to practice medicine in the commonwealth, to the effect that the person is permanently and totally disabled, as defined in section 30-96. The affidavit of at least one (1) of the doctors shall be based upon a physical examination of the person by such doctor. The affidavit of one (1) of the doctors may be based upon medical information contained in the records of the civil service commission which is relevant to the standards for determining permanent and total disability as defined in section 30-96.

- (d) In addition, the commissioner of revenue may make such further inquiry of persons seeking to claim exemptions requiring answers under oath and/or the production of tax returns or other information, as may be deemed reasonably necessary to determine eligibility for an exemption.
- (e) If, after audit and investigation, the Commissioner of the Revenue determines that the person is qualified for exemption, such amounts shall be determined by the Commissioner of the Revenue in accordance with the terms of this article and discount applied to the tax account.

(Code 1978, § 8-27; Code 1995, § 34-159; Ord. of 2-12-1991)

Sec. 23-220. Amount of exemption.

- (a) The person qualifying for and claiming exemption under this article shall be relieved of that portion of real estate tax levied on the qualifying dwelling and land in the amount not to exceed \$200.00
- (b) The maximum relief permitted under this section shall be \$200.00.

Sec. 23-221. Changes in income, financial worth, other assets during taxable year.

Changes in respect to income, financial worth, ownership of property or other factors occurring during the taxable year for which the affidavit is filed, and having the effect of exceeding or violating the limitations and conditions provided in this article, shall nullify any relief of real estate tax liability for the then current taxable year.

(Code 1978, § 8-29; Code 1995, § 34-161)

Secs. 23-222—23-250. Reserved.

- *Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill made a motion to adopt the amendments to Smyth County Code Section 23-VII - TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN ELDERLY AND DISABLED PERSONS 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,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener, and
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris.*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

2/13/2025 6:13 PM Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins opened the public hearing for Proposed Ordinance for Tax Exemptions for Abatement of Levies on Buildings Raised, Destroyed, or Damaged by Fortuitous Happenings.

Commissioner of Revenue Bradley Powers shared that Washington County had enacted an ordinance following the tornadoes of 2011, which aimed to address disaster recovery and infrastructure damage. He explained that the ordinance was also beneficial to citizens after the damage caused by Hurricane Helene and would like to enact the same in Smyth County.

2/13/2025 6:17 PM Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins closed the public hearing

- *Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to waive the rules for the public hearing and vote on the Ordinance this evening. 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,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener, and
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris.*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ARTICLE III. PROPERTY TAXES

Secs. 23-47. Abatement of levies on buildings razed, destroyed or damaged by fortuitous happenings.

- (a) Buildings that are razed, destroyed, or damaged due to natural or accidental events beyond the control of the owner shall receive abatement for tax levies for the year in which the event occurs, computed according to the ration which the portion of the year the building was fit for use, occupancy, or enjoyment bears to the entire calendar year. No such abatement shall occur unless all the following conditions are met:
1. The destruction of damage to such building occurred during an event that resulted in a declaration of local and state emergency;
 2. The destruction or damage to such building decreased its value \$500.00 or more;
 3. The destruction or damage to such building rendered it unfit for use and occupancy for 30 or more days during the calendar year; and
 4. The owner of such building (or the owner's agent) make application to the Commission of the Revenue for abatement within six months of the date on which the building was razed, destroyed, or damaged.
- (b) In the following tax year, the provisions of the Code of Virginia, § 58.1-3293, shall determine the proper assessment and levy.

Secs. 23-48—23-65. Reserved.

- *Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill made a motion to adopt Smyth County Code Section 23-XVI: Ordinance to address an abatement of tax levies on buildings damaged natural disasters or fortuitous events 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,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener, and
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris.*

NAYS: *None.*

ABSTAINERS: *None.*

2/13/2025 6:17 PM Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins recessed the meeting to allow for the board members to take a quick break.

2/13/2025 6:39 PM Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins called the meeting back to order.

2/13/2025 6:39 PM Mrs. Richardson reviewed the County financial information.

SMYTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

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| <u>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTING</u> | |
| <u>January 2025</u> | |
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| Request approval of the following payables: | |
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| General County | 3,054,880.93 |
| Fund 004 EDA | 147,713.43 |
| Fund 302 Public Safety Radio | - |
| Fund 501 Water Deposit Refunds | 400.00 |
| Fund 505 Transfer Station | 10,240.99 |
| Fund 748 E-Summons | 1,614.03 |
| Fund 749 Recovery Court | 38,124.11 |
| Regular Checks Total: | 3,252,973.49 |
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| Fund Accounts - Manual Checks | |
| | |
| Fund 399 Courthouse Construction | 49,719.88 |
| Fund 760 Commonwealth Attorney Federal Drug Asset | - |
| Fund 770 Circuit Court Clerk - Holding Account | - |
| Manual Checks Total: | 49,719.88 |
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| TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - January 2025 | 3,302,693.37 |

2/13/2025 6:41 PM A motion was made by Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call to approve the accounts payable listing 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,

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

2/13/2025 6:42 PM Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins opened citizen's time.

2/13/2025 6:42PM With no citizens wishing to speak, Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins closed citizen's time.

2/13/2025 6:42 PM Mr. Utt read the minutes from February 6, 2025, Appointment Committee meeting and shared the following committee recommendation:

The Committee reviewed the upcoming appointments and reappointments for positions that are currently vacant, including a Chilhowie District Board of Zoning Appeals representative, Community Policy Management Team (Private Provider Representative, and a non-district specific seat on the Mount Rogers Community Services Board. John Clair, who previously served in this position, resigned due to scheduling conflicts. Patton Graham expressed interest in filling the vacancy; however, given his involvement with the SWVA Mental Health Institute, the Committee requested verification that no conflict of interest exists. After discussion, the following motions were rendered:

- *Atkins District Supervisor, Charles Atkins made a motion to recommend staff verify the absence of a conflict of interest for potential Mount Rogers Community Services Board appointment and to revisit at the next meeting. Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the committee.*

Mr. Utt noted that following the committee meeting, staff verified there was no conflict of interest for the appointment of Patton Graham to the Mount Roger Community Services Board due to his service as a fill-in judge with the SWVA Mental Health Institute. Following discussion, the following motion was rendered:

- *Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill made a motion to appoint Patton Graham to the remainder of John Clair's unexpired term on the Mount Rogers Community Services Board set to expire 12/31/2027. 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,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener, and
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris.*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

- *Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill made a motion to appoint Shelby Mitchell to the Community Policy Management Term to fill the unexpired Private Provider Representative term set to expire 12/31/2025. 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,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener, and
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris.*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

2/13/2025 6:46 PM Mr. Utt read the minutes from the February 6th 2025, Budget Committee meeting and shared the following recommendation:

The Committee discussed Budget Amendment #7, which requests an allocation of \$3,705,623 in State Revenue for the School System. This request is based on the Governor's proposed budget amendments to the school system's current fiscal year. The reason for this amendment is to address funding for Smyth County students participating in the Region VII Virtual Academy. Currently, approximately 50 students are enrolled in this program. To make this a budget-neutral solution, the school district partnered with Stride, a virtual education company, to enroll out-of-district students in grades K-2. This partnership has led to the enrollment of approximately 320 non-Smyth County residents in the virtual program with Stride. This partnership allows the district to retain 5.5% of the total budget amendment to cover the costs for the Region VII Virtual Academy students. Additionally, when calculating the funding for the Required Local Effort, the 320 out-of-district students are excluded from the calculation, ensuring that Smyth County does not incur any costs for these students. The amendment also includes a passthrough for a budget transfer related to

previously allocated funds for the Rich Valley Fair loan. Due to the amount of the amendment exceeding the 1% threshold, a public hearing will be required. After discussion, the following action was taken:

- *Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener made a motion to recommend scheduling a Public Hearing on February 27th, 2025, at 5pm or thereafter to obtain comments on Budget Amendment #7 in the amount of \$3,705,623. Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Committee.*

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: Vice Chair, Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill.

ABSENT: None.

2/13/2025 6:48 PM Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener read the minutes from the February 6th 2025, Public Safety Committee meeting and shared the following recommendations:

Mr. Dempsey Director of IT presented the security quotes for the Courthouse and Sheriff's Office, outlining the differences between the options available. Committee members expressed concern over the cost and inquired whether any of the expenses had been previously budgeted to help mitigate the impact. Mr. Dempsey explained that the proposed system would provide a more secure encrypted framework, adding a second layer of protection. He also mentioned that the system can be utilized throughout the County and allows for future expansion. After continuing discussion, the committee members made the following recommendations:

After further discussion, the following recommendation was made.

- *Rye Valley District Supervisor, Jason Parris made a recommendation to present the security system quotes for the Courthouse and Sheriff's Department, to include budget summaries to be presented to the full Board at their meeting on February 13, 2025, for consideration. Royal Oak District Supervisor, Courtney Widener seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.*

Mr. Utt presented the budget information, clarifying that the costs associated with the proposed security system had already been accounted for in the existing budget. After discussion the following motion was rendered

- *Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill made a motion to approve the proposal from Kegley Electric for the security cameras and other upgrades Courthouse and Sheriff's Office choosing the 5 Year term in the amount of up to \$704,525 and authorize the County Administrator to execute the contract. 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,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener, and
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris.*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

2/13/2025 7:02 PM BEAD Grant Application Letters of Support:

Mr. Utt reviewed the request for letters of support for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program grant application through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, received from both Brightspeed and GigaBeam. The BEAD Program is a historic initiative designed to expand high-speed internet access in rural and suburban communities, with a total funding of \$42.45 billion, \$1.48 billion of which will be allocated to internet service providers (ISPs) in Virginia to accelerate broadband deployment across the Commonwealth. While Point Broadband fiber service is currently available in the County, the goal is to further increase access and competition for all citizens. Mr. Utt noted that to qualify for additional points (10 points out of a total of 100), action by the Board is required. After discussion, the following motion was rendered:

- *Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call made a motion to approve letters of support be sent for the BEAD Grant Application to both Brightspeed and GigaBeam. 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,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,*

*Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener, and
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris.*

NAYS: *None.*

ABSTAINERS: *None.*

ABSENT: *None.*

2/13/2025 7:06 PM Mr. Utt presented the draft water usage agreement between the County and the Blue Ridge Discovery Center (BRDC) for the benefit of the Konnarock Community Center. Mr. Utt informed the Board that the materials and equipment for installing the water line from the BRDC well to the Konnarock Community Center are ready, but the agreement needs to be finalized before work can begin. He recommended that the Board approve and authorize the execution of the agreement, pending the County Attorney's final review and approval.

- *Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener made a motion to recommend approval of the Water Usage Agreement between Smyth County and Blue Ridge Discovery Center and authorize the County Administrator to execute pending County Attorney review. Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill seconded the motion.*

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following show of hand vote:

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

NAYS: *None.*

ABSTAINERS: *None.*

ABSENT: *None.*

2/13/2025 7:11 PM County Attorney Report – Mr. Farthing did not have anything to share during this time.

11/14/2024 7:12 PM County Administrator Report -

Mr. Utt shared that the college summer league baseball team, which has requested to use Marion Senior High's field, is now ready to move forward with an agreement involving the team, the school system, and the County for the upcoming summer baseball season. He confirmed that all parties involved have discussed the terms and are prepared to proceed. The agreement outlines the conditions for field use, responsibilities, and any other relevant arrangements for the summer schedule.

- *Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener made a motion to approve the agreement with between Smyth County, Smyth County School Board and Baseball team for utilization of Marion Senior High School Field and authorize the County Administrator to execute. Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill seconded the motion.*

After consideration, the motion PASSED by the following show of hand vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Mr. Utt also brought up the need for fill-in Committee members to ensure a quorum when regular members are unable to attend meetings. The Board discussed the suggestion and agreed that this was a necessary measure to maintain the efficiency of the various committee's work and ensure that meetings can proceed without interruptions.

Mr. Crawford gave an update on damage assessments from continued flooding and also shared the Saltville Fireman's Bash is scheduled for July 5th and is accepting donations to assist in operations. Several Board members offered a portion of their Supervisor Fund to benefit the effort.

Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener made a motion to donate \$1,000 from his Supervisor Fund to Saltville Fireman's Bash, along with \$1,000 from Saltville District Supervisor's fund (with Mr. Call's concurrence), \$1,000 from North Fork District Supervisor's fund (with Mr. Billings' concurrence), and \$500 from Rye Valley District Supervisor's fund (with Mr. Parris's concurrence) all within line item 001- 011010-8888-61 in addition to the County's regular contribution of \$2,500 from Supplemental Appropriation (011010-8888). 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,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener, and*

Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris.

NAYS: *None.*

ABSTAINERS: *None.*

ABSENT: *None.*

Mr. Utt mentioned a request from a citizen regarding her water account related to the water outage in the Saltville area in November 2024. The Board agreed to send the request to the Water and Sewer Committee for further review and recommendation.

Mr. Utt also mentioned a need for a budget transfer of \$7,000 from 501-085010-5423 to 501-085060-0007 due to the purchase of a pump for the Beaver Creek pump station.

- *Chilhowie District Supervisor made a motion to transfer \$7,000 from 501-085010-5423 to 501-085060-0007 for a water pump replacement. 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,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings,
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener, and
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris.*

NAYS: *None.*

ABSTAINERS: *None.*

ABSENT: *None.*

2/13/2025 7:38 PM Supervisor Comment Time –

Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill thanked everyone and wished everyone a safe trip home.

Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener shared his appreciation for staff and VDOT for continuing to keep the roads as clear as possible. Mr. Widener also shared an event the SWVA Criminal Justice Academy is hosting on April 12th for Fallen Heros.

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call thanked staff and wished everyone a safe trip home.

North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings thanked Staff and shared his hopes of having the Dispatch and Sheriff's Offices move completed soon. Mr. Billings did share concerns with the Magistrates office setup and limitations to the public for a few weeks.

Park District Supervisor Kristopher Ratliff thanked staff and shared he would appreciate an alternate appointment for the Mount Rogers Community Services Board to be able to serve in his absence.

Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris thanked VDOT staff for their attendance and working to keep roads clear.

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins thanked staff and Mr. Farthing for jobs well done. He also thanked Mr. Utt for working on the budgets, knowing it will be a tough year.

2/13/2025 7:52 PM

- *Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener 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 regarding Project Nexus. 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,
Park District Supervisor Kristopher Ratliff,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings, and
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

2/13/2025 7:52 PM

- *Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener made a motion to adopt the following resolution and enter back into open session. Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call 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,
Royal Oak District Supervisor Courtney Widener,
Park District Supervisor Kristoper Ratliff,
Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call,
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings, and
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris.*

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINERS: None.

ABSENT: None.

2/13/2025 8:00 PM With no further business to discuss, Chair, Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins adjourned the meeting.



Executive Summary

Rural Southwest Virginia struggles with multiple challenges including chronic health issues, mental-health concerns across all ages, job retention, and the current Substance Use Disorder (SUD) epidemic. One of the results has been a decrease in citizens' capacity to find financial security and employment. Families have struggled to meet their needs amid growing mental and economic stressors that increase physical stressors as well. This is particularly worrisome for our young people, as adverse childhood experiences can lead to future challenges in school and at home.

To meet the growing need, YWCA NETN and SWVA has opened the Powerhouse Community Wellness + Resource Center, located in Glade Spring, VA, and serving surrounding counties. With this pilot facility, we are providing a central hub for not only programming but community support and networking to address important factors of holistic health and wellness our rural area. Through YWCA and partner programming, and using the lens of trauma-informed care, the Powerhouse empowers citizens of all ages and backgrounds to embrace healthy habits and lives, thus strengthening their families and communities.

Through the Powerhouse, YWCA and its partners are focusing on several key program areas:

- Substance Use Disorder (SUD) prevention and recovery supports for individuals and families
- Family resiliency, with intergenerational supports and activities for women, parents, youth, and seniors
- Small business and entrepreneurship training and workforce development
- Holistic health and wellness—including physical, mental/emotional, economic, educational, and relational

Elevator speech:

The Powerhouse is a YWCA outreach facility created as a resource hub for Southwest Virginia. Our mission is to support family resiliency by providing essential services and programming that allow our communities to thrive. At the Powerhouse, we and our partners offer a variety of programs and classes designed to promote personal growth and wellness, job skills development, and community connection. We believe that resilience begins at home, and that's why we focus on engaging the entire family, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to thrive.



Sample of Current Powerhouse Partners and Supporters

- Appalachian Substance Abuse Coalition
- Ballad Health
- EO/United Wa
- Emory & Henry University
- Highlands Community Services Board
- Mount Rogers Community Services
- Mount Rogers Regional Adult Education
- Mount Rogers Health District
- People, Incorporated
- Project YES
- STRONG ACC
- Virginia Department of Health
- Virginia Highlands Small Business Development Center

Cooperative Partnership Funding Opportunity for Southwest Virginia

Communities In Schools of Appalachian Highlands - School-based Substance Use Prevention "Strength In Choices"

Opportunity: The Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) was formed by the Virginia General Assembly in 2021 as an independent entity to abate and remediate the opioid epidemic in the Commonwealth through financial support from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Fund in the form of grants, donations, or other assistance, for efforts to treat, prevent, and reduce opioid use disorder and the misuse of opioids in the Commonwealth.

The OAA serves to build **partnerships between Virginia's cities and counties, state agencies, and providers of services** in order to assist individuals suffering from opioid use disorders and co-occurring substance use and mental illness. These partnerships address the full range of services **providing education about substance use, prevention**, treatment, and recovery supports.

Proposal: CIS-AH proposes a five-year Cooperative Partnership project aimed at delivering substance use prevention programming, family engagement/education on substance use, and providing narcan-trained individuals all within the school setting and including the following localities, listed alphabetically:

- Bristol City
- Buchanan County
- Dickenson County
- Grayson County
- Norton
- Russell County
- Smyth County
- Tazewell County
- Washington County
- Wise County

Under this proposal, cities/counties will pledge and provide funding for the project through their direct distribution of OAA funds. These funds will be used to directly serve the communities from which they originate and will be calculated based on CIS-AH capacity to deliver programming. Additionally, funds for the project will be requested through a competitive grant application to the OAA within the category of Cooperative Partnership. Funding awarded through the competitive grant would be allocated, once again, based on services provided within each county. Finally, CIS-AH will also pledge and provide funding from additional sources to support the project. The funds provided by each locality combined with funding provided by CIS-AH will bolster the Cooperative Partnership grant application (due April 1, 2025) by demonstrating commitment from each locality served and leveraging matching funds to increase competitiveness. **In order to apply as a Cooperative Partnership, one locality must serve as representative applicant and fiscal agent. CIS-AH welcomes the opportunity to work closely with the fiscal agent to ensure application submission and programmatic reporting requirements are met.**

Project Overview: CIS-AH is uniquely positioned to provide school-based prevention services by partnering with existing school programs (such as DARE) and coordinating with additional community partners to support school-aged children (ages 5 to 18) and their families. Through this new initiative, each Student Support Coordinator working within the scope of the project will identify at least 40 students (approximately 2,400 total) through evidence-informed assessments and deliver targeted, evidence-based lessons on topics such as making healthy choices, building resilience, developing good habits, and resisting peer pressure. In addition to these focused lessons, Student Support Coordinators will deliver programming for the entire school to raise awareness about the dangers of substance use. The initiative will also include the coordination and delivery of at least one family engagement event per year at each applicable school designed to foster shared learning between parents and children, educate families about the risks of substance use, and provide an opportunity for families to have fun together.

Preliminary Project Budget Overview:

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| Cost Model per Student Support Coordinator | |
| Personnel | |
| Salary (20%): | \$11,000.00 |
| Benefits (20%): | \$560.00 |
| Operations | |
| Curriculum per 40 students: | \$350.00 |
| Whole-School Program Supplies: | \$5,000.00 |
| Family Engagement Event Supplies: | \$2,000.00 |
| Family Engagement Event Meals: | \$2,500.00 |
| Naloxone | \$200.00 |
| Capital | |
| N/A | \$0.00 |
| Total | \$21,610.00 |

Cost per Locality

Bristol City: \$129,660.00
 Buchanan County: \$86,440.00
 Dickenson County: \$108,050.00
 Grayson County: \$86,440.00
 Norton City: \$43,220.00
 Russell County: \$64,830.00
 Smyth County: \$129,660.00
 Tazewell County: \$280,930.00
 Wise County: \$86,440.00
 Washington County: \$324,150.00

Direct Distribution Request per Locality

Bristol City: \$12,000.00
 Buchanan County: \$8,000.00
 Dickenson County: \$10,000.00
 Grayson County: \$8,000.00
 Norton City: \$4,000.00
 Russell County: \$6,000.00
 Smyth County: \$12,000.00
 Tazewell County: \$26,000.00
 Wise County: \$8,000.00
 Washington County: \$30,000.00

| | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Total Project Cost: | \$1,253,380.00 per year |
| Sum of Direct Distributions | \$124,000.00 per year |
| OAA Cooperative Partnership Grant Request: | \$900,000.00 per year |
| CIS-AH Match: | \$229,380.00 per year |

Applicable Performance Measures within OAA Guidelines

Prevention/Education/Awareness Efforts

- 1 No. of children, infant to 5 years old, participating in prevention/education programming
- 2 No. of children, elementary school age, participating in prevention/education programming
- 3 No. of children, middle school age, participating in prevention/education programming
- 4 No. of children, high school age, participating in prevention/education programming
- 5 No. of adults from the general public participating in prevention/education programming
- 6 No. of pregnant and/or nursing women participating in prevention/education programming
- 7 No. of teachers participating in prevention/education programming
- 8 No. of health care professionals participating in prevention/education programming
- 9 No. of law enforcement officers participating in prevention/education programming
- 10 No. of court-related professionals participating in prevention/education programming
- 11 No. of key officials / policy makers participating in prevention/education programming

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, February 27, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. or soon thereafter, to receive comments on the proposed amendments of the budget for fiscal year 2024-2025.

This amendment will increase the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 adopted budget by \$3,705,623 to add additional state funding for Smyth County Schools related to the regional virtual academy costs as well as carry-over funding for Rich Valley Fair. The proposed new total budget amount will be \$157,053,806.

All interested persons may express their views by emailing 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, February 27, 2025. 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
FY2024/25

Budget Amendment #7 (02-27-2025)

Part 1. REVENUES

| Fund | Department | Line Item Number | Account Title | Adopted Budget | Amount of Amendment | Budget with Amendment | Notes |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Fund 009 | Smyth County Schools | 009-021010-0006 | Basic Aid | \$ (40,732,668) | \$ (3,705,623) | \$ (44,438,291) | Virtual Classroom funding pass-through |
| Total Revenues With Amendment | | | | \$ (153,348,183) | \$ (3,705,623) | \$ (157,053,806) | |

Part 2. EXPENDITURES

| Fund | Department | Line Item Number | Account Title | Adopted Budget | Amount of Amendment | Amended Budget Amount | Notes |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Fund 001 | Vehicle Maint. Garage | 001-044010-_____ | Salaries, etc. | \$ 254,934 | \$ (120,000) | \$ 134,934 | Transfer funds to Rich Valley Fairgrounds |
| Fund 001 | EDA (General Fund Exp's) | 001-081030-8888-5 | Transfer to EDA for Rich Valley Loan | \$ - | \$ 120,000 | \$ 120,000 | |
| Fund 009 | Smyth County Schools | | | \$ - | \$ 3,705,623 | \$ 3,705,623 | Virtual Classroom funding pass-through |
| Total Expenditures With Amendment | | | | \$ 153,348,183 | \$ 3,705,623 | \$ 157,053,806 | |

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|---------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Revenues | \$ (153,348,183) | \$ (3,705,623) | \$ (157,053,806) |
| Expenditures | \$ 153,348,183 | \$ 3,705,623 | \$ 157,053,806 |
| Difference | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |



SMYTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION SMYTH COUNTY BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 – AMENDMENT #7

WHEREAS, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors, on June 20th, 2024, adopted the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget in the original amount of \$146,646,737; and

WHEREAS, in the meeting of August 22nd, 2024, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (Budget amendment #1) for Fiscal Year 2024/25 in the amount of \$151,588,158; and

WHEREAS, in the meeting of August 22nd, 2024, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (Budget amendment #2) for Fiscal Year 2024/25 in the amount of \$151,603,158; and

WHEREAS, in the meeting of September 26th, 2024, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (Budget amendment #3) for Fiscal Year 2024/25 in the amount of \$151,917,704; and

WHEREAS, in the meeting of October 24th, 2024, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (Budget amendment #4) for Fiscal Year 2024/25 in the amount of \$151,702,704; and

WHEREAS, in the meeting of November 14th, 2024, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (Budget amendment #5) for Fiscal Year 2024/25 in the amount of \$152,950,165; and

WHEREAS, in the meeting of January 23rd, 2025, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (Budget amendment #6) for Fiscal Year 2024/25 in the amount of \$153,348,183; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate amount of budget amendment #7 is \$3,705,623 which would increase the Fiscal Year 2024/25 budget to a total of \$157,053,806 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 2024/25 in the amount of \$157,053,806.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the approval of this budget amendment #7 shall indeed constitute an appropriation of the same funds.

Adopted this the 27th day of February, 2025

ATTEST:

**SMYTH COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Shawn M. Utt, Clerk of the Board

Charles Atkins, Chair

A meeting of the Smyth County Budget Committee was held at the County Office Building on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins
Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris

Staff Members:

County Administrator, Shawn Utt
Executive Assistant/ Deputy Clerk, Auna Louthian

Atkins District Supervisor Charles Atkins called the meeting to order at 11:22 a.m.

Item 1 – Budget Amendment #9:

The budget amendment adjusts several grants and projects across different funds. The Department of Forestry's Sustainability Grant in the amount of \$13,681 can be used for additional 4-H Summer Camp Scholarships, while \$100,000 in CDBG grant funds has been awarded for housing assistance under the Hurricane Helene Recovery Planning Grant. Additionally, \$46,501 is designated for SCADA controls and \$1,500 is allocated for the Ashton Lane Emergency Well project through grants from MRPDC. The total amount of Budget Amendment #8 is \$160,182 to bring the revised budget amount to \$157,213,988.

- Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill made a motion to recommend approving Budget Amendment #8 in the amount of \$160,182. Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Item 2 – 4th of July Fireworks celebration proposal:

Mr. Utt then a proposal from American Fireworks for the 4th of July fireworks celebration. He noted the Town of Marion has agreed to contribute \$5,000, and he proposes the county to provide \$15,000, bringing the total contract amount to \$20,000. We will also work with other sponsors to help support the event but Mr. Utt requested authorization to execute the contract.

- Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill made a motion to recommend approving proposal from American Fireworks for the \$20,000 proposal and authorize the County Administrator to execute. Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Exhibit A
FY2024/25

Budget Amendment #8 (2/27/2025)

Part 1. REVENUES

| Fund | Department | Line Item Number | Account Title | Adopted Budget | Amount of Amendment | Budget with Amendment | Notes |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---|
| | | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Fund 001 | State Grant Money | 001-021100-0036 | DOF Sustainability Grant | \$ - | \$ (13,681) | \$ (13,681) | Forest Sustainability Grant |
| Fund 303 | CDBG Fund | 303-012010-0003 | Hurricane Helene Recovery PG | \$ - | \$ (100,000) | \$ (100,000) | Planning Grant fund to go toward housing assistance |
| Fund 501 | Miscellaneous | 501-019010-0005 | MRPDC W/WW Grant | \$ - | \$ (46,501) | \$ (46,501) | Grant funding from MRPDC for SCADA controls |
| Total Revenues With Amendment | | | | \$ (157,053,806) | \$ (160,182) | \$ (157,213,988) | |

Part 2. EXPENDITURES

| Fund | Department | Line Item Number | Account Title | Adopted Budget | Amount of Amendment | Amended Budget Amount | Notes |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | | | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| Fund 001 | VT Cooperative Extension Program | 001-083030-8888 | DOF Forest Sustainability Grant | \$ - | \$ 13,681 | \$ 13,681 | Forest Sustainability Grant |
| Fund 303 | CDBG Grant | 303-012010-0002 | Hurricane Recovery PG | \$ - | \$ 100,000 | \$ 100,000 | Planning Grant fund to go toward housing assistance |
| Fund 501 | Utility Fund Capital Projects | 501-085060-0020 | MRPDC SCADA Grant | \$ - | \$ 45,001 | \$ 45,001 | Grant funding from MRPDC for SCADA controls |
| Fund 501 | Utility Fund Capital Projects | 501-085060-0021 | Ashton Lane EMER Well | \$ - | \$ 1,500 | \$ 1,500 | Grant funding from MRPDC for assistance in Sugar Grove |
| Total Expenditures With Amendment | | | | \$ 157,053,806 | \$ 160,182 | \$ 157,213,988 | |

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|---------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Revenues | \$ (157,053,806) | \$ (160,182) | \$ (157,213,988) |
| Expenditures | \$ 157,053,806 | \$ 160,182 | \$ 157,213,988 |
| Difference | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |



SMYTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION SMYTH COUNTY BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 – AMENDMENT #8

WHEREAS, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors, on June 20th, 2024, adopted the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget in the original amount of \$146,646,737; and

WHEREAS, in the meeting of August 22nd, 2024, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (Budget amendment #1) for Fiscal Year 2024/25 in the amount of \$151,588,158; and

WHEREAS, in the meeting of August 22nd, 2024, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (Budget amendment #2) for Fiscal Year 2024/25 in the amount of \$151,603,158; and

WHEREAS, in the meeting of September 26th, 2024, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (Budget amendment #3) for Fiscal Year 2024/25 in the amount of \$151,917,704; and

WHEREAS, in the meeting of October 24th, 2024, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (Budget amendment #4) for Fiscal Year 2024/25 in the amount of \$151,702,704; and

WHEREAS, in the meeting of November 14th, 2024, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (Budget amendment #5) for Fiscal Year 2024/25 in the amount of \$152,950,165; and

WHEREAS, in the meeting of January 23rd, 2025, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (Budget amendment #6) for Fiscal Year 2024/25 in the amount of \$153,348,183; and

WHEREAS, in the meeting of January 23rd, 2025, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopted an amended budget (Budget amendment #7) for Fiscal Year 2024/25 in the amount of \$157,053,806; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate amount of budget amendment #8 is \$160,182 which would increase the Fiscal Year 2024/25 budget to a total of \$157,213,988 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 2024/25 in the amount of \$157,213,988.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the approval of this budget amendment #8 shall indeed constitute an appropriation of the same funds.

Adopted this the 27th day of February, 2025

ATTEST:

**SMYTH COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Shawn M. Utt, Clerk of the Board

Charles Atkins, Chair

AMERICAN FIREWORKSSM

Since 1902

Our Proposed Special Entertainment Proposals Smyth County Strong Independence Day



Program Cost – See Options Below

Show Date – July 6th, 2025
Rain Date – NA

Show Location: Marion Senior High School
820 Stage St, Marion, VA 24354

Show Time: DUSK

This Fireworks Display Proposal Includes:

1. **Virginia** Licensed Pyrotechnicians and Technician Assistants necessary to set up, fire, take down, and conduct a safety inspection.
2. Delivery of all product and materials to the display site by qualified drivers as required by the U.S. Department of Transportation.
3. Professional, choreography and firing of the entire display.
4. All mortar racks necessary to pre-load all shells in the display. All racks are built to NFPA code specifications.
5. Public Liability and property damage insurance of **\$10,000,000** combined single limit. Our insurance company has an A++ rating.
6. Automobile liability insurance of **\$10,000,000** as required by the U.S. Department of Transportation.
7. **Virginia** Workers Compensation coverage for all pyrotechnicians and technician assistants.
8. **Virginia** Explosives License as required by the U.S. Department of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.
9. **Virginia** Fireworks Storage license as required by the State Fire Marshall.

SHOW PRODUCTION AND DESIGN

American Fireworks will provide professional, computerized scripting of the entire fireworks display. We will utilize coordinated segments, matching like colors and effects, to create a variety of spectacular scenes for the crowd.

Show Segments and Highlights

The choreography of the aerial display will utilize several segments, including:

Patriotic— Five different segments utilizing red, white, and blue shells with various effects. These segments will be distributed throughout the show as detailed in the program and will be approximately 20 seconds in duration each.

The Fast and Furious— Will include several segments that will build in intensity throughout the show, culminating in a spectacular Finale (Pre-Finale and Grand Finale) that will be over 4 minutes in duration! An abundance of thundering, fast-breaking shells will be utilized in these segments (Crossettes, titanium salutes, tourbillions, peonies, and fish).

Soft and Slow— During these segments we will utilize soft-breaking, long duration shells such as arcing comets, brilliant glitters, willows, kamuros, and brocades.

Silver and Gold—No fireworks production would be complete without a glittering array of silver and gold effects. We will utilize coconut shells, flitter shells, and gold brocades to present curtains of brilliant golds and silvers to the crowd.

American Specialties—These segments will utilize specialty shells that will provide the crowd with many opportunities for “ooohs” and “aaahs.” Color changing chrysanthemums, multiple-ring shells, pattern shells, and whistles are among the favorites that will be accentuated here.

DISPLAY SHELL DETAIL

In order to simplify the information about the shells in our proposal, we have provided shell counts in three different categories of shells that we offer: **Premium Star Shells, Fancy Color Changing Star Shells, and Special Effect/Pattern Star Shells.** Below we have listed a sample of specific shells that you could expect to find in each category of shells that we have included in your proposal. This is only a sample of the extensive selection of high-quality import and domestic shells which we feature in our inventory.

Premium Star Shells

Purple Peony, White Peony, Gold Peony, Red & Blue Peony, Half Green/Half Yellow Peony, Silver Chrysanthemum, Blue Chrysanthemum, Variegated Chrysanthemum, Purple and Spangle, Green Flashing, Gold Flash w/Blue Pistil, Glittering Chrysanthemum, Red Diadem, Silver Wave, Red and Silver Glittering, White Flashing Flower, Green Dahlia, Gold Palm Tree, Silver Surf, Red Tiger Tail, Glittering Comet, Diadem Chrysanthemum w/Palm Core, Red/White & Blue Waves, Crackling Dahlia, Aqua Chrysanthemum w/Glitter Tail.

Fancy Color Changing Star Shells

White Twinkling Kamuro, Purple to Crackling Flower w/Green Pistil, Rainbow Dahlia, Golden Wave to Variegated Chrysanthemum, Red/White & Blue Glitter, Red Gamboge to Blue to Silver Chrysanthemum, Purple to Green Chrysanthemum, Red to White Peony w/Crackling Pistil, Purple to White Flashing Chrysanthemum, Glittering Blue to Crackling, Green Diadem to Purple w/Silver Pistil, Golden Rippling Peony, Purple Sun w/Glitter Palm Core, Three Color Kamuro, White Twinkling Kamuro, Golden Wave to Green to Crackling.

Special Effect/Pattern Star Shells

Glittering Coconut, Crackling Spider w/tail, Silver Strobe to Crackling Flower, Brilliant Brocade Waterfall, Green Dahlia w/Salute, Bowtie Ring, Bee and Flower w/Strobe Tail, Brocade Kamuro, Silver Tourbillon, Crackling Willow, Red Crossette, Whistling & Crackling Fish, Dragon Eggs w/Ring, Glittering Crackling Coconut w/Rising Tail, White Flitter Crossette, Silver Ring w/Artillery Pistil, Fish and Whistle, Silver Brocade Dragon, Gold Strobe

OPENING BARRAGE

Our program will begin with a “mini grand finale” that will fill the sky with a multitude of colors and effects. This impressive salvo will set the mood for your spectacular, town display.

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| Special Effect Cake Barrages (150 Shots Each) |
| 3” Multi Color Premium Star Shells |
| 4” Multi Color Premium Star Shells |
| 5” Multi Color Premium Star Shells |
| 6” Multi Color Premium Star Shells |
| 3” Gusting Titanium Salutes with Bright Gold Tails |

BODY OF SHOW

The body of the program will consist of 3” to 5” aerial shells and rapid-fire cakes. The aerial shells will be fired in volleys of 2, 3, and sometimes more. We will fire the body of the show at a smooth, consistent pace with no dead spaces between firings. Rapid-fire cakes will be intermixed with the aerial shells to provide high-energy, intense segments to the show. During the firing of the cakes, we will launch aerial shells of similar colors and effects over top of the cakes to give a layering effect of pyrotechnics.

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| 3” Aerial Display Shells |
| Assorted Color Premium Star Shells |
| Assorted Fancy Color Changing Shells |
| Assorted Special Effect/Pattern Shells |
| Special Effect: Flights of 3 |
| Special Effect: Flights of 2 |

-Body Continued-

| 4" Aerial Display Shells |
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| Assorted Color Premium Star Shells |
| Assorted Fancy Color Changing Shells |
| Assorted Special Effect/Pattern Shells |

| 5" Aerial Display Shells |
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| Assorted Color Premium Star Shells |
| Assorted Fancy Color Changing Shells |
| Assorted Special Effect/Pattern Shells |

| 6" Aerial Display Shells |
|--|
| Assorted Color Premium Star Shells |
| Assorted Fancy Color Changing Shells |
| Assorted Special Effect/Pattern Shells |

| Special Effect Cake Barrages | | | | |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Cake Name | Style / Shape | Barrages | Shots Per Barrage | Total Shots |
| Brocade Crown to Blue Mines | R | 1 | 300 | 300 |
| Golden Mines /Green Glittering / Pink Strobes | Fan | 1 | 225 | 225 |
| Silver Wave to Red Mines to Color Tails | Z | 1 | 300 | 300 |
| Color Changing Strobe Peacock | Straight | 1 | 665 | 665 |
| Colorful Peony with Coconut | Z | 1 | 225 | 225 |
| Silver Whirl Flowers to Blue + Falling Leaves | Z | 1 | 180 | 180 |
| Red, White, and Blue Brocades | V | 1 | 150 | 150 |
| Red White & Blue Dahlia | W | 1 | 100 | 100 |
| Gold Crossett's to Silver Waterfalls | Fan | 1 | 300 | 300 |
| Red & Blue to Silver Crossett's | Z | 1 | 225 | 225 |

Special Effect Cake Barrages are subject to change show to show for design purposes

GRAND FINALE

The crowd begins to applaud as they think the show has concluded. Suddenly, we unleash most memorable part of your spectacular display—our Grand Finale. This enormous, thundering, and awesome barrage will overwhelm the crowd with an amazing array of colors and shattering titanium salutes. The finale will begin with a low rumble, as titanium salutes explode every forth shell. Gradually the intensity will increase as we approach the ear shattering conclusion titanium salutes ringing out in a thunderous explosion that can only be described with one word—AWESOME!

| Special Effect Cake Barrages (225 Shots Each) |
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| 3" Multi Color Premium Star Shells |
| 4" Multi Color Premium Star Shells |
| 5" Multi Color Premium Star Shells |
| 6" Multi Color Premium Star Shells |
| 3" Gusting Titanium Salutes with Bright Gold Tails |

SHOW SHELL SUMMARY OPTIONS

| \$15,000 | Special FX | 3" | 4" | 5" | 6" |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Opening Finale | 150 | 24 | ---- | ---- | ---- |
| Body of Show | 2,145 | ---- | 144 | 60 | 24 |
| Grand Finale | 225 | 120 | 24 | 6 | ---- |
| Totals | 2,520 | 468 | 132 | 72 | 30 |

| \$20,000 | Special FX | 3" | 4" | 5" | 6" |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Opening Finale | 300 | 48 | 12 | 6 | 6 |
| Body of Show | 2,670 | 168 | 120 | 72 | 30 |
| Grand Finale | 675 | 384 | 24 | 12 | 6 |
| Totals | 3,645 | 600 | 156 | 90 | 42 |

Thank you for taking the time to read through our proposal. We at American Fireworks look forward to bringing the night skies of Smyth County Strong Independence Day to life. If you have any questions regarding American Fireworks or our proposal, please feel free to call anytime. If given the opportunity, it is my promise and American Fireworks guarantee that this display will be one of a kind and never before seen!!!

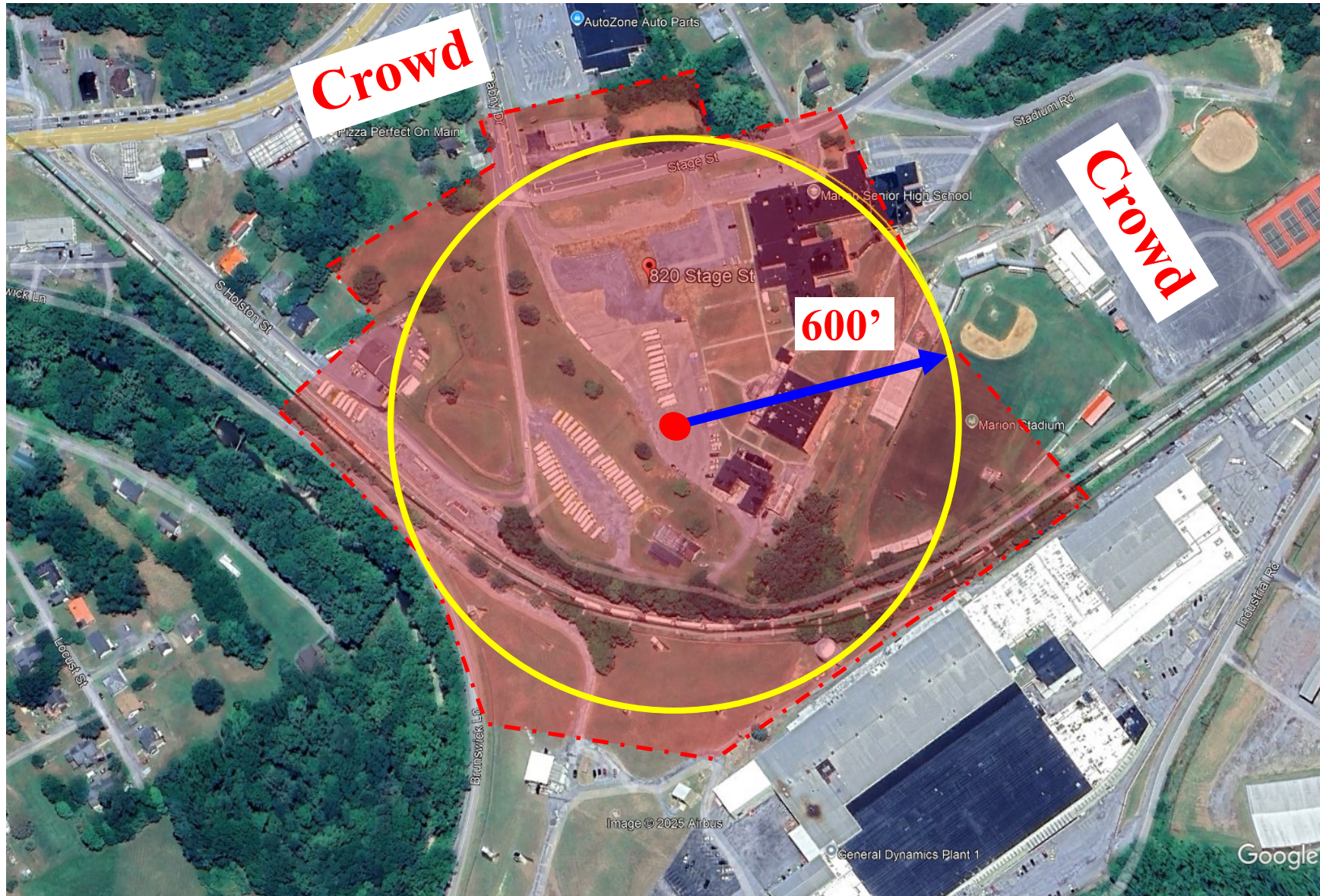
Thanks Again,

Andrew & Candace Bailey
District Managers

Sabrina Nickels
Sales Manager

Smyth County Strong Independence Day

Marion Senior HS: 820 Stage St, Marion, VA 24354



Distance Required to Meet NFPA 1123

1.5" —> 6"

105' —> 420'

Distance Required Per VA

1.5" —> 6"

150' —> 600'

A meeting of the Smyth County Building and Grounds Committee was held at the County Office Building on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris
Park District Supervisor Kristopher Ratliff

Staff Members:

County Administrator, Shawn Utt
Executive Assistant/ Deputy Clerk, Auna Louthian

School Board Committee Members Present:

Atkins Representative Ben Adams

School Board Staff Members:

Dr. Dennis Carter, Division Superintendent
Dr. Kimberly Williams, Assistant Superintendent
Allen Asbury, Facilities and Energy Manager

Guests:

JD Price, 5Designs Architect and staff

Chilhowie District Supervisor Michael Sturgill called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. He noted that this meeting's purpose was to review options for renovations and expansion at CHS for a gym, band/chorus and cafeteria. He asked Dr. Carter to provide a brief background. Dr. Carter discussed the issues related to one small cafeteria serving 700+ students, including both the high school as well as the middle school. Dr. Carter noted a remedy would be to renovate the current band room into a cafeteria space for the middle school and building a new band/chorus room. Additionally, the school is in need of gym space, which is included in the proposed project. He introduced JD Price with 5Design Architecture to provide a walkthrough of the current proposal.

The Committee reviewed the facility proposals for Chilhowie High School. Dr. Carter explained that an additional purpose of the meeting was to gather input on the potential funding required to address gaps in grant funding, noting this project had been awarded \$4.8m in grant funds from the Virginia Department of Education. He also noted that while Marion Senior High School would be included in any funding plans, a different architect had been selected for that project. Mr. Price noted his cost estimates were developed using school construction projects from around the region (Carroll Co. HS gym in 2022 and George Wythe addition in 2023) and is estimating the costs to be in the \$500 to \$550 per square foot range. He noted there were opportunities for some cost savings and the square footage costs could well be lower than the other projects.

The committee discussed options and following that discussion, it was determined that the architect would take all input and work up any potential cost-saving measures to be presented to Dr. Carter. Dr. Carter and Mr. Utt planned to review funding options to be reported back at a future committee meeting. Mr. Utt also discussed the general assembly bill that would allow for a public referendum for up to 1% additional sales tax to be used directly for school renovations. He noted that bill is heading to the governor's desk for consideration.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

A meeting of the Smyth County Water and Sewer Committee was held at the County Office Building on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call (via phone)
North Fork District Supervisor Rick Billings
Rye Valley District Supervisor Jason Parris

Staff Members:

County Administrator, Shawn Utt
Executive Assistant/ Deputy Clerk, Auna Louthian
Water and Sewer Foreman, Wally Blevins
Utilities Billing Manager, Jessica Davidson

Saltville District Supervisor Roscoe Call called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

The committee discussed a letter from a water customer that had been forwarded by the full board for review. The customer requested that a full month's charges be forgiven due to water outages in Saltville during the month of November 2024. Mr. Utt noted the Board had previously forgiven the bill that included the timeframe of the outage, which included roughly 2/3 of a normal month's usage. He noted there were customers who were out of water for 10 to 11 days, depending on their location. After discussion of past outages and such, and the Committee decided no further action would be taken at this time.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

MEMO

TO: Smyth County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Curtis Crawford
cc: Shawn Utt, Lisa Richardson, Clegg Williams, Paula Clark
DATE: 2/19/2025
RE: Declaration of Emergency for Flooding 2/14/25 - 2/17/25

Smyth County is currently under a declared emergency from the damages and effects of Tropical Storm Helene. This memo is to request the board expand the original declaration to include the damages from the floods that occurred from 2/14/25 – 2/17/25 and are having ongoing effects on our communities. This will allow the county to align with Governor Youngkin’s expedited major disaster declaration that was signed by the elected officials that represent our region and is awaiting federal declaration by the current administration.

We look ahead to continuing our response to Tropical Storm Helene and add the same confident response to the damages in this past flooding. Thank you for your continued support for our operations as we move to serve our citizens. If you have any further questions, please let me know.



SMYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION OF DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR SMYTH COUNTY, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, by the Code of Virginia, § 44 - 146.21. Declaration of Local Emergency, A local emergency may be declared by the local director of emergency management with the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, due to hurricane/tropical storm Helene, Smyth County Public Safety and county resources have been overwhelmed and

WHEREAS, due to hurricane/tropical storm Helene, Smyth County Public Safety is seeing and forecasting further financial and continual altering conditions that will hamper essential services and case loss of financial stability to the County of Smyth for an extended period; and

WHEREAS, due to hurricane/tropical storm Helene, Smyth County Public Safety has witnessed conditions of peril of life and property to citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services as appointed by this body, has declared a provisional Local Declaration of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, The Smyth County Board of Supervisors prides itself in responding to the needs of its residents and communities; and

WHEREAS, The County of Smyth has incurred a historic disaster that has long term impacts to our residents and communities; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that the Smyth County Board of Supervisors ratifies the provisional Local Declaration of Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that the Smyth County Emergency Operations Plan is active, and the Emergency Operations Center is active.

ADOPTED this 10th of October 2024.

ATTEST:


Shawn M. Utt, Clerk of the Board

**SMYTH COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**


Charles Atkins, Chair