

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors was held on the 9th day of September 2024 starting at 5:00 o'clock p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 3rd floor of the Buchanan County Government Center, 4447 Slate Creek Road, Grundy, Virginia 24614. **This meeting was conducted by electronic communication (Zoom). The media and public were invited to participate.**

PRESENT: G. Roger Rife, Chairman
Jeff Cooper, Vice-Chairman
Tim Hess
Trey Adkins
Craig Stiltner
David Rose
Lee Dotson

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator
L. Lee Moise, County Attorney

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The meeting was called to order with Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

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IN RE: CONSENT AGENDA

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by David Rose and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Trey Adkins, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, David Rose, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife and zero (0), this board did hereby approve the following Consent Agenda:

- a. Consider approving minutes for August 5th, 2024;
- b. Consider ratifying payroll after review;
- c. Consider ratifying the payment of bills by Resolution adopted on January 8th, 2024.
(Including the Buchanan County Head Start ratified bill list and bill list)
- d. Consider approving coyote claims from Thomas Riddle and Kendrick Coleman in the amount of \$50.00 per claim and to issue a check.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING A TRANSFER AND TO ISSUE A CHECK TO HURLEY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Tim Hess and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Trey Adkins, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, David Rose, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to transfer \$15,000.00 from Trey Adkins Athletic Center to Hurley

Community Development (food pantry) and to issue a check in this amount to Hurley Community Development.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING THE REQUEST FROM KNOX CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$96,370.56 TO PURCHASE SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS'S

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Trey Adkins seconded by Tim Hess and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Trey Adkins, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, David Rose, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby approve to purchase Self Contained Breathing Apparatus's for the Knox Fire Department up to \$43,000 with state fire funds.

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IN RE: CLOSED SESSION 2.2-3711 1950 CODE OF VIRGINIA

Upon a motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by Tim Hess and with a roll call vote of seven (7) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Lee Dotson, Craig Stiltner, Tim Hess, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Trey Adkins and zero (0) nays, this board agreed to convene in closed session as permitted by Virginia Code Section, 2.2-3711 (A)(3), a matter involving the acquisition of property for public purposes and Virginia Code Section, 2.2-3711 (A)(6), the discussion involving the consideration of the investment of public funds.

Motion was made by Craig Stiltner to return from closed session seconded by Tim Hess and with the following roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Lee Dotson, David Rose, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve to return from closed session.

This board meeting resumed in open session after being in executive session thirty-five (35) minutes.

A motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by David Rose that the Board certify that in the closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed session and lawfully permitted to be so discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act cited in that motion. The motion was agreed upon by the following roll call vote six (6) yeas, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Jeff Cooper, (1) absent, Trey Adkins and zero (0) nays.

**IN RE: CONSIDER ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
THE SCHEDULING OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER
ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF
EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS TO ACQUIRE THE
REMAINING EASEMENTS FOR A 5G CELL TOWER
EXPANSION PROJECT**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by Lee Dotson and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, David Rose, Jeff Cooper, (1) absent, Trey Adkins and zero (0) nays, this board did hereby adopt the following resolution authorizing the scheduling of a Public Hearing to consider adoption of a resolution authorizing the use of eminent domain proceedings to acquire the remaining easements for a 5g cell tower expansion project pursuant to Sections 15.2-1901, et.seq, Sections 25.1-200 et. seq. and/or Sections 25.1-300 et.seq. for the public purposes and necessity set forth above; and which further affirms, approves and ratifies the engagement of Stephen W. Gooch, P.C. as its Special Counsel to assist the Board of Supervisors that matter.

RESOLUTION

Upon Motion made, seconded and duly approved by the Board of Supervisors of Buchanan County, Virginia, at its meeting of September 9, 2024, a Resolution was approved as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Buchanan County, Virginia, (hereinafter “the County”), in cooperation with the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission and the Virginia Coalfield Coalition, a Virginia non-profit economic development corporation, finds it in the public interest to promote the upgrading of existing wireless communication towers and the construction of six additional towers, including the creation or improvement of existing roadways for access to the six towers and the establishment of and construction of poles and hanging lines for electrical service and fiber optic lines to create and provide such service; and

WHEREAS, such addition to the existing fiber optic routes will result in enhanced wireless communication abilities through a 5g wireless network for the County’s present and future residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of landowners owning land where the enhanced fiber optic line runs on the aforesaid poles have agreed to convey easements for the purpose of creating an advanced wireless communication 5g wireless network as set forth above; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the acquisition of 100% of the easements for the fiber optic line considered herein, the County hereby finds it to be in the public interest and necessary to approve, ratify and direct the public use and acquisition of such easements to further the purposes of the 5g wireless network; and

WHEREAS, based upon the negotiated amount of compensation previously offered and accepted by numerous County landowners, it is hereby determined by the County that the remaining affected landowners should be paid based on a FMV appraisal per tract of land along the aforesaid existing roadway for the creation of access for ingress and egress to the towers and for the construction of poles and hanging lines and wires for electrical and fiber optic services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15.2-1903, Code of Virginia, (1950), as amended, **the Board of Supervisors shall conduct a public hearing on October 7, 2024 at 5:45 o'clock**, to consider a resolution by which the County will authorize the procurement of the aforesaid remaining easements over the affected properties, by eminent domain proceedings pursuant to Section 15.2-1901, et. seq., and Sections 15.2-1904 and 15.2-1905, 25.1-200 et. seq. and/or 25.1-300, et. seq., Code of Virginia, (1950), as amended; and

WHEREAS, the remaining easements to be acquired are as set forth on the list of properties attached hereto and incorporated into this Resolution by reference as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, Petitions and all other necessary legal processes shall be filed in the name of the County to acquire the remaining easements, using the appropriate caption as provided by law, and same shall be filed and processed by Stephen W. Gooch, P.C., of Grundy, Virginia, or its designee, as Special Counsel to the County upon the terms and conditions previously reached with applicable funding sources and agencies, namely, Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission and the Virginia Coalfield Coalition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County, by its Board of Supervisors, **hereby schedules a Public Hearing pursuant to Va. Code section 15.2-1903, on October 7, 2024 at 5:45 p.m. o'clock**, to consider authorizing the use of eminent domain proceedings to acquire the remaining easements pursuant to Sections 15.2-1901, et. seq., Sections 25.1-200 et. seq. and/or Sections 25.1-300 et. seq., for the public purposes and necessity set forth above; and further affirms, approves and ratifies the engagement of Stephen W. Gooch, P.C. as its Special Counsel to assist the Board of Supervisors in such matters.

This Resolution was adopted by the Buchanan County, Virginia, Board of Supervisors on the 9th day of September, 2024.

Recorded Vote:

Moved by: Craig Stiltner

Seconded by: Lee Dotson

Yeas: Six

Nays: Zero

By: _____

**G. Roger Rife, Chairman
Buchanan County, Virginia, Board of Supervisors**

ATTEST:

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

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IN RE: CONSIDER AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO A NEW LINE ITEM FOR THE BUCHANAN COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY (PSA) EARMARKED FOR THE NEW PSA BUILDING

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by Lee Dotson and with a roll call vote of four (4) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Lee Doston, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, zero (0) nays, two (2) abstained, Tim Hess, David Rose and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$500,000 to a new line item for the Buchanan County Public Service Authority earmarked for the new PSA building.

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IN RE: ALLEN BOYD, SHERIFF – TO CONSIDER 911 DISPATCHER’S SALARY INCREASE (PART-TIME AND FULL-TIME) AND CUSTODIAN

Allen Boyd, Sheriff stated I’m here to request salary increase for part-time and full-time employees at the Buchanan County 911 Office. The funding will help with the retention of dispatchers, he stated.

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Tim Hess and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, David Rose, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$38,715.01 to Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office, 911 dispatchers’ salary increase from Fund 1 and Fund 2:

Below is a breakdown of the increase per fund and line item.

Fund 1 (Comp Board)		Fund 2 911 (6710)	
● 31020-1150	\$3,885	● 67100-1150	\$11,065
● 31020-1350	\$9,048	● 67100-1350	\$9,048
● 31020-2100	\$989.37	● 67100-2100	\$1,538.64
● 31020-2210	\$770.40	● 67100-2210	\$2,194.19
0 31020—2400	\$45.84	0 67100—2400	\$130.57
Total Additional	\$14,738.61	Total Additional	\$23,976.40

Additional Budget Appropriation:	Fund 1 31020-1150			
Full Time Dispatchers	3	\$1,295.00		\$3,885.00
FICA				\$297.20
Retirement				\$770.40
Life Insurance				\$45.84

Total				\$4,998.44
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Additional Budget Appropriation: Fund 2 E-911 (6710)

Full Time Dispatchers	7	\$1,295.00	\$2,000.00	\$11,065.00
FICA				\$846.47
Retirement				\$2,194.19
Life Insurance				\$130.57
Total				\$14,236.23
Part Time	4	\$4,524.00		\$18,096.00
FICA				\$1,384.34
Retirement				\$0.00
Life Insurance				\$0.00
Total				\$19,480.34

Total Additional Budget Appropriation: \$38,715.01

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$318,322.03 TO BUCHANAN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE, FUND 33 ARPA FUNDING RECEIVED

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by Tim Hess and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, David Rose, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, G. Roger Rife, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$318,322.03 for ARPA Funding that was received to the Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office, Fund 33.

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IN RE: ED TALBOTT AND CURT BREEDING – CONSIDER APPROVING THE PROPOSED RED JACKET TRAIL SYSTEM INTO THE COUNTY’S TRAIL SYSTEM AND THE LICENSE FOR PUBLIC RECREATIONAL TRAILS AS PROPOSED BY CNX GAS COMPANY, LLC AND POCAHONTAS GAS LLC AS APPROVED TO FORM BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

Ed Talbott, stated we’ve been talking about the development of the proposed Red Jacket Trail for over 20 years. On April 22, 1938 the explosion at the mine was the largest disaster for the entire United States and biggest disaster ever for Buchanan County. There were 45 mines killed that day.

There is great cell service along the entire route of the trail and QR code signs that would provide high speed data connections to information along the Red Jacket Memorial Trail site, Mr. Talbott commented.

The trail would be about 2.91 miles. Currently, there is not a single marker, plaque or even road sign exists anywhere regarding this disaster. This trail would be a key component of a larger effort to create the Buchanan County Museum, which will be located at the Red Jacket Company Store at the Keen Mountain Coal Camp at Garden.

Trey Adkins, Knox District Supervisor asked what the proposed finish date for the trail?

Mr. Talbott stated Coronado Coal and CNX are ready to get started on the project. As well as, receiving support from our local legislators.

This trail will be similar to Bull Creek Trail, but biking wouldn't be allowed, only walking/hiking, commented Mr. Talbott.

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by Tim Hess and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve to support the Red Jacket Trail System and allow the county attorney to work with CNX Gas Company, LLC and Pocahontas Gas LLC regarding the License for Public Recreational Trails as approved to form by the County Attorney.

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IN RE: JEANNE PRESLEY, DISTRICT MANAGER FOR BIG SANDY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND BOBBY LOONEY, DIRECTOR – REQUEST A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL FAMILY AGRICULTURE DAY TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 2024 AT THE GRUNDY COMMUNITY CENTER

Jeanne Presley, District Manager for Big Sandy Soil and Water Conservation District requested a contribution in the amount of \$5,000 to assist with the 2nd Annual Family Agriculture Day. This event will be held on Saturday, October 5th at the Grundy Community Center from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by Lee Dotson and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve a contribution to Big Sandy Soil and Water Conservation District in the amount of \$5,000 for the 2nd Annual Family Agriculture Day to be held on Saturday, October 5th, 2024 at the Grundy Community Center. This contribution will be divided equally among the seven district accounts.

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IN RE: CONSIDER RATIFYING THE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR BIG SANDY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR APPLYING FOR A 319 GRANT FOR SEPTIC SERVICES IN THE KNOX CREEK AND PAPA W CREEK WATERSHEDS

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by Tim Hess and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby ratify the letter of support for Big Sandy Soil and Water Conservation District for applying for a 319 grant for septic services in the Knox Creek and Papaw Creek Watersheds.

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IN RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Blankenship, resident requested support in providing a cemetery for those that doesn't have a place to be buried. The cemetery is located on his property on Split Rock Road in the Rocklick District, but is needing a load of gravel and drainage pipes to make it accessible to the public. The estimated cost for these repairs are \$1,200.00, he stated.

He stated Grundy Funeral Home called me about a body that has been in their possession for three (3) weeks and they don't know what to do. If we can get the repairs done, then this person could be buried in the next week or so.

Craig Stiltner, Rocklick District Supervisor stated he supported Mr. Blankenship and was grateful that he wanted to make a place on his property for those less fortunate to be buried. He's willing to give funeral homes and the people this land to be buried at no cost. This cemetery will not be open to the public, only people with no means or family that will be allowed to be buried here.

We will need to do a right-of-way and easement for public purpose to do this, stated Lee Moise, County Attorney. The county cannot use public funds on private Property and the cemetery don't have ten or more graves, he stated.

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by Tim Hess and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, this board did hereby approve for the county attorney and county administrator to work in getting an easement to the cemetery located on Split Rock Road, Belcher's Fork area of the Rocklick Magisterial District and purchase the necessary materials to make this road passable up to \$1,200.00.

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**IN RE: JACOB HOLMES, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MANAGER FOR
APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY**

Jacob Holmes, External Affairs Manager for Appalachian Power Company (AEP) stated the recent outage in the Big Rock area of Buchanan County was caused by a tree falling on a transmission line. The terrain in that area was not safe enough to work through the night on the line, he stated. It was about a three (3) mile hike the next day to make the necessary repairs, stated Mr. Holmes.

Craig Stiltner, Rocklick District Supervisor stated I understand about the terrain, but the rights-of-way should be cleared to the powerlines.

I was told five (5) years ago, AEP was working on clearing all areas near the powerlines, he commented.

We didn't have the funding to work on the right-of-way's, stated Mr. Holmes.

I called AEP about six to eight months ago about trees on State Route 604 leaning toward the powerlines and nothing has been done, stated Mr. Stiltner. Since, the rate increases AEP should have the funding to cut trees within their right-of-way.

All I know, is there's a lot of AEP outages in the Big Rock and Home Creek areas in Buchanan County, stated Mr. Stiltner.

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**IN RE: JEFF BUCHANAN AND ERICA MILLER, (RESIDENT
ADMINISTRATOR) REPRESENTATIVES FROM VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Jeff Buchanan with the Virginia Department of Transportation stated work has been initiated at the intersection of route 83 and 744 to install warning beacons on route 83 to alert drivers of vehicles entering from route 744. Conduit has been installed and equipment (cameras, controller, signs) has been ordered. It could take awhile to get the camera system.

In the fall VDOT will begin fixing pot holes on Lynn Camp Road, Left-hand Fork of Home Creek and route 83, he stated.

There needs to be a speed limit sign at Jacks Creek installed, stated Craig Stiltner, Rocklick District Supervisor. Also, the shoulder and ditch line on route 645 needs to be cleaned out.

Lee Dotson, North Grundy District Supervisor requested repairs to the right-hand side of Looney's Creek, due to a low shoulder along the roadway.

Tim Hess, Hurricane District Supervisor stated the bridge near the pharmacy school and is lower on the upper end needs to be repaired.

Jeff Cooper, Garden District Supervisor stated he wasn't happy with the work that VDOT did on route 628. This area needs to be revisited.

Also, on route 680 at the mouth of Big Young the weeds need to be cut and the ditch line cleaned out, stated Mr. Cooper. On Compton Mountain Road to Slate Creek there is a large overgrowth of weeds that needs to be removed.

If there's anything that can be done to help elderly people to see at night along the edge of the roadways, he commented.

Mr. Hess stated there is a need for reflectors on Fletcher's Ridge. I've had several complaints.

G. Roger Rife, Chairman stated with the new high school being built on Southern Gap some of the traffic going to the new school will be routed up Little Prater Road. We have two years before the new school will be open to get something done. We may have to condemn property to be able to widen the roadway, he stated.

If this is something the county wants to do, then we need to get started soon, stated Mr. Buchanan.

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IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING – 5:30 P.M. – TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AN ADDITIONAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,801,151.09 TO BUCHANAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR CARRY OVER FUNDS (ALL IN TUTORING GRANT, K-12 INNOVATION GRANT, SECURITY GRANT AND HIRE ADDITIONAL PARAPROFESSIONALS) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2024 TO FISCAL YEAR 2025

G. Roger Rife, Chairman opened the public hearing for comments.

With no public comments, upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by Tim Hess and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve to close the public hearing.

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IN RE: CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ADDITIONAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,801,151.09 TO BUCHANAN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR CARRY OVER FUNDS (ALL IN TUTORING GRANT, K-12 INNOVATION GRANT, SECURITY GRANT AND HIRE ADDITIONAL PARAPROFESSIONALS) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2024 TO FISCAL YEAR 2025

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by Jeff Cooper and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey

Adkins, this board did hereby adopt the following resolution regarding the additional budget appropriation in the amount of \$1,801,151.09 to Buchanan County Public Schools for carry over funds (All in Tutoring Grant, K-12 Innovation Grant, Security Grant and hire additional paraprofessionals) from fiscal year 2024 to fiscal year 2025.

RESOLUTION

IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025

WHEREAS, the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on Monday the 9th day of September 2024 at 5:30 o'clock p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, in the Buchanan County Government Center, 4447 Slate Creek Road, Grundy, Virginia to hear public comments concerning proposed additional appropriations to the Buchanan County's budget for the fiscal year 2024/2025 in the total amount of **One Million Eight Hundred One Thousand One Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Nine Cents (\$1,801,151.09)** for an amendment to the Buchanan County Public Schools budget for fiscal year 2024/2025;and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Buchanan County Board of Supervisors approves the additional appropriation to the Buchanan County's budget for the fiscal year 2024/2025 in the total amount of **One Million Eight Hundred One Thousand One Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and Nine Cents (\$1,801,151.09)** for an amendment to the Buchanan County Public Schools budget for fiscal year 2024/2025.

This Resolution was adopted by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors on this the 9th day of September, 2024.

G. Roger Rife, Chairman of the
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

Recorded Vote:
Moved by: Craig Stiltner
Seconded by: Jeff Cooper
Yeas: Six
Nays: Zero

ATTEST:

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

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**IN RE: MARCUS STILTNER, COAL HAUL ROAD ENGINEER –
CONSIDER APPROVING ADDENDUM #2 TO THE TWO
CONTRACTS BETWEEN BUCHANAN COUNTY AND SHORTT
& SON PAVING CO. INC. DATED JUNE 13TH, 2022 AND
AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE ADDENDUM WITH
APPROVAL AS TO FORM BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Marcus Stiltner, Coal Haul Road Engineer stated Pollard Shortt with Shortt & Son last month requested an increase of \$7.00 per ton of asphalt on their two contracts they

have with the county. One contract is for Paving Operation Overlay and the other is Paving Operation Patch Contract.

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by David Rose and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve the following Addendum #2 to the two Contracts between Buchanan County and Shortt & Son Paving Co. Inc. dated June 13th, 2022 and authorize the chairman and county administrator to execute the addendum with approval as to form by the county attorney.

**ADDENDUM #2 TO CONTRACTS BETWEEN BUCHANAN COUNTY,
VIRGINIA AND SHORTT & SON PAVING CO., INC
BOTH DATED JUNE 13, 2022**

Now come the parties, Shortt & Son Paving Co., Inc., “Contractor” and Buchanan County, Va., a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, “County” and hereby agree to the following modifications of two contracts both dated June 13, 2022 providing for the construction services (Paving Operations Overlay Contract which provides for \$42 per ton for projects requiring greater than 60 tons of asphalt; and a Paving Operation Patch contract providing for \$53 per ton for projects requiring 60 tons or less of asphalt) pursuant to the Coal Road Plan for fiscal year 2024-2025 of Buchanan County:

- 1) That the parties agreed to an additional two-year term extensions of both original contracts dated June 13, 2022. The two-year extension period for each of the two contracts shall be from July1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. The two-year extension periods shall be on the same terms of both of the original contracts dated June 13, 2022, with the exception that the price per ton of asphalt for each contract shall be increased by \$7 per ton of asphalt, resulting in a price of asphalt of \$49 per ton (lay down tonnage) of asphalt for the Paving Operations Overlay Contract; and \$60.00 per ton (lay down tonnage) of asphalt for the Paving Operation Patch Contract. The original of both contracts are attached and made a part of this Addendum by reference as Exhibits “A” and “B”, respectively. This Addendum No.2 replaces Addendum No. 1 that was approved in May of 2024.

EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE ORIGINALS:
IN WITNESS HEREOF:

Shortt & Son Paving Company, Inc.

BY: _____

John P. Short II, President

Short & Son Paving Company, Inc.

BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

BY: _____

G. Roger Rife, Chairman

Buchanan County, Va. Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

APPROVED TO AS TO FORM ONLY:

Lawrence L. Moise III, County Attorney

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**IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING TO TAKE YELLOW PINE ROAD
LOCATED IN THE HURRICANE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT
INTO THE COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Tim Hess seconded by Craig Stiltner and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve to take Yellow Pine Road located in the Hurricane Magisterial District into the county road system upon approval by the coal road review committee.

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**IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING TO TAKE COUGAR ROAD LOCATED
IN THE GARDEN MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT INTO THE
COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Craig Stiltner and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve to take Cougar Road located in the Garden Magisterial District into the county road system.

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**IN RE: CONSIDER ADOPTING THE SOLE SOURCE NOTICE AND
RESOLUTION REGARDING THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT
TO SOUTHERN SOFTWARE, INC. FOR THE RENEWAL OF
ANNUAL SOFTWARE SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE (HRMS) QUARTERMASTER
SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$875.00 FOR THE BUCHANAN
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by David Rose and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby adopt the following Sole Source Notice and Resolution regarding the award of Contract to Southern Software, Inc. for the renewal of Annual Software Support Quarter Master in the amount of \$875.00 for the Buchanan County

Sheriff's Office.

NOTICE

**RE: PENDING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO
SOUTHERN SOFTWARE, INC FOR
ANNUAL SOFTWARE SUPPORT QUARTERMASTER AND SOUTHERN
SOFTWARE INC. HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE THE SOLE SOURCE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- 1) Due to issues of the unavailability of Annual Software Support Quarter Master System it has been determined that Southern Software, Inc. is the sole source for the Annual Software Support for Human Resource Management Software (HRMS) Quarter Master System and annual support fee from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. est., Monday through Friday.
- 2) The Buchanan County, Va., Board of Supervisors will consider a Resolution to approve and award the contract to Southern Software, Inc. for an contract for Annual Software Support Quartermaster System and annual support fee with Southern Software, in the amount of \$875.00 for a term of one year beginning December 13th, 2024 through December 12th, 2025 at its September 9th, 2024 board meeting to be held in the Board of Supervisors meeting room on the 3rd floor of the Buchanan County Government Building, 4447 Slate Creek Road, Grundy, Virginia.

PLEASE CONDUCT YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.

Issued by directive of the County Administrator this 9th day of September, 2024.

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator
Buchanan County, Virginia

RESOLUTION

**RE: PENDING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO
SOUTHERN SOFTWARE, INC FOR
ANNUAL SOFTWARE SUPPORT AGREEMENT QUARTERMASTER AND
SOUTHERN SOFTWARE INC. HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE THE SOLE
SOURCE**

WHEREAS, Kenneth Ratliff, the Operations and Maintenance Manager conducted an investigation of potential vendors in regard to the contemplated procurement of an Annual Software Support Agreement Quartermaster annual support fee for the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, after a thorough investigation, Kenneth Ratliff has concluded that Southern Software, Inc. is the only one source practicably available to provide the Annual Software Support Quartermaster annual support fee; and

WHEREAS, Southern Software, Inc. has provided a quote of **Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and No Cents** (\$875.00) to provide Annual Software Support

Quartermaster and annual support fee provided by Southern Software for a term of one year beginning December 13th, 2024 through December 12th, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Buchanan County, Va., Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator are hereby authorized to execute a Contract with Southern Software, Inc., as approved in form by the County Attorney, that provides Software Support Agreement Quartermaster and annual support fee provided by Southern Software, Inc. for the purchase price of **Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and No Cents** (\$875.00).

Be It Furthermore Resolved that the County Administrator is directed to post a notice as required by Virginia Code Section 2.2-4303(E) in the designated public area and on county website stating that the contract was awarded this day to Southern Software, Inc., for Software Support Agreement Quartermaster and annual support fee in that only Southern Software, Inc. has been determined to be the only source practicably available for provided by Southern Software, Inc.

This Resolution was adopted on the 9th day of September, 2024.

Recorded Vote:

Moved by: Jeff Cooper

Seconded by David Rose

Yeas: Six

Nays: Zero

G. Roger Rife, Chairman of the
Buchanan County, Va. Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

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IN RE: CONSIDER ADOPTING THE SOLE SOURCE NOTICE AND RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RENEWAL OF ANNUAL SOFTWARE SUPPORT FOR CAD SOFTWARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,481.00 FOR THE BUCHANAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Craig Stiltner and with a roll call vote six (6) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby adopt the following Sole Source Notice and Resolution regarding the renewal of Annual Software Support for CAD Software in the amount of \$9,481.00 for the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office.

NOTICE

RE: PENDING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO SOUTHERN SOFTWARE, INC FOR ANNUAL SOFTWARE SUPPORT FOR CAD SOFTWARE; SOUTHERN SOFTWARE INC. HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE SOLE SOURCE FOR THE CAD SOFTWARE PROVIDED BY SOUTHERN SOFTWARE, INC.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- 1) Due to issues of the unavailability of annual software support services for Southern Software CAD software, it has been determined that Southern Software, Inc. is the sole source for a maintenance support services contract for the County's Southern Software CAD software.
- 2) The Buchanan County, Va., Board of Supervisors will consider a Resolution to approve and award the contract to Southern Software, Inc. for the annual software support services contract for Southern Software CAD software in the amount of \$9,481.00 for a term of one year beginning November 1st, 2024 through October 31st, 2025 at its September 9th, 2024 board meeting to be held in the Board of Supervisors meeting room on the 3rd floor of the Buchanan County Government Building, 4447 Slate Creek Road, Grundy, Virginia.

PLEASE CONDUCT YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.

Issued by directive of the County Administrator this 9th day of September, 2024.

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator
Buchanan County, Virginia

RESOLUTION

RE: SOUTHERN SOFTWARE AS SOLE SOURCE FOR ANNUAL SOFTWARE SUPPORT SERVICES CONTRACT FOR CAD SOFTWARE PROVIDED BY SOUTHERN SOFTWARE

WHEREAS, prior to the issuance of an invitation to bid, Kenneth Ratliff, the Operations and Maintenance Manager conducted an investigation of potential vendors in regard to the contemplated procurement of annual software support services contract for CAD Software provided by Southern Software, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, after a thorough investigation, Kenneth Ratliff has concluded that Southern Software, Inc. is the only one source practicably available to provide annual software support services contract for the CAD software provided by Southern Software, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that due to issues of the unavailability of annual software support services for CAD software provided by Southern Software, Inc. that Southern Software is the sole source to provide annual software support services for CAD software provided by Southern Software, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Southern Software, Inc. has provided a quote of Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-One Dollars and No Cents (\$9,481.00) to provide the annual software support services for the CAD software provided by Southern Software for a term of one year beginning November 1st, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Buchanan County, Va., Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator are hereby authorized to execute a Contract with Southern Software, Inc., as approved in form by the County Attorney, that provides for annual software support services for CAD software, from Southern Software, Inc. for the purchase price of Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighty-One Dollars and No Cents (\$9,481.00). Be It Furthermore Resolved that the County

Administrator is directed to post a Notice as required by Virginia Code Section 2.2-4303(E) in the designated public area and on county website stating that the contract was awarded this day to Southern Software, Inc., in that only Southern Software, Inc. has been determined to be the only source practicably available for the purchase of annual software support services contract for CAD software provided by Southern Software, Inc.

This Resolution was adopted on the 9th day of September, 2024.

Recorded Vote:

Moved by: Jeff Cooper
Seconded by: Craig Stiltner
Yeas: Seven
Nays: Zero

G. Roger Rife, Chairman of the
Buchanan County, Va. Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING A \$20.00 INCREASE IN PAY FOR ELECTION OFFICERS, DUE TO THE HOURS THE ELECTION OFFICERS HAVE TO SERVE

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded Tim Hess and a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, David Rose, Lee Dotson, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve a \$20.00 increase in pay for election officers, due to the hours the election officers have to serve:

Chief - \$185.00 increase to \$205.00
Assistant Chief - \$170.00 increase to \$190.00
Officers - \$150.00 increases to \$170.00

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,955.00 TO VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FUNDING RECEIVED FROM CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES BOARD (CJSB)

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded Craig Stiltner and a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, David Rose, Lee Dotson, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$6,955.00 to Victim/Witness Assistance Program for funding received from Criminal Justice Services Board (CJSB) to the following accounts:

- Office Supplies, account number 022020-6001 \$5,505.00
- Travel Sub & Lodging, account number 022020-5530 \$ 600.00
- Training & Education, account number 022020-5540 \$ 850.00

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING THE DMV HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT AGREEMENTS FOR THE BUCHANAN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF BUCHANAN COUNTY, AS APPROVED TO FORM BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded Lee Dotson and a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Craig Stiltner, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Jeff Cooper, David Rose, Lee Dotson, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve the following DMV Highway Safety Grant Agreements for the Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office and authorize the county administrator to execute such documents on behalf of Buchanan County, as approved to form by the County Attorney:

- Highway Safety Grant for Selective Enforcement - Police Traffic Services in the amount of \$18,920.00;
- Highway Safety Grant for Selective Enforcement – Alcohol Open Container Requirements in the amount of \$18,800.00.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING TO ADD BUCHANAN OIL CORP., JONES PETROLEUM AND CADENCE PETROLEUM GROUP TO THE AUTO PAY LIST FOR THE COUNTY

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded Lee Dotson and a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Jeff Cooper, David Rose, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve to add Buchanan Oil Corp., Jones Petroleum and Cadence Petroleum Group to the auto pay list for the county.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING THE CONTRACTS FOR OCTOBERFEST AT WILLAIM P. HARRIS PARK ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, 2024 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACTS WITH APPROVAL AS TO FORM BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Tim Hess seconded Jeff Cooper and a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Jeff Cooper, David Rose, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve the following Contracts for Octoberfest at Willaim P. Harris Park on Friday, October 11th and Saturday, October 12th, 2024 and authorized the chairman, county administrator to execute the contracts with approval as to form by the county attorney:

Sound & Emcee Jeff Mathis - \$1,300
Appalachian KnockerBall - \$750.00

Friday Night

7:00 pm Tony Brown & Friends - \$500 Saturday

Saturday

10:00 am Dennis & Zoey McGlothlin - \$100.00
10:30 am The Ratliff Family - \$100
11:10 am The Harris Family - \$100
11:50 am Kevin Wilson - \$250
12:45 pm The Hubbard Family - \$250
1:40 pm Craig Tiller & Family - \$250
2:40 pm Gospel Union - \$300
3:50 pm The Jackson Family - \$250
4:40 pm Daniel Hackney - \$100
5:10 pm Cody Kennedy - \$200
6:20 pm Basic Grass - \$350
7:20 pm Seth McKay & The Moonshiners - \$900

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**IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING THE RESIGNATION FROM
 HAYLEIGH BOSTIC, VICTIM WITNESS DIRECTOR ON THE
 SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD**

Hayleigh Bostic, Victim Witness Director stated she recently spoke to her grant monitor regarding her appointment to the Southwest Virginia Community Corrections Board. One of the primary concerns of my grant monitor is the Southwest Virginia Community Corrections Board could discuss services regarding defendants, which is unallowable under the VOCA Funding and a conflict of interest for the Victim Witness Program. Therefore, I will need to submit my resignation from the criminal justice board.

After a general discussion by the board upon motion Jeff Cooper seconded by Craig Stiltner and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Jeff Cooper, David Rose, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby accept the resignation from Hayleigh Bostic on the Southwest Virginia Community Criminal Justice Board.

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**IN RE: CONSIDER AN APPOINTMENT TO THE SOUTHWEST
 VIRGINIA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD**

This issue was tabled, no action was taken.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPOINTMENT AND/OR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE BUCHANAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE PRATER MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT. (CURRENT: WILLARD OWENS)

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by David Rose seconded by Craig Stiltner and a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Jeff Cooper, David Rose, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby reappoint Willard Owens, as representative for the Prater Magisterial District to the Buchanan County Planning Commission.

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IN RE: CONSIDER ADOPTING THE PROPOSED EMERGENCY ORDINANCE, ENTITLED: "CHAPTER 22, ANIMALS, ARTICLE III, BOUNTY FOR COYOTES" REGARDING THE INCREASE IN COYOTES CLAIMS FROM \$50 PER CLAIM TO \$100 PER CLAIM, WHICH WILL INCLUDE MALE AND FEMALE COYOTE CLAIMS

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by David Rose and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Jeff Cooper, David Rose, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby adopt the following proposed Emergency Ordinance, entitled: "Chapter 22, Animals, Article III, Bounty for Coyotes" regarding the increase in coyotes claims from \$50 per claim to \$100 per claim, which will include male and female coyote claims.

**CHAPTER 22, ANIMALS
ARTICLE III, BOUNTY FOR COYOTES**

"AN EMERGENCY AMENDED ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH PAYMENT OF A BOUNTY FOR COYOTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15.2-926.1 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA (1950), AS AMENDED."

Section - Killing of Coyotes Permitted: Bounty Established: Procedures for Claims:

- A.** The killing of both female and male coyotes within the boundaries of Buchanan County, Virginia, is hereby authorized for bounties upon the following conditions: Upon proper proof (person presenting carcass must verify that carcass was killed upon land owned by person claiming the bounty with claim filed under oath) a bounty of One-Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) shall be paid by the County, from available funds, for each female and male coyote killed within the boundaries of the County. The entire coyote carcass shall be presented at the County Sanitary Landfill or County Garage to County's designated agent before payment of the bounty.
- B.** All bounty payment(s) shall be contingent upon the furnishing of such identifying information as requested by the County's designated agent and

the Board of Supervisors shall be the approving authority for payment of all claims presented.

Section - Available Funds Not to Exceed \$5,000.00:

The total dollar amount of bounties to be paid under this ordinance shall not exceed the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per fiscal year (July 1st to June 30th), except by additional appropriation by the Board.

Section - Unlawful Acts; Penalties:

It shall be unlawful for any person to present a false claim or to receive any money on a false claim under this ordinance which act shall constitute a Class One Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2,500.00 and/or confinement in jail for a period not to exceed one year.

- C.** This Emergency Ordinance was adopted by the board of supervisors on September 9th, 2024.
- D.** This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Supervisors by Sections 15.2-1425, 15.2-1426, 15.2-1427 and 15.2-926.1 Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.
- E.** This Ordinance repeals any Ordinance of Buchanan County which is in conflict with the provisions hereof but only to the extent that such Ordinance is in conflict herewith.
- F.** The provisions in the emergency ordinance providing for an increase in the bounty amount from \$50 to \$100; and the provision that bounty would apply to both male and female coyotes shot shall only be effective for a six-month time period beginning September 9th 2024. Once the six-month time period expires the bounty amount shall return to \$50 for only female coyotes killed.

This emergency amended ordinance was adopted on the 9th day of September, 2024.

Moved by: Craig Stiltner
Seconded by: David Rose
Yeas: Six
Nays: zero

Chairman of the
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING GRANT FROM THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION 2024 ELECTION GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,570.00 AND ALLOW THE STATE BOARD TO PURCHASE KNOWINK BALLOT ON DEMAND EQUIPMENT FOR THE REGISTRAR’S OFFICE/18 VOTING PRECINCTS WITH THE GRANT PROCEEDS

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded

by Craig Stiltner and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Jeff Cooper, David Rose, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve the grant from the State Board of Election 2024 Election grant in the amount of \$95,570.00 and allow the State Board to purchase Knowink Ballot on Demand Equipment for the registrar's office/18 voting precincts with the grant proceeds.

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IN RE: CONSIDER. RATIFYING THE SOLE SOURCE NOTICE AND RESOLUTION REGARDING THE AWARD OF A QUOTE RECEIVED FROM AIRWORX UNMANNED SOLUTIONS, WHICH HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE THE SOLE SOURCE FOR THE AIRWORX GO-COMMAND OG ULTRABRIGHT CASE AND TACLITE AVATA 2 TACTICAL SYSTEM

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Tim Hess and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Jeff Cooper, David Rose, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby ratify the following Sole Source Notice and Resolution regarding the award of a quote received from Airworx Unmanned Solutions, which has been determined to be the Sole Source for the Airworx Go-Command OG Ultrabright Case and TacLite Avata 2 Tactical System.

NOTICE

RE: RATIFYING THE AWARD OF A QUOTE RECEIVED FROM AIRWORX UNMANNED SOLUTIONS, WHICH HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE THE SOLE SOURCE FOR THE AIRWORX GO-COMMAND OG ULTRABRIGHT CASE AND TACLITE AVATA 2 TACTICAL SYSTEM

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- 1) Pursuant to information received from Stephen Baxley with Airworx Unmanned Solutions it has been determined Airworx Unmanned Solutions to be the only source practicably available for the Airworx Go-Command OG UltraBright Case and TacLite Avata 2 tactical system; and
- 2) The Buchanan County, Va., Board of Supervisors will consider ratification of a Resolution to ratify the Purchase Order to Airworx Unmanned Solutions for the Airworx Go-Command OG UltraBright Case and TacLite Avata 2 tactical system at its September 9th, 2024 board meeting to be held in the board of supervisors meeting room on the 3rd floor of the Buchanan County Government Building, 4447 Slate Creek Road, Grundy, Virginia.

PLEASE CONDUCT YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.

Issued by directive of the County Administrator this 9th day of September, 2024.

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator
Buchanan County, Virginia

RESOLUTION

RE: RATIFICATION OF THE AWARD OF QUOTE FROM RECEIVED FROM AIRWORX UNMANNED SOLUTIONS, WHICH HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE THE SOLE SOURCE FOR THE AIRWORX GO-COMMAND OG ULTRABRIGHT CASE AND TACLITE AVATA 2 TACTICAL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, prior to the issuance of an invitation to bid, from Stephen Baxley with Airworx Unmanned Solutions it has been determined Airworx Unmanned Solutions to be the only source practicably available for the Airworx Go-Command OG UltraBright Case and TacLite Avata 2 tactical system; and

WHEREAS, Airworx Unmanned Solutions has provided a quote of **Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars** (\$14,996.00) to provide Airworx Go-Command OG UltraBright Case and TacLite Avata 2 tactical system; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Buchanan County, Va., Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator are hereby authorized to approve the quote in the amount of **Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars** (\$14,996.00) to provide Airworx Go-Command OG UltraBright Case and TacLite Avata 2 tactical system; and

BE IT FURTHERMORE RESOLVED, that the County Administrator is directed to post a Notice as required by Virginia Code Section 2.2-4303(E) in the designated public area and on county website stating that the contract was awarded this day to Airworx Unmanned Solutions who has been determined Airworx Unmanned Solutions to be the only source practicably available for the Airworx Go-Command OG UltraBright Case and TacLite Avata 2 tactical system.

This Resolution was adopted on the 9th day of September, 2024.

Recorded Vote:

Moved by: Jeff Cooper

Seconded by: Tim Hess

Yeas: Six

Nays: zero

G. Roger Rife, Chairman of the
Buchanan County, Va. Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, 2024 AT 5:15 P.M. REGARDING THE PROPOSED EMERGENCY AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED: "CHAPTER 22, ANIMALS, ARTICLE III, BOUNTY FOR COYOTES" REGARDING THE INCREASE IN COYOTES CLAIMS FROM \$50 PER CLAIM TO \$100 PER CLAIM, WHICH WILL INCLUDE MALE AND FEMALE COYOTE CLAIMS

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by Lee Dotson and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Jeff Cooper, David Rose, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey

Adkins, this board did hereby approve to schedule a public hearing for **Monday, October 7th, 2024 at 5:15** p.m. regarding the proposed emergency amendment to the Ordinance entitled: “Chapter 22, Animals, Article III, Bounty for Coyotes” regarding the increase in coyotes claims from \$50 per claim to \$100 per claim, which will include male and female coyote claims.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN BUCHANAN COUNTY AND FOUR COUNTY TRANSIT-APPALACHIAN AGENCY FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND AUTHORIZED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BUCHANAN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ROBERT CRAIG HORN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA TO EXECUTE SUCH CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF BUCHANAN COUNTY WITH THE APPROVAL AS TO FORM BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Craig Stiltner and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Jeff Cooper, David Rose, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve the Contract between Buchanan County and Four County Transit-Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens and authorized the Chairman of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors and Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator for Buchanan County, Virginia to execute such Contract on behalf of Buchanan County with the approval as to form by the County Attorney. A copy of this contract is located in the Buchanan County Administrator’s Office for review.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING THE ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA AND INNOVATIVE INSURANCE GROUP DATED MAY 4TH, 2020 AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE ADDENDUM ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH APPROVAL AS TO FORM BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded Craig Stiltner and a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, Tim Hess, Jeff Cooper, David Rose, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve the following Addendum to the Agreement between Buchanan County, Virginia and Innovative Insurance Group dated May 4th, 2020 and authorize the county administrator and chairman to execute the Addendum on behalf of the county with approval as to form by the county attorney.

**ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA
AND INNOVATIVE INSURANCE GROUP, DATED MAY 4, 2020**

Now come the parties, Innovative Insurance Group and Buchanan County, Va., a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, "County" and hereby agree to a one year extension (fifth year) of the agreement dated May 4, 2020 providing for Agent of Record/Broker services for Group Health and Dental Insurance for the Buchanan County Consolidated Group as set forth in the contract dated May 4, 2020 and the RFP and Proposal of Innovative Insurance Group, which are all attached and made a part of this Addendum:

- 2) That the parties agreed to an additional one-year term renewal of the contract (to include the negotiations for health and dental insurance for the Plan Period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025) on the same terms as the original contract. The original contract dated May 4, 2020, along with the RFP and Innovative Insurance Group's Proposal are attached and made a part of this Addendum by reference collectively, as Exhibit "A".

EXECUTED IN DUPLICATE ORIGINALS:
IN WITNESS HEREOF:

TECHNI-TURF, LLC

BY: _____

Sam Irby, President
Innovative Insurance Group

BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

BY: _____

G. Roger Rife, Chairman
Buchanan County, Va. Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

APPROVED TO AS TO FORM ONLY:

Lawrence L. Moise III, County Attorney

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IN RE: CONSIDER ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION AND CONTRACT REGARDING THE RENEWAL OF HEALTH AND DENTAL POLICIES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 FOR BUCHANAN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED GROUP HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE POLICY BETWEEN BUCHANAN COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, SCHOOL BOARD, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND CHAIRMAN TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY WITH APPROVAL AS TO FORM BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by David Rose seconded by Tim Hess and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Tim Hess, David Rose, Jeff Cooper, Lee Dotson, Craig Stiltner, G. Roger Rife, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby adopt the following Resolution and Contract regarding the renewal of health and dental policies for the year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025 for Buchanan County Consolidated Group Health and Dental Insurance Policy between Buchanan County Public Service Authority, School Board, Department of Social Services and Board of Supervisors and authorize the county administrator and chairman to execute the Contract on behalf of the county with approval as to form by the county attorney.

RESOLUTION

RE: BUCHANAN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY PLAN YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

Includes Buchanan County Public Service Authority, Buchanan County Public School Board, Buchanan County Board of Supervisors, and Buchanan County Department of Social Services

THAT WHEREAS, Buchanan County, by Resolutions of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors (hereinafter referred to as Buchanan County), procured Acordia Insurance Company, a licensed insurance agent, through the competitive negotiation process set out in subdivision 3b of the definition of competitive negotiation in section 2.2-4301 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, to procure health insurance for its employees during the three (3) year period extending from September 30th, 2004, and subject to cancellation by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2008 the County went through procurement for a licensed insurance agent for the purpose of obtaining annual health and dental insurance for the Consolidated Group during a four-year period beginning with the year starting October 01st, 2009 and ending September 30th, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Wells Fargo was awarded the contract to act as the licensed insurance agent for the purpose of obtaining group health and dental insurance during the four-year period beginning October 01st, 2009 and ending September 30th, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Buchanan County Department of Social Services joined the Consolidated Group effective February 1st, 2011; and

WHEREAS, during the Spring of 2013 the County went through the procurement process for a licensed insurance agent for the purpose of obtaining annual health and dental insurance for the Consolidated Group for a three (3) year period beginning October 01st, 2014 and ending September 30th, 2017; and

WHEREAS, in April of 2014 Wells Fargo was awarded the contract to act as the licensed agent of record for the purpose of obtaining group health and dental insurance during the three (3) year period beginning October 01st, 2014 and ending September 30th, 2017; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to April 2014, USI became the successor-in-interest to the Wells Fargo contract award and accordingly a contract was executed between USI and the four entities making up the Consolidated Group, namely, Buchanan County, Va., the Buchanan County Public School Board, the Buchanan County PSA and the Buchanan County Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Group in January 2020 made the following changes to the Plan for the Plan year October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020:

Effective April 1, 2020 the total monthly Plan premiums will be increased as follows:

Employee-----from \$730.68 to \$794.47;

Employee-children----from \$1,096.00 to \$1,191.68;

Employee/spouse-----from \$1,643.76 to \$ 1,787.26;

Family-----from \$2,126.27 to \$2,311.89.

Note: new payroll deduction amounts begin on July 1, 2020 but the new premium rates shall increase beginning April 2020. Also, effective April 1, 2020 the following plan changes will take effect:

Deductible for in Network will change from \$300 (single)/\$600 (family) to \$750(single)/ \$1,500 (family); Out of Network will change to \$1,500(single) to \$3,000 (family);

Out of Pocket Expense for in network will change from \$2000(single)/\$4000 (family) to \$4000(single)/\$8000 (family); and for out of network will change from \$7000 (single)/\$14,000(family) to \$14,000(single)/ \$28,000(family)

Prescription coverage changes from \$10/\$30/\$50 to \$15/\$45/\$65 with tier 4 remaining at 20% with a maximum of \$ 250; for 90 days scripts by mail order the rate is 2.5 times 30 script day rates; 90-day scripts at the pharmacy will continue to be at 3 times the 30-day script rates.

The plan benefits as revised are set forth in Exhibits "A" (Your summary of benefits) and Exhibit "B" (Summary of Benefits and Coverage), which said Exhibits are hereby incorporated by reference into this resolution. A copy of this resolution and exhibit "B" shall be given to all employees on or before January 31, 2020.

An open enrollment period from February 1, 2020 to February 29, 2020 will permit employees to add/terminate/change medical enrollment for the change's effective April 1, 2020.

WHEREAS, in early 2020 the Consolidated Group through the Board of Supervisors issued an RFP for new broker/agent of record for the Consolidated Group's Health and Dental Insurance; and as result of that RFP process, Sam Irby and Innovative Insurance (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Innovative Insurance") were awarded a contract to serve as the Consolidated Group's broker/agent of record for Health and Dental Insurance; and

WHEREAS, Innovative has negotiated a renewal of the Health Insurance for the Consolidated Group with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for partial self-insurance with change to a PPO Customized PPO KeyCare 300 which results in a rate increase of zero per cent (0 %) from the rates in effect as of April 1, 2020 for the policy period of October 01, 2020 through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Innovative has negotiated a renewal of the Health Insurance for the Consolidated Group with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for partial self-insurance with change to a PPO Customized PPO KeyCare 300 which results in a rate increase of zero per cent (0 %) from the rates in effect as of April 1, 2020 for the policy period of October 01, 2021 through September 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Innovative has negotiated a renewal of the Health Insurance for the Consolidated Group with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for partial self-insurance with

change to a PPO Customized PPO KeyCare 300 which results in a rate increase of zero per cent (0 %) from the rates in effect as of April 1, 2020 for the policy period of October 01, 2022 through September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Innovative negotiated a renewal of the Health Insurance for the Consolidated Group with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for partial self-insurance with change to a PPO Customized PPO KeyCare 300 which resulted in a proposed rate increase, however the Consolidated Group has elected to maintain a zero per cent (0 %) increase in rates from the rates in effect as of October 1, 2022 for the policy period of October 01, 2023 through September 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Innovative has negotiated a renewal of the Health Insurance for the Consolidated Group with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for partial self-insurance with change to a PPO Customized PPO KeyCare 300 which resulted in a proposed rate increase, however the Consolidated Group has elected to a Five Percent (5 %) increase in rates from the rates in effect as of October 1, 2023 for the policy period of October 01, 2024 through September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, attached as Exhibit "A" and made a part of this resolution by reference is the proposed Dental coverage to be administered through Delta Dental for the Consolidated Group for the policy period October 01, 2024 through September 30, 2025 which such coverage is optional for the employees of the Buchanan County Public School Board; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Buchanan County Va. Board of Supervisors, that the Buchanan County, Va. Board of Supervisors on behalf of the Buchanan County, Virginia, enter into an Agreement with the Buchanan County Public School Board, the Buchanan County Public Service Authority, the Buchanan County Department of Social Services, and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield having the following terms:

1) Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield shall provide group health insurance for all of the employees of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors, all of the employees of the Buchanan County Public School Board, all of the employees of Buchanan County Public Service Authority, and all of the employees of the Buchanan County Department of Social Services. Such health insurance is to be provided as "partially self-insured". The benefits shall change as set forth above and described in the Customized PPO KeyCare 300 Plan. The administration of the plan will still be handled in the same manner as previously handled. The Consolidated Group is incurring some of the risk which Anthem assumed under the fully insured coverage. The word "employee" shall be defined as set forth in the benefit books which are hereinafter more fully described and which may be found herewith;

2) Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield shall provide Buchanan County's employees with the health insurance coverage which are described above in a Customized PPO KeyCare 300, with the additional provisions required pursuant to the Federal Health Reform legislation and said same coverage is described in that benefit book which may be found herewith and is made a part hereof by reference and which is entitled "Buchanan County Board of Supervisors (Customized PPO KeyCare 300 Plan) Your Anthem Plan";

3) Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield shall provide the Buchanan County Public School Board's employees with health insurance coverage which is the same as Buchanan County Board of Supervisors as described above and which is further described in that benefit book which may be found herewith and is made a part hereof by

reference and which is entitled "Buchanan County Public Schools (Customized PPO KeyCare 300) Medical Plan";

4) Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield shall provide the Buchanan County Public Service Authority employees with the same health insurance coverage which the Buchanan County, Va. Board of Supervisors and the Buchanan County Public School Board have as described above, and which is further described in that benefit book which may be found herewith and is made a part hereof by reference and which is entitled " Buchanan County Public Service Authority (Customized PPO KeyCare 300 Plan) Your Anthem Plan";

5) Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield shall provide the Buchanan County Department of Social Services employees with the same health insurance coverage which the Buchanan County, Va. Board of Supervisors, the Buchanan County Public School Board, and the Buchanan County Public Service Authority have as described above, and which is further described in that benefit book which may be found herewith and is made a part hereof by reference and which is entitled "Buchanan County Department of Social Services (Customized PPO KeyCare 300 Plan) Your Anthem Plan";

6) Buchanan County, the Buchanan County Public School System, the Buchanan County Public Service Authority and the Buchanan County Department of Social Services shall each pay a monthly payment as set out below into a local bank account from which administration and claims cost shall be remitted to Anthem on a monthly basis.

7) Buchanan County shall pay into a partially self-insured fund to be created, the sum of Three Million One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$3,156,996.12) divided into twelve equal installment payments for such coverage for the year October 1st, 2024 through September 30th, 2025, for the employees as described in the County's renewal, the costs of such coverage shall be as follows:

- a) Per employee each month - \$834.19;
- b) Per employee and child each month \$1,251.26
- c) Per employee and spouse each month - \$1,876.62;
- d) Per family each month - \$2,427.48;
- e) When employees are either added or deleted from the numbers listed in the

renewal, adjustments shall be made to the amount of premium to be paid based upon the foregoing rates listed in Paragraph 7 a), b), c) or d) above. Total premium calculated on enrollment as of July 1, 2024.

8) Buchanan County Public School Board shall pay into a partially self-insured fund to be created, the sum of Six Million One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars and Fifty-Six Cents (\$6,123,352.56) divided into twelve equal installment payments for such coverage for the year October 1st, 2024, through September 30th, 2025, for the employees as described in the School Board's renewal, the costs of such coverage shall be as follows:

- a) Per employee each month - \$834.19;
- b) Per employee and child each month \$1,251.26
- c) Per employee and spouse each month - \$1,876.62;
- d) Per family each month - \$2,427.48;
- e) When employees are either added or deleted from the numbers list in the

renewal, adjustments shall be made to the amount of premium to be paid based upon the foregoing rates listed in Paragraph 8 a), b), c) or b) above. Total premium calculated on enrollment as of July 1, 2024.

9) Buchanan County Public Service Authority shall pay into a partially self-insured fund, the sum of Eight Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents (\$858,234.36) divided into twelve equal installment payments for such coverage for the year October 1st, 2024, through September 30th, 2025, for the employees as described in the Public Service Authority's renewal, the costs of such coverage shall be as follows:

- a) Per employee each month - \$834.19;
- b) Per employee and child each month \$1,251.26;
- c) Per employee and spouse each month - \$1,876.62;
- d) Per family each month \$2,427.48;

e) When employees are either added or deleted from the numbers listed in the renewal, adjustments shall be made to the amount of premium to be paid based upon the foregoing rates listed in Paragraph 9 a), b), c) or d) above. Total premium calculated on enrollment as of July 1, 2024.

10) Buchanan County Department of Social Services shall pay into partially self-insured fund to be created, the sum of One Million Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Dollars and Forty-Four Cents (\$1,032,490.44) divided into twelve equal installment payments for such coverage for the year October 1st, 2024 through September 30th, 2025, for the employees as described in the Department of Social Services' renewal, the costs of such coverage shall be as follows:

- a) Per employee each month - \$834.19;
- b) Per employee and children each month \$1,251.26;
- c) Per employee and spouse each month - \$1,876.62;
- d) Per family each month - \$2,427.48;

e) When employees are either added or deleted from the numbers listed in the renewal, adjustments shall be made to the amount of premium to be paid based upon the foregoing rates listed in Paragraph 10 a), b), c) or d) above. Total premium calculated on enrollment as of July 1, 2024.

11) In addition to the premiums for the Health Insurance, the following additional Annual premiums for dental insurance, health saving accounts and retiree health insurance premiums with the School System:

- Dental Insurance premiums –Board of Supervisors employees:
Non-ortho--\$68,599.68; Ortho--\$18,703.20 \$18,703.20
- Dental Insurance premiums—Department of Social Services employees:
Non-ortho--\$20,886.12 Ortho--\$7,234.56
- Dental Insurance premiums—Public Service Authority employees:
Non-ortho--\$21,974.28 Ortho--\$6,947.04
- Dental Insurance premiums—School System employees;
Non-ortho--\$115,677.24 Ortho--\$ 21,828.96
- Health Savings Accounts premiums for School System employees:
HSA premiums--\$0
- Health Insurance premiums for School System retired employees:
\$77,575.56 (included in health insurance premium for School Board in paragraph 8 above)
- Dental insurance premiums for School System retired employees:
Non-ortho--\$513.84

These premium payments shall be made in twelve (12) monthly payments into a "Fund" to be established at a local bank or a separate fund with the Office of the Treasurer of Buchanan County, Va. From the "Fund" monthly payments will be made to Delta Dental for administrative and claim costs incurred. The premiums

for the Self-Insured Dental coverage shall be paid into a separate Dental Self-Insurance Fund with a monthly payment of claims and for administrative costs to Virginia Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield.

12) The premium payments shall be made in twelve (12) monthly payments into a "Partially Self-Insured Fund" to be established with a local bank or a separate "Partially Self-Insured Fund" with the Office of the Treasurer of Buchanan County, Va. From the "Partially Self-Insured Fund" monthly payments shall be made to Delta Dental for administrative and claims costs incurred. The premiums for dental insurance shall be paid into a separate Self-Insured Fund for dental claims. From the Self-Insured Fund for dental claims monthly payments shall be made to Anthem for administrative and dental claim costs incurred.

13) The Buchanan County, Va., Board of Supervisors, the Buchanan County Public School Board, the Buchanan County Department of Social Services and the Buchanan County Public Service Authority may select their own individual agent of record which may or may not be the same agent of record as selected by the others, subject to compliance with the Virginia Public Procurement Act.

14) This Agreement shall be restricted solely to health and dental insurance for the upcoming year and is not to be construed to obligate the County, PSA, Department of Social Services or the School Board to enter into joint contracts for other goods or services.

15) If at any time it is no longer advantageous for the County, PSA, Department of Social Services or the School Board, or if any of them desires for any reason, any of them can elect to terminate this Agreement at any time subject to fulfilling any contractual obligations that may exist pursuant to this Agreement.

16) Attached as Exhibit "A" and made a part of this resolution by reference is the proposed Dental Insurance coverage from Delta Dental for the Consolidated Group. Said Partially Self-Insured coverage beginning October 1, 2024 to be administered by Delta Dental for the policy period of October 01, 2024 through September 30, 2025; said coverage to be optional for the employees of the Buchanan County Public School Board. The premiums due for the dental coverage each month shall be paid into a separate Self-Insured Fund for Dental claims.

17) Pursuant to Virginia Code section 15.2-1517 those who have previously retired, any such individual with (i) at least 15 years of continuous employment with the locality or (ii) less than 15 years of continuous employment who has retired due to line-of-duty injuries may choose to continue his coverage with the insurer at the retiree's expense until such individual attains 65 years of age at the insurer's customary premium rate applicable (a) to such policies, (b) to the class of risk to which the person then belongs, and (c) to his age. The governing body, when providing this coverage, may further provide that the retiree be rated separately from the active employees covered under the group plan offered by such governing body.

18) The Plan shall no longer cover any retired individual that is eligible for Medicare benefits, thus the elimination of the Medicare carve-out.

19) It is understood that the number of employees each member of the Consolidated Group has will vary during the course of the Plan Year. It is also understood for the purposes of a starting point that number of employees for each member of the Consolidated Group is based on the census numbers for each member as of July 1st of each year. However, it is also understood and agreed to that the actual

premium payment each member of the Consolidated Group makes each month is based on the actual number of covered employees each member has for the month the payment is made.

20) That the parties have agreed to add air medical flight insurance through AirMedCare, as per the AirMedCare Invoice attached and made a part of this Resolution by reference as Exhibit "B".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Buchanan County, Va. Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator of Buchanan County, Va. are hereby authorized to execute the Buchanan County Consolidate Health Insurance Group Agreement for Plan Year 2024-2025 on behalf of Buchanan County, Virginia, approved as to form by the County Attorney.

This Resolution was adopted by the Buchanan County, Va. Board of Supervisors on this the 9th day of September, 2024 by roll call vote.

G. Roger Rife, Chairman of the Buchanan
County, Va. Board of Supervisors

Recorded Vote:
Moved by: David Rose
Seconded by: Tim Hess
Yeas: six
Nays: zero

ATTEST:

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

CONTRACT

RE: BUCHANAN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY (Includes Buchanan County Public Service Authority, Buchanan County Public School Board, and Buchanan County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Social Services) PLAN YEAR 2024-2025

THIS contract ("the contract") made and entered into this day 9th of September, 2024, by and between, the Buchanan County, Va., Board of Supervisors, the Buchanan County Public School Board, the Buchanan County Public Service Authority Board, political subdivisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Department of Social Services of Buchanan County, to wit:

THAT WHEREAS, Buchanan County, by Resolutions of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors (hereinafter referred to as Buchanan County), procured Acordia Insurance Company, a licensed insurance agent, through the competitive negotiation process set out in subdivision 3b of the definition of competitive negotiation in section 2.2-4301 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, to procure health insurance for its employees during the three (3) year period extending from September 30, 2004, and subject to cancellation by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Buchanan County also requested in such procurement process that its agent assist it in obtaining group insurance for a group consisting of the employees of Buchanan County and the employees of the Buchanan County Public School Board; and

WHEREAS, Acordia assisted through the procurement process in obtaining group health insurance coverage through Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield for Buchanan County and the Buchanan County Public School Board; and

WHEREAS, the Buchanan County Public School Board and Buchanan County maintained a joint group health insurance policy with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield for the period of October 01, 2004 through September 30, 2005; and

WHEREAS, for the policy period of October 01, 2005 through September 30, 2006, the Buchanan County Public Service Authority joined the Buchanan County Public School Board, and Buchanan County to form a Consolidated Group for the purpose to have their employees be insured as a group for health insurance purposes; and

WHEREAS, for the policy period of October 01, 2005 through September 30, 2006, the Buchanan County Public School Board, Buchanan County, and the Buchanan County Public Service Authority, as a consolidated group, maintained a group health insurance policy with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in which Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield provided the Buchanan County Public School Board and Buchanan County with group health insurance benefits under the Plan known as KeyCare 100; and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield provided group health insurance benefits to the Buchanan County Public Service Authority under the Plan known as KeyCare 10; and

WHEREAS, the Buchanan County Public School Board, Buchanan County, and the Buchanan County Public Service Authority maintained such insurance (Key Care 100 coverage for all three entities) with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield as a consolidated group for the policy period of October 01, 2006 through September 30, 2007 and for the policy period of October 01, 2007 through September 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Buchanan County Public School Board, Buchanan County, and the Buchanan County Public Service Authority for the policy period October 01, 2008 through September 30, 2009 desired to maintain such insurance (Key Care 100 coverage for all three entities) with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield with the only change in benefits being a change in the drug benefit to \$10/\$30/\$50—20%; and

WHEREAS, in the Fall of 2008 the County went through the procurement process for the selection of a licensed insurance agent for obtaining Health and Dental Insurance for the Consolidated Group and Wells Fargo, was selected to provide such services to cover a four annual policy periods beginning October 01, 2009 and ending September 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Buchanan County, Va., Board of Supervisors, the Buchanan County Public School Board and the Buchanan County Public Service Authority, each desire the option to select its own Agent of Record whether or not it be the same Agent of Record as selected by the others; and

WHEREAS, Wells Fargo negotiated a renewal of health insurance coverage with Anthem Blue Cross/ Blue Shield for the policy period of October 01, 2011 through September 30, 2012 for the same coverage as the previous year with the exception for some additional coverage requirement mandated by the new federal health care reform legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services of Buchanan County, Va. has been added to the Consolidated Group with an effective date of February 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Wells Fargo negotiated a renewal of health insurance coverage with Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield for the policy Period of October 01, 2012 through September 30, 2013 for the same coverage as the previous year, with the one change that the coverage will be provided as “partially self-insured” instead of “fully insured; and

WHEREAS, the only distinction in the provision of health care coverage as “partially-self-insured” as opposed to “fully insured” is that the Consolidated Group will assume some degree of risk that Anthem would have otherwise assumed under a “fully Insured” plan; and

WHEREAS, after going through the procurement process for an agent of record to obtain annual renewals of the health and dental insurance for a three (3) year period, beginning October 1, 2014 and ending on September 30, 2017, Wells Fargo was awarded the contract to serves as the agent of record in April 2014; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to April 2014, USI became the successor-in-interest to the Wells Fargo contract award; and

WHEREAS, Wells Fargo had negotiated a renewal of health insurance coverage with Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield for the policy Period of October 01, 2013 through September 30, 2014 for the same coverage as the previous year, with the coverage being provided as “partially self-insured” as provided in the previous year; and

WHEREAS, USI had negotiated a renewal of health insurance coverage with Anthem Blue Cross/ Blue Shield for the policy Period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 for the same coverage as the previous year, with the coverage being provided as “partially self-insured” as provided in the previous year; and

WHEREAS, USI had negotiated a renewal of health insurance coverage with Anthem Blue Cross/ Blue Shield for the policy Period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 for the same coverage as the previous year, with the coverage being provided as “partially self-insured” as provided in the previous year; and

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Group has elected to make or keep the following changes to the Plan for the Plan year October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020:

- 1) **All four entities that make up the Consolidated Group will cooperate with a dependent audit conducted by a third-party company that specializes in dependent audits; an**
- 2) **That each of the four entities of the Consolidated Group shall adopt a wellness incentive program where each entity will increase the amount of the premium paid by employees by the following amount for each tier of coverage in addition to base percentage to be paid by employees for the insurance premium of each entity:**
 - a) **\$300 more per year for Employee only tier;**
 - b) **\$600 more per year for Employee-Spouse tier;**
 - c) **\$300 more per year for Employee-child tier; and**
 - d) **\$600 more per year for Employee-family tier.**

If the employee and spouse (if applicable) participate(s) in a full annual physical program and registers for tele-medicine by December 31, 2018 the additional amounts listed above will be waived.

3) To change the Plan from a PPO KeyCare 100 Plan to a customized PPO KeyCare 300 Plan which provides the following benefits:

- a) Deductible Single/Family--\$750/\$1500;**
- b) Coinsurance—80%/20%;**
- c) Out-of-pocket (ded. Incl.) Single/Family--\$4,000/\$8000;**
- d) Inpatient Hospital---Ded. 80%/20%;**
- e) Outpatient Surgery—Ded. 80%/20%;**
- f) Primary care/ Specialist Office visit---20%coinsurance;**
- g) Preventive Services—covered in full;**
- h) Emergency Room –20% copay;**
- i) Urgent Care—20% coinsurance;**
- j) Prescription Drugs—30 Day Retail---\$15/\$45/\$65 with 2.5 mail order and Tier 4 (20% to a maximum of \$250) to remain the same (effective March 1, 2020);**
- k) Tele-medicine (AnthemLive Health)-no co-pay (only new change to the 2017-2018 Plan**

Note: The primary changes are noted above in red ink. However, two new Exhibits (Your summary of benefits) and (Summary of Benefit and Coverage) go into more detail particularly in regard to in network and out of network benefits.

WHEREAS, USI has negotiated a renewal of health insurance coverage with Anthem Blue Cross/ Blue Shield for the policy Period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 for the coverage as in the previous year with the changes outlined in the preceding paragraph with a zero percent (6%) increase in premium, with the coverage being provided as “partially self-insured” as provided in the previous year; and

WHEREAS, in early 2020 the Consolidated Group through the Board of Supervisors issued an RFP for new broker/agent of record for the Consolidated Group’s Health and Dental Insurance; and as result of that RFP process, Sam Irby and Innovative Insurance (hereinafter sometimes referred to as “Innovative Insurance”) were awarded a contract to serve as the Consolidated Group’s broker/agent of record for Health and Dental Insurance; and

WHEREAS, Innovative has negotiated a renewal of the Health Insurance for the Consolidated Group with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for partial self-insurance with change to a PPO Customized PPO KeyCare 300 which results in a rate increase of zero per cent (0 %) from the rates in effect as of April 1, 2020 for the policy period of October 01, 2020 through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Innovative has negotiated a renewal of the Health Insurance for the Consolidated Group with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for partial self-insurance with change to a PPO Customized PPO KeyCare 300 which results in a rate increase of zero per cent (0 %) from the rates in effect as of April 1, 2020 for the policy period of October 01, 2021 through September 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Innovative has negotiated a renewal of the Health Insurance for the Consolidated Group with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for partial self-insurance with change to a PPO Customized PPO KeyCare 300 which results in a rate increase of zero per cent (0 %) from the rates in effect as of April 1, 2020 for the policy period of October 01, 2022 through September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Innovative has negotiated a renewal of the Health Insurance for the Consolidated Group with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for partial self-insurance with change to a PPO Customized PPO KeyCare 300 which resulted in a proposed rate increase, however, the Consolidated Group has elected to move forward in the Plan Year 2023-2024 with a rate increase of zero per cent (0 %) from the rates in effect as of October 1, 2022 for the policy period of October 01, 2023 through September 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Innovative has negotiated a renewal of the Health Insurance for the Consolidated Group with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for partial self-insurance with change to a PPO Customized PPO KeyCare 300 which resulted in a proposed rate increase, however the Consolidated Group has elected to provide for a Five Percent (5 %) increase in rates from the rates in effect as of October 1, 2023 for the policy period of October 01, 2024 through September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, attached as Exhibit "A" and made a part of this resolution by reference is the proposed Self-Insured Dental coverage to be administered through Delta Dental for the Consolidated Group for the policy period October 01, 2024 through September 30, 2025 which such coverage is optional for the employees of the Buchanan County Public School Board; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Buchanan County, Va., Board of Supervisors (Buchanan County), the Buchanan County School Board, the Buchanan County Public Service Authority, and the Department of Social Services of Buchanan County, agree to the following terms:

1) Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield shall provide group health insurance on a partially self-insured basis for all of the employees of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors, all of the employees of the Buchanan County Public School Board, all of the employees of Buchanan County Public Service Authority and for all of the employees of the Department of Social Services of Buchanan County. The word "employee" shall be defined as set forth in the benefit books which are hereinafter more fully described and which may be found herewith;

2) Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield shall provide Buchanan County's employees with the same health insurance coverage which they now have, except for some additional coverage mandated by the new federal health care reform legislation and which is described in that benefit book which may found herewith and is made a part hereof by reference and which is entitled "Buchanan County Board of Supervisors (Customized PPO KeyCare 300 Plan) Your Anthem Plan";

3) Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield shall provide the Buchanan County Public School Board's employees with health insurance coverage which is the same as Buchanan County Board of Supervisors as described above and which is further described in that benefit book which may found herewith and is made a part hereof by reference and which is entitled "Buchanan County Public Schools (Customized PPO KeyCare 300) Medical Plan";

4) Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield shall provide the Buchanan County Public Service Authority employees with the same health insurance coverage which will be provided to the Buchanan County Public School Board and Buchanan County, as described above and which is further described in that benefit book which may found herewith and is made a part hereof by reference and which is entitled " Buchanan County Public Service Authority (Customized PPO KeyCare 300) Plan Your Anthem Plan";

5) Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield shall provide the Buchanan County

Department of Social Services employees with the same health insurance coverage which will be provided to the Buchanan County Public School Board, to the Buchanan County Public Service Authority and to Buchanan County, as described above and which is further described in that benefit book which may found herewith and is made a part hereof by reference and which is entitled " Buchanan County Department of Social Services (Customized PPO KeyCare 300) Plan Your Anthem Plan";

6) Buchanan County shall pay into a partially self-insured fund to be created, the sum of Three Million One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$3,156,996.12) divided into twelve equal installment payments for such coverage for the year October 1st, 2024 through September 30th, 2025, for the employees as described in the County's renewal, the costs of such coverage shall be as follows:

- a) Per employee each month - \$834.19;
- b) Per employee and child each month \$1,251.26
- c) Per employee and spouse each month - \$1,876.62;
- d) Per family each month - \$2,427.48;
- e) When employees are either added or deleted from the numbers listed in the renewal, adjustments shall be made to the amount of premium to be paid based upon the foregoing rates listed in Paragraph 7 a), b), c) or d) above. Total premium calculated on enrollment as of July 1, 2024.

7) Buchanan County Public School Board shall pay into a partially self-insured fund to be created, the sum of Six Million One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars and Fifty-Six Cents (\$6,123,352.56) divided into twelve equal installment payments for such coverage for the year October 1st, 2024, through September 30th, 2025, for the employees as described in the School Board's renewal, the costs of such coverage shall be as follows:

- a) Per employee each month - \$834.19;
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8) Buchanan County Public Service Authority shall pay into a partially self-insured fund, the sum of Eight Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents (\$858,234.36) divided into twelve equal installment payments for such coverage for the year October 1st, 2024, through September 30th, 2025, for the employees as described in the Public Service Authority's renewal, the costs of such coverage shall be as follows:

- a) Per employee each month - \$834.19;
- b) Per employee and child each month \$1,251.26;
- c) Per employee and spouse each month - \$1,876.62;
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9) Buchanan County Department of Social Services shall pay into partially self-insured fund to be created, the sum of One Million Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred

Ninety Dollars and Forty-Four Cents (\$1,032,490.44) divided into twelve equal installment payments for such coverage for the year October 1st, 2024 through September 30th, 2025, for the employees as described in the Department of Social Services' renewal, the costs of such coverage shall be as follows:

- a) Per employee each month - \$834.19;
- b) Per employee and children each month \$1,251.26;
- c) Per employee and spouse each month - \$1,876.62;
- d) Per family each month - \$2,427.48;

e) When employees are either added or deleted from the numbers listed in the renewal, adjustments shall be made to the amount of premium to be paid based upon the forgoing rates listed in Paragraph 10 a), b), c) or d) above. Total premium calculated on enrollment as of July 1, 2024.

10) The premium payments shall be made in twelve (12) monthly payments into a "Fund" to be established at a local bank or a separate fund with the Office of the Treasurer of Buchanan County, Va. From the "Fund" monthly payments will be made to Anthem for administrative and claim costs incurred. The premiums for the Self-Insured Dental coverage shall be paid into a separate Dental Self-Insurance Fund with a monthly payment of claims and for administrative costs to Delta Dental.

11) This Agreement shall not be construed to obligate the County, PSA, the School Board or the Department of Social Services to enter into joint contracts for other goods or services.

12) The Buchanan County, Va., Board of Supervisors, the Buchanan County Public School Board, the Buchanan County Public Service Authority and the Buchanan County Department of Social Services may select its own individual Agent of Record which may or may not be the same Agent of Record as selected by the others, subject to compliance with the Virginia Public Procurement Act.

13) This Agreement shall be restricted solely to health and dental insurance for the upcoming year and is not to be construed to obligate the County, PSA, Department of Social Services or the School Board to enter into joint contracts for other goods or services.

14) If at any time it is no longer advantageous for the County, PSA, the School Board or the Department of Social Services, or if any of them desires for any reason, any of them can elect to terminate this Agreement at any time subject only to fulfilling any contractual obligations that may exist at the time of termination pursuant to this Agreement.

15) Attached as Exhibit "A" and made a part of this contract by reference is the proposed Self-Insured Dental coverage to be administered through Delta Dental for the Consolidated Group for the policy period October 01st, 2024 through September 30th, 2025 which such coverage is optional for the employees of the Buchanan County Public School Board; each of the four entities (BOS, PSA, DSS and, if applicable School Board) shall pay the monthly dental premiums into a separate Dental Self-Insurance Fund from which a monthly payment shall be made to Delta Dental for the payment of dental claims and administrative costs for administering the payment of dental claims.

16) The County Attorney, and Counsels for the PSA, DSS and School Board by their execution of this contract approve of its form.

17) If any provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remainder of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in

full force and effect. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

18) This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The parties agree that the Circuit Court for Buchanan County shall be the proper venue for litigation hereunder whether or not such alleged breach involves Federal law or jurisdiction and that disputes between the parties which are not settled by the parties shall be settled by the Circuit Court of Buchanan County.

19) No modification of any of the terms of this Agreement shall be valid without the advance written approval of same which shall be signed by all the parties to this agreement.

20) Pursuant to Virginia Code section 15.2-1517 those who have previously retired, any such individual with (i) at least 15 years of continuous employment with the locality or (ii) less than 15 years of continuous employment who has retired due to line-of-duty injuries may choose to continue his coverage with the insurer at the retiree's expense until such individual attains 65 years of age at the insurer's customary premium rate applicable (a) to such policies, (b) to the class of risk to which the person then belongs, and (c) to his age. The governing body, when providing this coverage, may further provide that the retiree be rated separately from the active employees covered under the group plan offered by such governing body.

21) The Plan shall no longer cover any retired individual that is eligible for Medicare benefits, thus the elimination of the Medicare carve-out.

22) It is understood that the number of employees each member of the Consolidated Group has will vary during the course of the Plan Year. It is also understood for the purposes of a starting point that number of employees for each member of the Consolidated Group is based on the census numbers for each member as of June 30th of each year. However, it is also understood and agreed to that the actual premium payment each member of the Consolidated Group makes each month is based on the actual number of covered employees each member has for the month the payment is made.

23) In addition to the premiums for the Health Insurance, the following additional Annual premiums for dental insurance, health saving accounts and retiree health insurance premiums with the School System:

- Dental Insurance premiums –Board of Supervisors employees:
Non-ortho--\$68,599.68; Ortho--\$18,703.20
- Dental Insurance premiums—Department of Social Services employees:
Non-ortho--\$20,886.12 Ortho--\$7,234.56
- Dental Insurance premiums—Public Service Authority employees:
Non-ortho--\$21,974.28 Ortho--\$6,947.04
- Dental Insurance premiums—School System employees;
Non-ortho--\$115,677.24 Ortho--\$ 21,828.96
- Health Savings Accounts premiums for School System employees:
HSA premiums--\$0
- Health Insurance premiums for School System retired employees:
\$77,575.56 (included in health insurance premium for School Board in paragraph 8 above)
- Dental insurance premiums for School System retired employees:
Non-ortho--\$513.84

These premium payments shall be made in twelve (12) monthly payments into a “Fund” to be established at a local bank or a separate fund with the Office of the Treasurer of Buchanan County, Va. From the “Fund” monthly payments will be made to Anthem for administrative and claim costs incurred. The premiums for the Self-Insured Dental coverage shall be paid into a separate Dental Self-Insurance Fund with a monthly payment of claims and for administrative costs to Delta Dental.

24) Effective March 1, 2020 the following changes will be made to the Plan for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019:

Note: payroll deductions shall increase accordingly beginning February 2020. Deductible for in Network will change from \$300 (single)/\$1,500 (family) to \$750(single)/ \$1,500 (family); Out of Network will change to \$1,500(single) to \$3,000 (family);

Out of Pocket Expense for in network will change from \$2000(single)/\$4000 (family) and for out of network will be \$14,000(single)/ \$28,000(family)

Prescription coverage changes from \$10/\$30/\$50 to \$15/\$45/\$65 with tier 4 remaining at 20% with a maximum of \$ 250; for 90 days scripts by mail order the rate is 2.5 times 30 script day rates; 90-day scripts at the pharmacy will continue to be at 3 times the 30-day script rates.

The plan benefits as revised are set forth in Exhibits “C” (Your summary of benefits) and exhibit “D” (Summary of Benefits and Coverage), which said Exhibits are hereby incorporated by reference into this contract.

25) That the parties have agreed to add air medical flight insurance through AirMedCare, as per the AirMedCare Invoice attached and made a part of this Resolution by reference as Exhibit “B”.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this contract in their appropriate capacities the day and year first above written.

G. Roger Rife, Chairman
Buchanan County, Virginia
Board of Supervisors

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator
Buchanan County, Virginia

Angie McClanahan, Chairman
Buchanan County Public School Board

Sherry Fletcher, Division Superintendent
Buchanan County Public School Board

_____, Clerk of the
Buchanan County Public School Board

Ray Blankenship, Chairman,
Buchanan County Public Service Authority
Board

Bob Anderson, Executive Director,
Buchanan County Public Service Authority

Brad VanDyke, Clerk of the PSA Board

Robert Craig Horn, Local Government Official Board
Buchanan County Department of Social Services

Marcella Watson, Director
Buchanan County Department of Social Services

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

Lawrence L. Moise, III, Esq.,
County Attorney for Buchanan County, Va.
Buchanan County Public Service Authority Counsel

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY;

Ben Street, Esq., Counsel for School Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

Vern Presley, Esq., Counsel for the Local Government Official Board
Department of Social Services

ACCEPTED BY ANTHEM BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF VIRIGINIA:

BY: _____
_____, Authorized Representative of Anthem BC/BS of Va.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded David Rose and a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Tim Hess, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, G. Roger Rife, David Rose, Lee Dotson, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve the following additional appropriations:

- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$95.54 to the Circuit Court Clerk's Office, account number 21060-3320;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,644.80 to William P. Harris Park (supplies) account number 71040-6022-02;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,796.31 to William P. Harris

- Park (supplies) account number 71040-6022-02;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,911.15 to William P. Harris Park (supplies) account number 71040-6022-02;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$625.00 to William P. Harris Park (supplies) account number 71040-6022-02;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$600.00 to Hurricane District Park and Recreation, account number 7140-5604-02;
- Additional appropriation in the amount of \$500.00 to Buchanan County Head Start, account number 32070-3000.

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IN RE: CONSIDER ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION REGARDING APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY’S FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE OF ITS SYSTEM IN BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded Tim Hess and a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Tim Hess, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, G. Roger Rife, David Rose, Lee Dotson, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve the adopt the following Resolution regarding APPCO’s failure to provide adequate service and maintenance of its system in Buchanan County, VA.

RESOLUTION

IN RE: APPCO’S FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE OF ITS SYSTEM IN BUCHANAN COUNTY, VA.

WHEREAS, Appalachian Power Company has pursued in its requests for rate increases for electric bills of residential customers in Buchanan County, Virginia as well as the following counties and cities in Virginia: Dickenson County, Wise County, Scott County, Russell County, Tazewell County, Washington County, Smyth County, Wythe County, Bland County, Giles County, Grayson County, Carroll County, Floyd County, Pulaski County, Montgomery County, Roanoke County, Botetourt County, Amherst County, Nelson County, Campbell County, Bedford County and the City of Lynchburg; and

WHEREAS, the Buchanan County, Va. Board of Supervisors as opposed and objected to the continued rate increases of APPCO, most notably by resolutions adopted on February 6, 2023, February 5th, 2024 and finally on April 1, 2024; said resolutions are attached collectively and incorporated into this resolution by reference as Exhibit “A”, and

WHEREAS, yet in the face of the steep rate increases, APPCo fails to provide adequate service and maintenance of its system in Buchanan County, Va.; and

WHEREAS, APPCo has failed to maintain an adequate vegetation management program in Buchanan County, since the Pilot vegetation management program (Case No. PUE-2012-00069) ended in 2015 resulting in vegetation interference with power lines thus causing periodic power outages; and

WHEREAS, APPCo has failed to maintained its infrastructure in Buchanan County resulting in power outages; and

WHEREAS, the Big Rock, Looneys Creek and Home Creek areas of Buchanan County sustained a power outage on August 27, 2024 that lasted 30 hours; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2024 the Big Rock area of Buchanan County sustained another power outage due a broken cross arm that failed to support a power pole; and

WHEREAS, a credible source has informed the County that the Home Creek power substation has a part that it so old that it cannot be replaced when it fails due to the part no longer being made and now unavailable, yet APPCo has failed to take corrective action to prevent a major power outage when that part ultimately fails; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors to state its continued opposition to any further rate increases requested by Appalachian Power Company without providing adequate service and maintenance of its system in Buchanan County; and.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County Administrator is directed to send an appropriate cover letter along with this resolution to the following: Governor Glenn Youngkin, the State Corporation Commission, Appalachian Power Company, U.S. Congressman Morgan Griffith; State Senators Travis Hackworth and Todd Pillion and to Delegate William Morefield and to all the Counties and localities being served by Appalachian Power Company in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This Resolution was adopted by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors on the 9th day of September, 2024.

Recorded vote:

Moved by: Craig Stiltner

Seconded by: Tim Hess

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

G. Roger Rife, Chairman

Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

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IN RE: CONSIDER RATIFYING TEMPORARY PART-TIME WEED CUTTERS

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Tim Hess and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Tim Hess, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, G. Roger Rife, David Rose, Lee Dotson, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby ratify the following temporary part-time weed cutters:

Lexi Harris	Hurricane District
Jacob Coleman	Athletic Field – Prater District
Joshua Yates	Athletic Field – Prater District
Rusty Snellenberger	Knox District
Ryan Vandenabeele	Rocklick District
Caleb Bailey	Garden District
Devin Rife	Knox District

IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING TO TERMINATE ALL TEMPORARY/PART-TIME EMPLOYEES DOING WEEK AND GRASS CUTTING ETC. ON OCTOBER 31ST, 2024

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Lee Dotson seconded by Craig Stiltner and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Tim Hess, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, G. Roger Rife, David Rose, Lee Dotson, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve to terminate all temporary/part-time employees doing weed and grass cutting, etc. on October 31st, 2024.

IN RE: CONSIDER ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SALE OF PROPERTIES SET FORTH BELOW THAT WERE CONVEYED TO BUCHANAN COUNTY BY THE U.S. ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS AND HAVE NOW BEEN RELEASED BY THE USACE. TO THE COUNTY

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Lee Dotson seconded Craig Stiltner and a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Tim Hess, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, G. Roger Rife, David Rose, Lee Dotson, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby adopt the following Resolution regarding the sale of properties set forth below that were conveyed to Buchanan County by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and have now been released by the USACE. to the county with the **exception of Tract No. 3002, former owners James Anthony Scott, which the county will retain:**

- Tract No. 2804, former owners Rickey and Juree Ann Hackney;
- Tract No. 2803, former owners Kayla LeAnn Phillips and James Hill;
- Tract No. 2800, former owners Aaron and Kadie Skeens;
- Tract No. 3212, former owners Gary and Wilma Thomas;
- Tract No. 3002, former owners James Anthony Scott. (Not to Sale)

RESOLUTION

IN RE: SALE OF PROPERTY THAT HAVE BEEN RELEASED BY THE U.S. ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS TO BUCHANAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, the following properties were conveyed to Buchanan County, Virginia from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers regarding the Buchanan County 202 Flood Proofing Project; and

- Tract No. 2804, former owners Rickey and Juree Ann Hackney;
- Tract No. 2803, former owners Kayla LeAnn Phillips and James Hill;
- Tract No. 2800, former owners Aaron and Kadie Skeens;
- Tract No. 3212, former owners Gary and Wilma Thomas;
- Tract No. 3002, former owners James Anthony Scott (not to sale)

WHEREAS, these properties (land) have now been fully released by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to Buchanan County, Virginia to be sold “**AS IS**”;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors approves that such properties, which were conveyed unto Buchanan County, Virginia from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, which have also been released, shall be advertised for sale “As Is” to be conveyed by quit claim deed to the person making the highest sealed bid with such bids to be submitted to the County Administrator’s Office by 2:00 o’clock p.m. on Tuesday, October 1st, 2024 with such bids to be opened at the board of supervisors meeting on Monday, October 7th, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this board reserves the right to reject all such bids that are not equal to or greater than the value of the land as set by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the time of release of the property to the County; and that the County Administrator and County Attorney are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

This Resolution was adopted on the 9th day of September, 2024.

Recorded Vote:

Moved by: Lee Dotson
Seconded by: Craig Stiltner
Yeas: Six
Nays: Zero

G. Roger Rife, Chairman, Board of Supervisors
of Buchanan County, Virginia

ATTEST:

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING TO DEVELOP A DOG PARK AT 26967 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, GRUNDY, VA, LOCATED IN THE NORTH GRUNDY MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT FORMERLY OWNED BY JAMES ANTHONY AND HANNAH SCOTT

After a general discussion by the board upon motion Craig Stiltner seconded David Rose and a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Tim Hess, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, G. Roger Rife, David Rose, Lee Dotson, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve to develop a dog park at 26967 Riverside Drive, Grundy, VA, located in the North Grundy Magisterial District formerly owned by James Anthony and Hannah Scott.

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IN RE: CONSIDER ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PROCEDURE FOR ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCE STRUCTURES

After a general discussion by the board upon motion David Rose seconded

Craig Stiltner and a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Tim Hess, Jeff Cooper, Craig Stiltner, G. Roger Rife, David Rose, Lee Dotson, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby adopt the following Resolution regarding the procedure for abatement of public nuisance structures.

RESOLUTION

IN RE: PROCEDURE FOR ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCE STRUCTURES

WHEREAS, in an effort to clean up Buchanan County of public nuisance structures, the following procedure has been proposed:

- 1) When a District Supervisor believes there is a public nuisance structure in his magisterial district that needs to be abated, he shall provide the location of same to the litter control officer;
- 2) The litter control officer shall create a file with photos of the structure and ownership documentation obtained from the Commissioner of Revenue Office;
- 3) The litter control officer shall deliver the file to the Building Code Official;
- 4) The Building Code Official shall evaluate the structure on the basis of a form provided by the County Attorney. If the Building Code Official determines the structure is a public nuisance structure that constitutes a public nuisance structure that constitutes an immediate and imminent threat to life or property, the Building Code Official shall deliver the file to Sandy Stiltner at the County Administrator's Office; If the Building Code Official determines the structure does not meet the criteria of a public nuisance structure, he shall so advise the District Supervisor;
- 5) If the file is delivered to the County Administrator's Office, Sandy Stiltner shall do a draft right of entry document for the review and approval of the County Attorney; once the right of entry document is approved by the County Attorney, Sandy Stiltner will contact the owner or owners about signing the right of entry document and shall maintain an excel document with property owner's name, address, start date, photo's, public nuisance, right of entry, county administrator and county attorney.
- 6) The County Attorney shall review the title, check for out conveyances, liens such as deeds of trust, mortgages, judgment liens and financing statements. If the County Attorney finds liens against the property, the County will follow the ordinance and make a good faith effort to obtain the consent of the lien creditors to abate the structure; however, the inability to locate all property owners and/or lien creditors shall not prevent the County from abating a public nuisance structure that constitutes an immediate and imminent threat to life or property pursuant to Va. Code section 15.2-900 and the County's ordinance, 77-13;
- 7) A completed checklist prepared by the County Attorney shall be reviewed and signed by the County Administrator, County Attorney and Building Code Official;
- 8) The County Administrator will determine whether to use the public works department or a third-party contractor to abate the public nuisance structure;
- 9) If a third-party contractor is used to abate a public nuisance structure, the Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Administrator to accomplish the procurement and approve the contract and execute the contract with the third-party contractor;
- 10) Regardless of whether the public nuisance structure is abated by public works or by a third-party contractor, a demolition permit shall be obtained from the Building Code Official's Office;

11) It is the goal of this program to abate two to four public nuisance structures each month; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the proposed procedure of the abatement of public nuisance structures in Buchanan County; and that the County Administrator and County Attorney are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution. This Resolution was adopted on the 9th day of September, 2024.

Recorded Vote:

Moved by: David Rose
Seconded by: Lee Dotson
Yeas: Six
Nays: Zero

G. Roger Rife, Chairman, Board of Supervisors
of Buchanan County, Virginia

ATTEST:

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

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IN RE: CLOSED SESSION 2.2-3711 1950 CODE OF VIRGINIA

Upon a motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by Tim Hess and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Lee Dotson, Craig Stiltner, Tim Hess, David Rose, G. Roger Rife, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board agreed to convene in closed session as permitted by Virginia Code Section, 2.2-3711 (A)(1), a personnel matter involving consideration of the early retirement program; Virginia Code Section, 2.2-3711 (A)(1), a personnel matter involving consideration in hiring a CFO for Buchanan County Head Start; Virginia Code Section, 2.2-3711 (A)(8), consultation with legal counsel regarding a compliance issue (Buchanan County Code Section 76-7 of the county’s ordinances and Virginia Code Section, 2.2-3711 (A)(8), consultation with legal counsel regarding the issue of a creation of a cemetery for indigent persons.

Motion was made by David Rose to return from closed session seconded by Tim Hess and with the following roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Jeff Cooper, Lee Dotson, David Rose, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve to return from closed session.

This board meeting resumed in open session after being in executive session twenty-five (25) minutes.

A motion Tim Hess seconded by Jeff Cooper with G. Roge Rife, Chairman of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors announcing during such session the board had also discussed Virginia Code Section, 2.2-3711 (A)(8), consultation with legal counsel regarding enforcement of judgements referral to Buchanan County Treasurer.

The board of supervisors ratified the discussion of the additional matters during closed session and then each of the members of the board certified that they did not discuss any other matters other than the foregoing in such session.

The motion was agreed upon by the following roll call vote of six (6) yeas, David Rose, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins.

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, COUNTY ATTORNEY AND FINANCE DIRECTOR FOR BUCHANAN COUNTY TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS FOR THE CFO/HR POSITION FOR THE BUCHANAN COUNTY HEAD START

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by David Rose seconded by Tim Hess and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, David Rose, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve for the county administrator, county attorney and finance director for Buchanan County to conduct interviews for the CFO/HR position for the Buchanan County Head Start.

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IN RE: CONSIDER ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION REGARDING EARLY RETIREMENT WITH HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE BENEFITS

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Tim Hess seconded by David Rose and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, David Rose, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby adopt the following Resolution regarding Early Retirement with Health and Dental Insurance Benefits.

RESOLUTION

IN RE: EARLY RETIREMENT WITH HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE BENEFITS

WHEREAS, the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors is aware that some employees may wish to consider early retirement if health and dental insurance benefits can be maintained until age 65 years old; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is considering an early retirement plan providing two options, as follow;

OPTION ONE: The employee must be at least 57 years old with at least 33 years of VRS service with at least the last 15 years of VRS service time with Buchanan County, Virginia. The retired employee would pay whatever premium current employees pay for the single only coverage. The health and dental insurance for single only coverage would end upon the retired employee's 65th birthday.

OPTION TWO: The employee must be at least 62 years old with at least 35 years of VRS service with at least the last 15 years of VRS service time with Buchanan County, Virginia. The retired employee would pay whatever premium current employees pay for the same coverage (single; employee and spouse; employee and child; employee and family). The health and dental insurance coverage would end upon the retired employee's 65th birthday.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors hereby approves and adopts the following early retirement plan for County employees, effective on the 1st day of November, 2024:

OPTION ONE: The employee must be at least 57 years old with at least 33 years of VRS service with at least the last 15 years of VRS service time with Buchanan County, Virginia. The retired employee would pay whatever premium current employees pay for the single only coverage. The health and dental insurance coverage would end upon the retired employee's 65th birthday.

OPTION TWO: The employee must be at least 62 years old with at least 35 years of VRS service with at least the last 15 years of VRS service time with Buchanan County, Virginia. The retired employee would pay whatever premium current employees pay for the same coverage (single; employee and spouse; employee and child; employee and family). The health and dental insurance coverage would end upon the retired employee's 65th birthday.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the County Administrator and County Attorney are directed and authorized to take whatever other action is necessary to put the Early Retirement with Health Insurance and Dental Insurance Benefits Program into effect pursuant to the terms of this resolution.

This Resolution was adopted on the 9th day of September, 2024.

Recorded Vote:

Moved by: Tim Hess
Seconded by: David Rose
Yeas: Six
Nays: Zero

Roger Rife, Chairman, Board of Supervisors
of Buchanan County, Virginia

ATTEST:

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator

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IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING CONTRIBUTIONS

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded by Tim Hess and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, David Rose, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve the following contributions and to issue a check.

Hurley Youth Sports	\$5,000.00
Feeding My Sheep	\$4,000.00
Twin Valley High School (Volleyball)	\$2,500.00
Hurley High School (Sr. Class Trip)	\$15,000.00
Grundy Kiwanis Foundation (Octoberfest)	\$1,300.00
Clinch Independent Living Services	\$2,572.15
Twin Valley High School (Sr. Trip)	\$10,500.00
Grundy High School (Football)	\$1,500.00
BC Youth	\$6,000.00
Twin Valley Varsity and JV Boys Basketball Boosters, Inc.	\$5,000.00
Hurley Youth Sports (football boosters)	\$800.00

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**IN RE: CONSIDER APPROVING REPAIRS TO PATTERSON
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded Tim Hess and a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, David Rose, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby approve to issue a check in the amount of \$15,800.00 from general properties to Patterson Volunteer Fire Department earmarked for repairs to the roof and inside of fire department.

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**IN RE: GENERAL DISCUSSION REGARDING REPAIRS TO THE
POPLAR GAP PARK GYMNASIUM FLOOR**

Kenneth Ratliff, Maintenance Department stated the gymnasium floor at Poplar Gap Park is needing repairs. The floor is cracking and I would suggest installing a wooden floor over the current gymnasium floor, he commented.

Craig Stiltner, Rocklick District Supervisor stated someone needs to look deeper to see why the floor is cracking and what could be causing the problem.

Roger Rife, Chairman stated the county's engineer said the gymnasium was built on solid ground. It's no good if we cannot use it for a gymnasium, he stated.

Mr. Ratliff stated he would get someone to look at it.

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**IN RE: CONSIDER ADOPTING THE PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING
 SEPTEMBER 17TH THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23RD AS
 CONSTITUTION WEEK**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded Tim Hess and a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, David Rose, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby adopt the following Proclamation designating September 17th through September 23rd as Constitution Week.

PROCLAMATIONS FOR CONSTITUTION WEEK

**Levisa River Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the
American Revolution (NSDAR)**

HEREAS: September 17, 2024, marks the two hundred and thirty-fifth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America is the supreme law of the United States and the world's longest surviving written charter of government.

WHEREAS: Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week, and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as CONSTITUTION WEEK and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

So, it is with great pride and honor that the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors does adopt this Proclamation on the 9th day of September, 2024.

Recorded Vote:

Motion by: Craig Stiltner

Second by: Tim Hess

Yeas: Six

Nays: Zero

G. Roger Rife, Chairman
Buchanan County, Va. Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator
Buchanan County, Virginia

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**IN RE: CONSIDER RATIFYING THE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AN
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO THE VIRGINIA TOBACCO
COMMISSION FOR THE U.S. 460 WIRELESS FOR
BUCHANAN/TAZEWELL WIRELESS PROJECT**

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Craig Stiltner seconded Tim Hess and a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, David Rose, Jeff Cooper, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, Craig Stiltner, Lee Dotson, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey Adkins, this board did hereby ratify the letter of support to the Virginia Coalfields Coalition for their September 2024 funding request to the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission regarding the Buchanan/Tazewell Wireless Project.

Re: Support for VCC's application for wireless project funding

On behalf of Buchanan County Board of Supervisors, please accept this letter of support to the Virginia Coalfield Coalition in their application for the Buchanan/Tazewell Wireless Communications Job Growth Corridor project.

We enthusiastically support the completion of this project, which aims to develop consistent cellular voice and data availability along a vital section of U.S. Route 460 in the counties of Buchanan and Tazewell. U.S. 460 is an important transportation corridor in the coalfields that connects Buchanan County to the interstate highways nearest its borders and provides convenient eastbound access to marketable industrial properties in Tazewell County. The marketability of both industrial parks near the affected area – Southern Gap in Buchanan County and Bluestone in Tazewell County – would be positively impacted by the successful completion of this project.

In fact, economic development efforts, specifically at the Southern Gap Business Park in Buchanan County, have been adversely impacted by the current lack of wireless coverage along U.S. 460 between Richlands and Vansant. In the interest of eliminating this obstacle as the region works to recruit new employers and diversify the economic base of our counties, we fully support this application and hope you will give it the utmost consideration.

If you require more information, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

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IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

After a general discussion by the board upon motion by Jeff Cooper seconded by David Rose and with a roll call vote of six (6) yeas, Lee Dotson, Jeff Cooper, David Rose, Craig Stiltner, Tim Hess, G. Roger Rife, zero (0) nays and one (1) absent, Trey

Adkins, this board did hereby approve to adjourn the meeting.

G. Roger Rife, Chairman of the
Buchanan County Board of Supervisors

Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator